



Boosting the local level

Priorities in a changed world



Programme

Date: 19 September 2022

Location: Online (moderation will take place from room JDE 51)

Time: 11.30-13h

Languages: EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/PT

Moderator: Silke Toenshoff, Head of unit D2

Thematic focus:

After the State of the Union Address by the President of the European Commission and looking ahead to the 2022 COR Annual Report on the State of the Regions and Cities including the Regional and Local Barometer, this event will look at the upcoming challenges and how to best involve the local and regional level.

The event therefore has three objectives:

- Sharing experiences and concerns regarding the priorities of the coming period (democratic resilience, climate change, energy poverty, cost of living) with the presidents of the political groups of the Committee of the Regions
- Debate about the next phase of development and the contribution of local democracy following the COFE
- For the EU councillors and YEPs to convey expectations and needs for the further development of interaction between them and the CoR

Speakers:

- **Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President of the CoR
- **Colin Scicluna**, Head of Cabinet, European Commission Vice-President in charge of Democracy and Demography Dubravka Šuica
- **Olgierd Geblewicz** (EPP), President of Westpomeranian Region, Poland
- **Christophe Rouillon** (PES), Mayor of Coullaines, France
- **François Decoster** (Renew Europe), Mayor of Saint-Omer and Vice-President of the region Hauts-de-France, France
- **Marco Marsilio** (ECR), President of the Abruzzo Region, Italy
- **Kieran McCarthy** (EA), City Councillor of Cork, Ireland
- **Una Powers** (The Greens), City Councillor of Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

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11:30 – 11:35	Introduction by the moderator Silke Toenshoff
11:35 – 11:45	Presentation of the President of the European Committee of the Regions, Vasco Alves Cordeiro
11:45 – 11:55	Q&A
11:55 – 12:05	Presentation of Colin Scicluna, Head of Cabinet, European Commission Vice-President in charge of Democracy and Demography Dubravka Šuica
12:05 – 12:15	Questions and answers
12:15 – 12:45	Priorities of the Presidents of the political groups of the COR
12:45 – 13:00	Q&A

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