



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Brussels, 21 June 2021

Debate and signing of the Declaration on "The place of regions in the European Union architecture" – 29/06/2021 – 11:00-13:00

Special arrangements due to the COVID-19 pandemic

It has been decided that Members may attend the above event in person in the CoR premises in room JDE51, subject to the following COVID-19 guidance and sanitary precautions being followed in full.

Members States' travel guidance and sanitary measures to be followed

You should follow Member States' travel guidance, both prior to departure and upon return. According to the latest available information, travel to Belgium is allowed, with various obligations that vary according to the colour code of the zone of origin. Until the EU digital Covid certificate system is fully operational, for **travel to Belgium** for stays of **more than 48 hours, or if you are travelling by air/train or other form of public transport**, you are required to (1) fill in the [Passenger Locator form](#) at the earliest 48 hours before your arrival, and (2) to have a negative PCR test carried out at the earliest 72 hours before your departure. We strongly recommend that you check the provisions applicable to travel to Belgium on the **official information page**: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>, as well as your own national rules for leaving and returning home, before confirming your participation and before travelling to Brussels.

Please attend in person only if you are in the building on other business

To keep the number of people in the CoR premises to a minimum during the pandemic, it is recommended that Members only attend room JDE51 in person if they are already in the building for other business. The event will be easily accessible outside of the premises through live streaming on the [CoR website and via Zoom](#).

Sanitary measures imposed by Belgian and CoR authorities

The obligations and sanitary measures in place shall be respected by all participants in the meeting. By entering the CoR building the participant declares on their honour that he/she respects all measures in place, even if vaccinated, namely:

- Attendees must respect the health and safety requirements and rules imposed and must follow all COVID-19 related instructions scrupulously.
- If you have a temperature or symptoms typical of COVID-19 (such as a cough, chills or a loss of smell), you must stay at home or in your hotel and not enter the CoR premises.

- You must respect physical distancing at all times. Avoid direct physical contact such as handshakes, and do not approach other Members or staff except where absolutely necessary. Keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres at all times.
- All attendees, with the exception of the chair of the meeting and other authorised speakers must wear a mask covering their mouth, nose and chin at all times.
- The seating capacity of room JDE51 is reduced, with spaces for only 41 Members. You will be allocated a seat on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all seats have been allocated, no more Members will be admitted to the meeting room. You must sit in the seat that you have been allocated, and you must not change seats at any stage during the event. If you need to leave the room, you must sit in the same seat upon your return. If a seat is used and then vacated, it cannot be allocated to another Member.
- You will not be able to use the in-built audio/visual equipment for this event, so please **bring your own laptop and headset to the event**, and join the event via the live stream on the [CoR website or through Zoom](#).
- Please do not congregate in the foyer in front of the meeting room and disperse quickly when you leave the room.
- If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 within fourteen days of visiting the CoR premises, please immediately inform the CoR Medical Service.

For more information about these provisions, please contact the Events unit (D2) at:
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