



European Week of Cities and Regions : “Strengthening University Cooperation for Solidarity with Ukraine” 8 October 2024, 16:30-18:00, Brussels

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The European Week of Cities and Regions brings together a large number of representatives of local authorities and other regional and local organisations every year in Brussels. This year, the European Week will take place from 7 to 10 October 2024. Grand Est-Europe, the Brussels-based representation of larger public organisations of the French Region Grand Est, will be organising an event dedicated to university cooperation for solidarity with Ukraine. The event will take place on Tuesday 8 October 2024, from 16:30 to 18:00, at the European Committee of the Regions (room JDE63, in the Jacques Delors building, rue Belliard 99, Brussels).

1. Presentation of the event

The aim of this event is to explore and strengthen links between universities in Europe and Ukraine, in a context of increased solidarity. Discussions will focus on opportunities for collaboration, challenges encountered and strategies to promote more effective university cooperation, particularly in the current context. Speakers will share their varied perspectives and experiences, providing a platform for sharing good practice and creating new initiatives. The conclusion will highlight the main points discussed and the potential actions to be taken to make these partnerships a reality and strengthen solidarity between European regions and Ukraine.

2. Programme

Welcoming words

- Anne Sander, President of Grand Est-Europe, former MEP ;

Discussion

- Tatiana Kaganovskaia, Rector of the National University of Kharkiv ;
- Beata Piskorska, Vice-rector at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin ;
- Fabrice Lemoine, Vice-President of the University of Lorraine ;
- Svein Hullstein, Higher Education Policy Officer at the European Commission ;

- Moderation by Henriette Stoeber, Higher Education Policy Analyst at the European University Association (EUA) ;

Closing remarks

- Christian Debève, President of the Cross-border, Europe and International Relations Committee of the Regional Council of the Grand Est Region, Member of the European Committee of the Regions;
- Tetiana Yehorova-Lutsenko, President of the Kharkiv Regional Council, President of the Ukrainian Association of Regional and District Councils ;