This online forum is designed to enable politicians from across Europe to interact on Europe Day. Hosted by CoR President Tzitzikostas, the forum will be organised with CoR members, #CohesionAlliance members, other selected politicians and VIP guests including Commissioner Elisa Ferreira and European Commission Vice-President Dubravka Šuica. The debate will take place in the context of the current health, social and economic crisis and will be divided onto three parts:

**Session I 10:00-11:00**

Theme: **Recovering from Coronavirus, the future of EU cohesion policy and the new proposal for the EU budget 2021-2027**

Speakers:
- Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of CoR
- Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- Vasco Cordeiro, President of the Regional Government of the Azores, 1st Vice-President of CoR
- Michael Murphy, Member of the Tipperary County Council, Ireland, and chair of the CoR’s Economic Affairs Commission
- Isabelle Boudineau, Member of the Regional Council of Nouvelle Aquitaine, France, and chair of the CoR’s Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU budget
- members of the Cohesion Alliance (tbc)

**SESSION II 11:00-12:00**

Theme: **Regions and cities at work for a resilient and sustainable recovery**

Speakers:
- Ulrika Landergren, Member of the Kungsbacka Municipal Council, Sweden, and chair of the CoR’s Commission for Natural Resources
- Matteo Luigi Bianchi, Member of the Italian Parliament, Member of the Morazzone Municipal Council and First Vice-President of CoR’s SEDEC Commission
- Juan Espadas, Member of the Seville municipal Council and chair of the CoR’s Environment, Climate Change and Energy Commission of the CoR
SESSION III 12:00 to 13:00
Theme: EU democracy – future of Europe

Speakers:

- Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of CoR
- Dubravka Šuica, European Commission Vice-President
- Vasco Cordeiro, President of the Regional Government of the Azores, CoR 1st Vice-President
- Kieran McCarthy, member of Cork City Council, Ireland, and President of the EA Group in the CoR
- Muhterem Aras, President of the regional parliament of Baden-Württemberg, Germany