

24th Edition

European Week of Regions and Cities

Kick-off meeting

25 March, 9:00-10:30

European Committee of the Regions





***Largest event on
cohesion policy***



***Platform for regions
and cities***



Engaging sessions



Capacity building



Networking



Exchange



Learning



OVERVIEW

- This year's edition
- Motto
- Programme & key features
- Who can apply?
- Session formats
- EURegionsWeek Close to you
- What to prioritise in the application?
- How to apply?
- Offer & commitments
- Timelines



THIS YEAR'S EDITION

12-14 October
2026

CoR &
external
venue

Sessions start
on Monday
12 Oct

No parallel
venues



ORGANISERS

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Regional
and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)



European Committee of
the Regions (CoR)



Strong Regions, Strong Europe

Let us know what it means to you!



PROGRAMME

MON 12 OCT
JDE + EP

- **Partners' sessions**
- **Opening Session**
- **#Cohesion Alliance event**

TUE 13 OCT
JDE

- **Partners' sessions**
- **REGIOSTARS pitches**
- **High-level session**

WED 14 OCT
EXTERNAL VENUE

- **Partners' sessions**
- **Exhibitions and tastings**
- **High-level session**
- **Megalizzi-Niedzielski Prize**
- **REGIOSTARS Awards Ceremony**
- **Reception**



KEY FEATURES

**Focus on
regions and
cities**

**Importance of
partnerships**

**Beyond
Brussels**

Panoramic AI



Try Panoramic out



WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants (organisations/entities) must have established residence in:



- An EU Member State
- A country contributing to/participating in an EU Programme



PARTNERS' CATEGORY



Local and regional
authorities, and
their associations

Managing
Authorities of EU
funds

EU institutions and
institutional
partners

European
Groupings of
Territorial
Cooperation

Associations and
institutions
contributing
to/participating in
an EU programme

Public-private
partnerships



REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

A group exclusively composed of Local/regional authorities



At least 3 countries represented – at least 2 EU Member States



A min. of 4 and a max. of 8 regions or cities, towns or provinces



At least 1 Member of the European Committee of the Regions and /or a local or regional politically elected representative



SESSION FORMATS

90 minutes: Political/policy debates and workshops

- 4 speakers max. (except for Regional partnerships)
- In Regional partnerships 1 speaker per partner
- 1 moderator

30 minutes: EURegionsTalks

- 1 speaker

Other formats: Exhibitions, Stands and Tastings

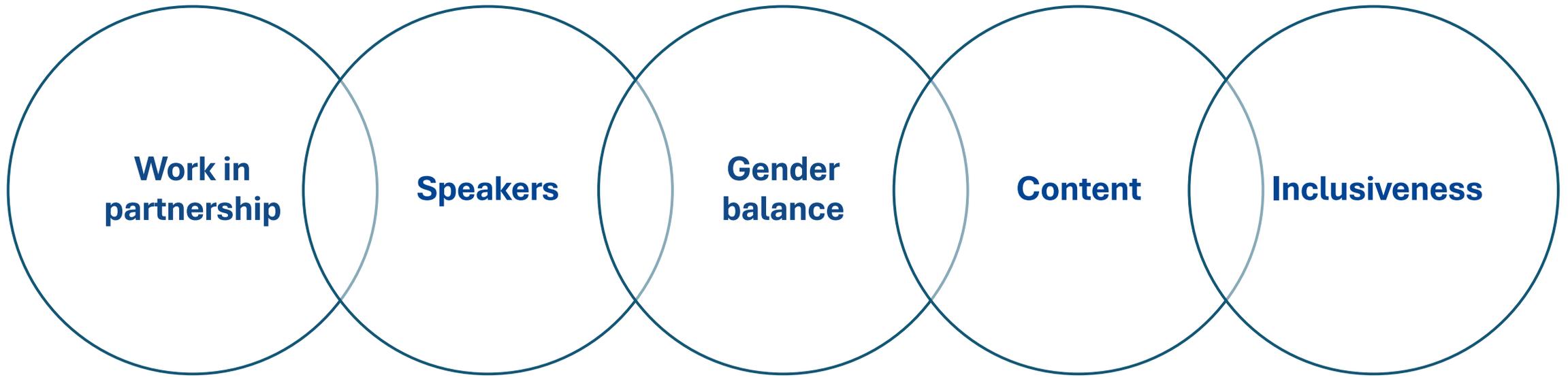


EURegionsWeek Close to you

- 12 October to 20 December 2026
- **Across Europe & beyond**
- **Thematically linked** to EURegionsWeek2026
- Web and social media **visibility**
- **Panoramic AI**



WHAT TO PRIORITISE IN THE APPLICATION



HOW TO APPLY?

- Application form on the event website available shortly
- Deadline for applications: **26 April 2026**
- Results of selection procedure: **End of May**



