



Day 1 - Monday 12 October

09:30 - 10:00

Building sustainable, resilient and inclusive cities with local digital twins

Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building

09:30 - 10:00

Who speaks for regions? Multilevel governance and Europe's next long-term budget

Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building

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Advancing Equitable Mental Health Across Europe: Regional Action for Stronger, More Resilient Systems

Venue: JDE 52, Jacques Delors building

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Imagine your city or region without public transport: Exploring the role of mobility in social inclusion, economic activity and regional resilience

Venue: JDE 70, Jacques Delors building

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National and regional partnership plans in focus: the civil society perspective

Venue: JDE 63, Jacques Delors building

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Guiding strong intermunicipal cooperation with practical tools

Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building

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Transcultura: Reconnecting European Rural Territories through Culture

Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building

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Inside Europe's green industrial shift: A dialogue with EU progressive leaders

Venue: JDE 70, Jacques Delors building

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Building inclusive community preparedness and resilience in the age of disasters

Venue: JDE 63, Jacques Delors building

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Local Strengths, Shared Futures: Municipal Partnerships with Ukraine in Action

Venue: JDE 52, Jacques Delors building

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Policies for places: territorial impact assessment in action

Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building

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Stronger Together: Place-Based Innovation as a Tool for Territorial Cohesion

Venue: JDE 62, Jacques Delors building

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Official Opening <i>Venue: The Hemicycle, The European Parliament Paul Henri Spaak Building</i>	Economic data, real decisions: Why forecasting offers a smarter path for cities <i>Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building</i>	Strengthening cooperation in the cross-border labour market <i>Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Aligning Cohesion Policy with the New Industrial Competitiveness Agenda for Balanced Growth and Stronger Strategic Resilience <i>Venue: JDE 51, Jacques Delors building</i>	Fit for purpose: EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region promotes a more resilient, competitive and decarbonised region <i>Venue: JDE 63, Jacques Delors building</i>	Future-Proof Territories: How Provinces Turn Cohesion into Resilience <i>Venue: JDE 62, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Right to Stay: Turning Geographical Handicaps into Territorial Assets for Local Development <i>Venue: JDE 53, Jacques Delors building</i>	From Fragmentation to Focus: Finland's Model for Urban Innovation <i>Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building</i>	Strong regions, better lives: Place-based investments that keep communities alive <i>Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building</i>

Day 2 - Tuesday 13 October

08:45 - 10:15	09:00 - 10:00	09:30 - 10:00
High Level Session - Making the Right to Stay a Reality: Opportunities for our Communities and our Prosperity <i>Venue: JDE 52, Jacques Delors building</i>	REGIOSTARS Final Round: A Competitive and Smart Europe category <i>Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building</i>	What do urban areas need, and what opportunities does the Cities Helpdesk offer? <i>Venue: JDE 51, Jacques Delors building</i>
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A stronger and competitive Europe is a greener Europe: Cities and regions leading the way <i>Venue: JDE 63, Jacques Delors building</i>	Developing resilient regional and local energy communities in the EU <i>Venue: JDE 53, Jacques Delors building</i>	REGIOSTARS Final Round: A Green Europe category <i>Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Towards a competitive and resilient European transport system <i>Venue: JDE 70, Jacques Delors building</i>	REGIOSTARS Final Round: A Connected Europe category <i>Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building</i>	REGIOSTARS Final Round: A Social and Inclusive Europe category <i>Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building</i>

