



European Committee
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"Regions and Cities catalyse Social Innovation"
- in the context of the Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP)
Thursday 10.10.2019 – 9.30 to 13.00

Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Room JDE 52

Organisers: European Committee of the Regions and DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission with the support of ERRIN

Cities and regions are among the most favourable grounds for social innovation and experimentation. By engaging into bottom-up approaches and co-creation together with different stakeholders of their ecosystem, they can contribute to the emergence of inclusive and resilient models, especially in regions where it is needed the most. This thematic seminar on "Regions and Cities catalyse Social Innovation" will focus on cities, regions, and their potential to unleash the power of communities and smaller organisations to address unmet social needs and drive system change.

Experts in social innovation, local and regional authorities and EU policy makers will be brought together to discuss the current practices and learn from other innovative initiatives identified in European cities. Participants will have the opportunity to deepen the exchange with the presenters of the practice cases and discuss potential or obstacles to replicate similar initiatives in other cities or regions.

The Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP) is a concept jointly developed by the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission (DG RTD). It is aimed at presenting new R&I solutions, innovative products and best practices in response to societal challenges facing the regions and cities of Europe.

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AGENDA:

Moderator: Pirita Lindholm, Director ERRIN (European Regions Research & Innovation Network)

9:00 *Welcome coffee*

9:30 *Introduction to the KEP and Social Innovation*

Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation

Keynote speech

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

9:45 *Session 1 – Social innovation for a fairer and more inclusive Europe: mobilising all the actors, European Innovation Ecosystem*

Marcelle Hendrickx, CoR rapporteur, Member of the executive council of Tilburg, The Netherlands

Jean-David Malo, Director European Innovation Council Task Force, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation

Fabienne Gautier, Head of Unit, Innovation Ecosystems, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation

The Lisbon Declaration on Social Innovation

Armelle Ledan, AEIDL, project coordinator Social Innovation Community project

Moderated Q&A session by Pirita Lindholm, Director ERRIN (European Regions Research & Innovation Network)

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 *Session 2: Learning from cities and regions' innovative practices: co-creation and integrated approaches*

Case study: Accessible Zagreb, Croatia

Jelena Pavičić Vukičević, CoR member, Deputy Mayor of the City of Zagreb, Croatia

Romana Galić, Head of the City Office for Social Protection and Disabled Persons, Zagreb, Croatia

Case study: Active Ageing in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy

Franco Iacop, CoR member, Member of the Regional Council of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy

Gianna Zamaro, Vice Director for Health, Social Policies and Disability, Head Director of Social Policies Area of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy

Project pitch:

Filippo Addarii, Founding Partner and CEO of Plus Value PlusValue Advisory

Moderated Q&A questions by Pirita Lindholm, Director ERRIN (European Regions Research & Innovation Network)

12:45 Concluding remarks

Magda de Carli, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, ERA & Country intelligence

13:00 Networking buffet lunch in Foyer 5

Interpretation will be provided in 5 languages: EN – IT – FR – NL – HR