

What is the EURegionsWeek?

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 that aligns 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 includes sessions and 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.

Additionally, this year we will go one step further in the use of AI tools. Recorded sessions will benefit from the Panoramic AI platform dedicated to the EURegionsWeek 2026.

Panoramic AI is a new platform which enables you to easily revisit sessions & speeches of the EURegionsWeek 2026.

Try it out! <http://regions-and-cities.cor-panoramic.eu>

You can rewatch streamed sessions, find and share short video clips on social media, highlight CoR members and other relevant speakers, and ask any question about the sessions. You will always get accurate answers based on official recordings and transcripts.

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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 to organise a session?

If you would like to organise a session, please read the sections:

- [How to become a partner?](#)
- [How to apply to the Official programme?](#)
- [How to apply to the Close to you programme?](#)

The programme will be published in July and registration will open at the same time (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 be available for some sessions, subject to availability, for up to maximum 2 interpreted languages per session in addition to English.

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 Secretariat:** the main contact point for all event-related queries.

- **Event Partners:** regions, cities and organisations that have successfully submitted an application and are selected to host a session.
- **Session Coordinator:** the main contact person for a session.
- **Official Programme:** includes sessions organised by the event partners and by the organisers and aligned with the event's motto.
- **Regional Partnership:** a specific type of partnership that is made up of Local and Regional authorities (LRAs) only.