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The right to stay: keeping our mountains alive, dynamic, accessible and inhabited <i>Venue: Nordic House Atrium, Nordic House</i>	From Heritage to Growth: Revitalising Traditional Ecosystems in Europe's Regions <i>Venue: JDE 62, Jacques Delors building</i>	Regions advancing climate resilience: Towards the implementation of the Pact for the Mediterranean and the connected EU macro-regional strategies <i>Venue: JDE 52, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Empowering public buildings in Europe's small and medium-sized cities as energy-efficiency hubs through affordable behavioural interventions <i>Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building</i>	Reinventing Mobility in the Douro <i>Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building</i>	REGIOSTARS Final Round: A Europe Closer to the Citizens category <i>Venue: Atrium 5, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Water is the new solar: aquathermal energy for life <i>Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building</i>	Building Results-Based Funding for 28+: Lessons from FNLC Methodology Design <i>Venue: JDE 63, Jacques Delors building</i>	Democracy by Design: Using Digital Tools to Turn Polarised Debates into Cohesive Solutions <i>Venue: JDE 70, Jacques Delors building</i>
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Enhancing cohesion policy's contribution to competitiveness: a private sector perspective <i>Venue: JDE 51, Jacques Delors building</i>	From grassroots innovation to EU policy: governance pathways linking local action and European strategies <i>Venue: JDE 53, Jacques Delors building</i>	Next gen leadership: Opportunities and struggles in electoral politics <i>Venue: JDE 52., Jacques Delors building</i>
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Post-2027 Cohesion: Best Practices for a Genuine National-Regional Partnership <i>Venue: JDE 62, Jacques Delors building</i>	Turning Waste into Shared Energy <i>Venue: JDE 61, Jacques Delors building</i>	The water commons: A pioneering public-community partnership for rural resilience: Lessons from one of Europe's rainiest regions <i>Venue: JDE 60, Jacques Delors building</i>

Day 3 - Wednesday 14 October

09:00 - 10:00

Blue Economy Mikkeli - Turning water challenges into scalable business opportunities

Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Accelerating Europe's industrial future: The role of regions in energy-intensive sectors

Venue: Hall 300, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Enhancing programme effectiveness through better policy learning - the case for adaptive learning in cohesion policy investments

Venue: The Arc, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

European Mission on Climate Neutral Cities: From strategy to action, Implementing Climate Neutrality Across Europe

Venue: Copper Hall, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

From cohesion to competitiveness: how regions strengthen Europe in emerging global domains

Venue: Studio 311+312, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Making textile collection work locally: the role of municipalities in Europe's circular transition

Venue: Studio 314+316, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Small Places Matter and the Right to Stay - New Perspectives

Venue: Studio 214+216, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Strong Democracies, Strong Regions: Youth Participation as a Driver of Local Governance

Venue: Hall 400, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Strong National and Regional Partnership Plans: bringing together objectives, territory and people

Venue: Studio 213+215, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Strong Women, Strong Europe: Women's Local Leadership for Inclusive Regional Development

Venue: Studio 313+315, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

The Right to Stay: a dialogue between cities and rural areas in Europe

Venue: Silver Hall, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

The cooperation toolbox: solutions for climate, energy and labour

Venue: Studio 211+212, Square Brussels

09:00 - 10:30

Urban - Rural: Mind the gap!

Venue: Hall 100, Square Brussels

09:30 - 11:00

Bridging the divide: How tailored mobility solutions build a stronger, more connected Europe

Venue: Office of the Northern Ireland Executive Brussels, Office of the Northern Ireland Executive Brussels

09:30 - 11:00

Shaping Europe's Industrial Future: A Regional Debate on Turning Plans into Action

Venue: Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union, Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union

