



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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Cities and regions shaping global climate action ahead of COP30

European Townhall COP

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Concept

At a time when multilateralism is increasingly challenged by geopolitical instability, the European Union, together with its regions and cities, is stepping up to reaffirm its leadership in shaping an inclusive, ambitious, and science-based climate agenda.

The event will feature representatives of key European institutions who will outline the EU's strategic priorities for COP30. Speakers will reflect on how Europe should continue to act as a bridge in global climate diplomacy, securing strong outcomes while upholding the integrity of the UNFCCC process.

Subnational leaders will join to showcase the growing momentum behind local and regional climate diplomacy. Members of the UNFCCC Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency will present their priorities and planned activities ahead of COP30, including the upcoming Local Leaders Forum to be held in Rio de Janeiro, which aims to further strengthen the voice of subnational governments on the road to COP30. They will also report on the organisation of "Town Hall COPs" across their territories, which have helped engaged their citizens and stakeholders in the climate process.

The discussion will highlight how cities and regions are mobilising at all levels to support an ambitious COP30 outcome and how multilevel governance is essential to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Agenda

Moderated by **Goksen Sahin**, Policy and Advocacy Lead (ICLEI Europe) and expert for the CoR COP30 opinion

14.30-14.35 **Opening**

- **Kostas Bakoyannis**, Chair of the CoR ENVE Commission

14.35-15.20 **EU ambition ahead of COP30 - Institutional roundtable**

This high-level panel will bring together representatives of key European institutions to present the EU's priorities for COP30. Participants will reflect on the leadership role the EU must continue to play in global climate negotiations at a time when multilateralism is under increasing pressure.

- **Jan Dusík**, Deputy Director General, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- **Annalisa Corrado**, Member of the European Parliament delegation to COP30
- **Laurence Tubiana**, COP30 Special Envoy to Europe (*online*)

Q&A with audience (Slido)

15.20-15.55 **Local leadership for global action - Cities and regions at COP30**

With subnational diplomacy playing a vital role in driving ambition and implementation, this panel will showcase how subnational authorities are mobilising for a successful outcome in Belém and will present the main priorities of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency for COP30.

- **Nadia Pellefigue**, CoR COP30 rapporteur and Vice-President of Occitanie Region
- **Ahmet Aras**, Mayor of Muğla (Türkiye)

Q&A with audience (Slido)

15.55-16.00 **Closing**