

9-12 October 2023. The 21st European Week of Regions and Cities kicks off

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The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the largest annual event dedicated to EU regional policy. During the four-day event, cities and regions showcase their good practices in the implementation of EU cohesion policy that prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.

Since its first edition in 2003, the event has expanded to become a unique communication and networking platform bringing together regions and cities from all over Europe.

This 21st edition of #EURegionsWeek will take place at its historical venue in Brussels from 9 to 12 October 2023 and is expected to welcome around 10,000 participants including more than 1,000 speakers from all over Europe and beyond, who will bring together an extensive programme of conferences, exhibitions and events focusing on regional and local development. Participation in the event is free of charge.

The European Week of Regions and Cities, jointly organised by the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), is designed to highlight the important role that regions and cities play in the implementation of most EU policies. Sub-national public authorities in the EU are, in fact, responsible for one third of public spending and two thirds of public investments.

Guided by the motto '**Thriving Regions, Stronger Europe**', the 2023 edition of #EURegionsWeek will focus on the following thematic areas

- Regions in post-industrial transition
- Retaining talent for regional growth
- Small and medium-sized urban centres driving growth
- Breaking down barriers to cross-border cooperation
- Local energy transformation for security and sustainability
- Promoting social innovation

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