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Monitoring Cohesion Policy Performance through the Cohesion Open Data Platform <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>	Innovation Office - Actions to Support Business Discovery through Cooperation of Regional Businesses and Research Organisations <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>	Age-inclusive territories: addressing ageism for stronger European cohesion <i>Venue: Hall 100, Square Brussels</i>
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Driving competitiveness and inclusiveness in intermediary cities: Supporting the Right to Stay in the EU <i>Venue: Studio 214+216, Square Brussels</i>	From Decline to Resilience: Demographic Challenges and Policy Responses in Eastern Border Regions <i>Venue: Silver Hall, Square Brussels</i>	From knowledge to action: multilevel governance for territorial development <i>Venue: Copper Hall, Square Brussels</i>
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From policy to territory: Making the Pact for the Mediterranean work <i>Venue: Studio 314+316, Square Brussels</i>	Leverage private funding to boost regional growth through Cohesion Policy financial instruments <i>Venue: Studio 211+212, Square Brussels</i>	Navigating demographic change: A science-policy dialogue on regional attractiveness <i>Venue: Studio 213+215, Square Brussels</i>
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No child left behind: building bridges to adulthood (EU Anti-poverty strategy and strengthened European Child Guarantee) <i>Venue: Hall 400, Square Brussels</i>	Play Your Part: Roleplay for Rural Development <i>Venue: Studio 313+315, Square Brussels</i>	Too many visitors, too little space? Managing tourism mobility in cities <i>Venue: Hall 300, Square Brussels</i>
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Towards a secure, sustainable, and prosperous Arctic region <i>Venue: The Arc, Square Brussels</i>	Wildfires in the Mediterranean regions: Lessons from an Interreg partnership <i>Venue: Studio 311+312, Square Brussels</i>	Energy valleys, human stories: How regional cooperation is building a community-led energy transition <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>
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Helping workers in times of economic turbulence: Extending the scope of the EGF <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>	High Level Session - A Cohesion Policy for a competitive Union <i>Venue: Gold Hall, Square Brussels</i>	May the best idea win: Rethinking how regions tackle social exclusion <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>

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A Shared Past, Stronger Futures: Historical Heritage as a Strategic Lever for Territorial Cooperation and Competitiveness - The Millenium Project <i>Venue: The Arc, Square Brussels</i>	Clusters bridging place-based policies with Europe's industrial ambitions <i>Venue: Studio 213+215, Square Brussels</i>	Driving change: Empowering talent in the automotive sector <i>Venue: Studio 313+315, Square Brussels</i>
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Every Drop Counts: Regions at the Frontline of Water Resilience <i>Venue: Copper Hall, Square Brussels</i>	Making the freedom to stay a reality: The role of services of general interest in strengthening territorial cohesion <i>Venue: Studio 214+216, Square Brussels</i>	Mapping the Geography of Choice <i>Venue: Hall 100, Square Brussels</i>
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Overcoming barriers to the right to stay: How transport connectivity affects the attractiveness of a territory <i>Venue: Silver Hall, Square Brussels</i>	Rethinking Care Careers: Gender, Skills and Well-being for Stronger Regions <i>Venue: Hall 400, Square Brussels</i>	SYNERGY - Regions Powered by Innovation Intelligence & Funding. From Regional Assets to European Strength: Making Territorial Diversity Count. <i>Venue: Hall 300, Square Brussels</i>
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Strategic foresight with youth as key actors <i>Venue: Studio 314+316, Square Brussels</i>	Testing the waters - transformative place-based innovations for water resilience <i>Venue: Studio 211+212, Square Brussels</i>	When Algorithms Meet the Town Hall: Local Democracy in the Digital Age <i>Venue: Studio 311+312, Square Brussels</i>
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Medium-sized cities delivering Europe's green transition - Linking EU Missions, Green Capital initiatives and regional energy ecosystems <i>Venue: Sofitel Hotel Brussels Europe, Pl. Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels, Belgium, Sofitel Hotel Brussels Europe</i>	Regions turning industrial waste into circular value chains <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>	Award Ceremony for the Megalizzi-Niedzielski prize for aspiring journalists <i>Venue: Panoramic Hall, Square Brussels</i>
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Award Ceremony for the Megalizzi-Niedzielski prize for aspiring journalists (public) <i>Venue: Panoramic Hall (Level +5), Square Brussels</i>	'Energy efficiency first' principle in practice: applications on local energy strategies <i>Venue: Agora in Exhibition Hall, Square Brussels</i>	REGIOSTARS Award Ceremony <i>Venue: Gold Hall, Square Brussels</i>