OUR OFFER

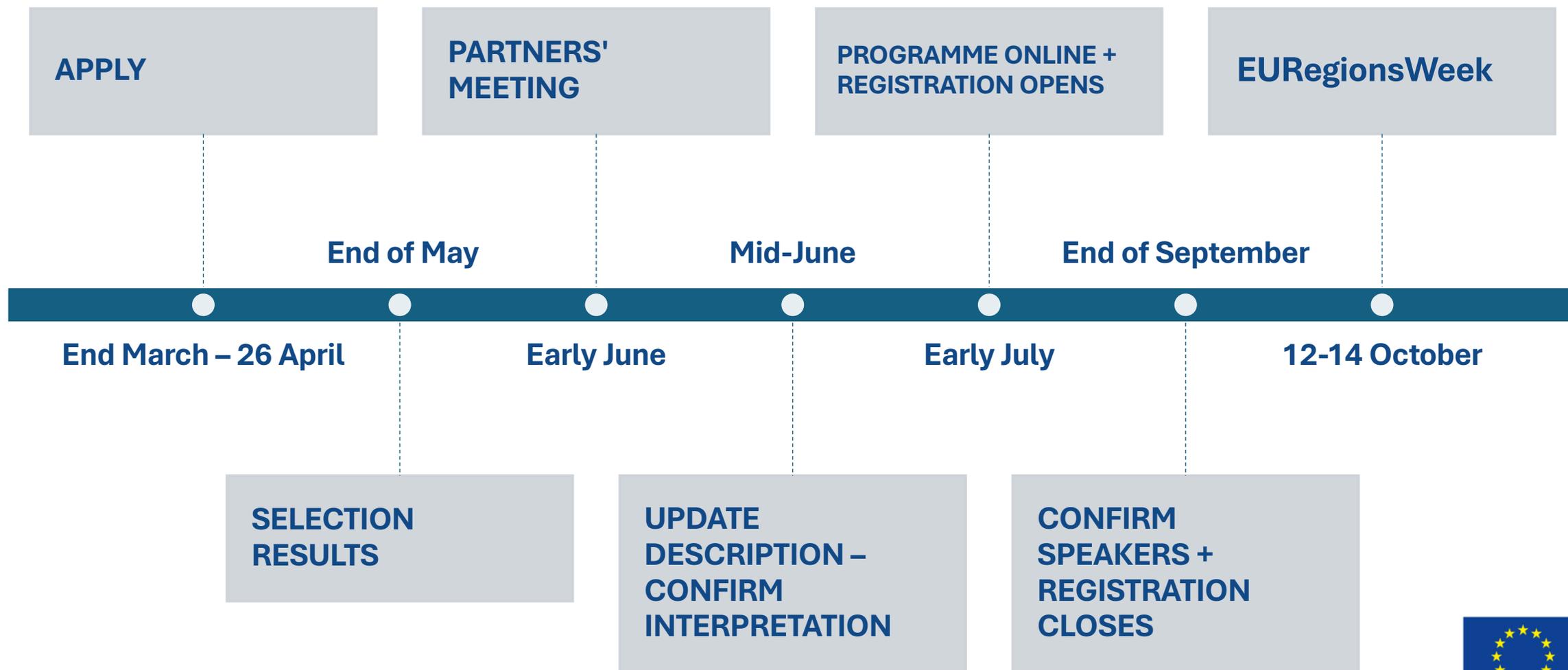
- EURegionsWeek platform
- Joint secretariat
- Technical support
- Communication support
- Panoramic AI

YOUR COMMITMENT

- High communication standards
- Gender balance
- Paperless, plastic-free
- Processing of personal data
- Quality session

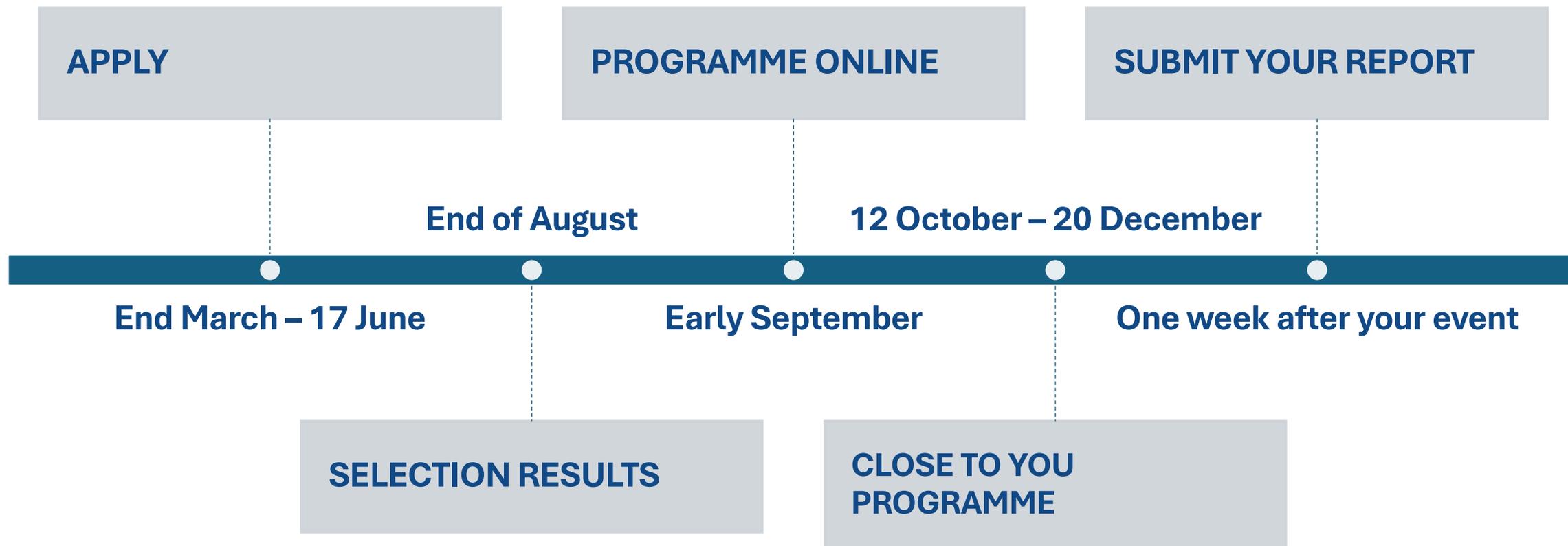


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#EUREGIONSWEEK CLOSE TO YOU



STAY INFORMED

- **Event guide** with detailed information available on the website
- European Week of Regions and Cities **newsletter**
- Follow the **EURegionsWeek** on **LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook** and **X**:



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