



**European Committee
of the Regions**

EU Regions for Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue

25 June 2019 –

JDE Building (JDE 62) - Bruxelles, Belgium

Now that the urgency of stepping up climate and energy action is a shared concern and that the role of LRAs in achieving EU goals is more and more recognised, it is important to ensure that actions by LRAs are empowered through effective multilevel governance mechanisms. 2019 is the year when Member States will start implementing the Governance Regulation and set the basis for long-term ambitious policies towards climate neutrality: it is crucial that Local and Regional Authorities are at the forefront from the very beginning in this process.

In this context, the event is aimed at gathering high-level political representatives of EU Regions and discusses their role as key facilitators of the multilevel governance of energy transition and climate change starting from their experience as Covenant Coordinators.

During the event, some best practices in the Covenant of Mayors community will be presented in order to show how powerful multilevel governance can be in boosting local energy and climate action. Covenant Coordinators, in their role of supporting Signatories and in connecting to the national level, are key actors in this field and can play a role as catalysts of the multilevel governance of energy transition and climate change, while also helping to consolidate the Covenant initiative. However, as there isn't a specific funding line for Covenant Coordinators, their beneficial actions are not as widespread as could be. When Regions succeed in performing their role by creating strong synergies between their current work and their role as CoM Coordinators, a virtuous circle is created. Within this framework, the Committee of the Regions has an important role in promoting and supporting multilevel governance. This experience can serve as a concrete test case of putting multilevel governance in practice.

The *EU Regions for Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue* event will also be a great opportunity for the EU Regions to discuss the implementation of the Governance Regulation and the associated draft National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs), with a specific focus on the Multilevel Energy and Climate Dialogue.



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Agenda

11.00 – 11.30 Opening session

"The role of multilevel governance for an effective implementation of energy and climate policies"

Mr M. Markkula, VicePresident of the Committee of the Regions

Ms Paula Pinho | European Commission - DG ENER

Ms Monica Peña Sastre | European Investment Bank

11.30 – 12.30 Roundtable

"Highlighted experiences on multilevel governance of climate change: learning from the Covenant of Mayors Coordinators"

Introduction and moderation by **Mr M. Markkula**

Ms María Cruz Ferreira Costa, Director General for Environment and Climate, Galicia, Spain

Mr Girard Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of Brittany, France

Ms Manuela Bora, Regional Minister of Marche, Italy

Ms Isabel Elizalde, Regional Minister of Navarra, Spain

Mr Stefano Bonaccini, President of Emilia Romagna, Italy

12.30 – 13.00 Debate

"The enabling framework for multilevel governance in the framework of the Governance regulation"

13.00 – 14.30 Networking lunch (*Atrium 5*)

14.30 – 15.30 Ask Covenant Session (*Atrium 5*)

15.30 - 17.30 CoR Covenant Ambassadors Meeting

(restricted to CoR Covenant of Mayors Ambassadors)

Participants will be able to speak in EL/FI/FR/EN/IT/ES/HU and listen in EL/FI/FR/EN/IT/ES