

What is the #EURegionsWeek?

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A Hub for Regional Innovation and Collaboration

The [European Week of Regions and Cities](#) (#EURegionsWeek) is Brussels' flagship event on Cohesion Policy, co-organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR).

Since its launch in 2003, when regional offices in Brussels opened their doors to regional policy experts and practitioners, the #EURegionsWeek has grown into the European Union (EU)'s largest event dedicated to Cohesion Policy. Each year, it attracts thousands of participants, including:

- Politicians
- Public officials at all levels (EU, national, regional and local)
- Private sector representatives
- Policymakers
- Academics
- Journalists
- Civil society and citizens

The event serves as a communication and networking platform fostering cooperation, exchanging knowledge and addressing regional and urban challenges. Each edition features a unique motto, thematic focus and visual identity that align with the EU's political priorities.

By bringing together a diverse community, the #EURegionsWeek creates an open and collaborative space in Brussels and across Europe for capacity-building, learning and experience-sharing. It facilitates cooperation between regions and cities, engaging political, administrative, private sector representatives in a single forum. The programme combines innovative and participative sessions with traditional workshops, designed and implemented by selected partners. It also offers formal and informal networking opportunities, high-level discussions and

interactive activities to ensure a memorable and impactful experience for participants and partners.

Who can participate?

The #EURegionsWeek is open to all!

Participation is completely free of charge, no fees apply for any activity related to the event.

How to apply?

If you would like to organise a session, please follow these instructions:

[How to apply - Official programme](#)

[How to apply - Close to you programme](#)

The program will be published online and registration will open in early July (exact date to be confirmed). A "Register" button will be available in each session description.

Event Language

English is the primary language for all sessions. Interpretation will only be available for a limited number of sessions, subject to availability.

In-person event

Sessions will be in-person but a limited number may be livestreamed. In such cases, the session coordinator will engage the virtual audience using interactive tools like Slido or Mentimeter.

An Inclusive & Green Event

The #EURegionsWeek prioritises inclusivity and sustainability.

The event venues will be accessible for people with disabilities.

In addition, only certified sustainable venues and catering options are envisaged by the organisers, who follow the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principle and aim for carbon neutrality.

Join us in making the event eco-friendly!

Glossary

- **Event Organisers:** [The European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy](#) and the [European Committee of the Regions](#).
- **Event Partners:** organisations, regions or cities that are successful in their application to host a session.
- **Event Secretariat:** the main contact point for all event-related queries.
- **Official Programme:** includes sessions organised by the event partners and by the organisers, and aligned with the event's thematic areas.
- **Regional Partnership:** a specific type of partnership that is made up of Local and Regional authorities (LRAs) only.
- **Session Coordinator:** the main contact person for a session.