

Appendix – Introduction to the European Week of Regions & Cities 7-10th October 2019

The following text has been taken from the EU website: <https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/>

About

The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.

The event has become a European networking platform for experts in regional and local development. Exchange of good practice in economic development and social inclusion, cross-border cooperation, public-private partnerships, regional innovation and community-led local development have become some of its many topics. It welcomes some 6.000 participants in October each year (local, regional, national and European decision-makers and experts) for more than 100 workshops and debates, exhibitions and networking opportunities.

Who can participate?

The European Week of Regions and Cities and its workshops, debates and networking activities are addressed to:

- members of the European Committee of the Regions, members of the European Parliament and national, regional and local politicians
- **European, national, regional and local government officials and** experts in the field of managing and evaluating cohesion policy programmes
- representatives of private companies, financial institutions and European and national associations
- journalists from European, national, regional and local media outlets
- researchers, PhD or masters students and practitioners in the field of European regional and urban policy

Who can be event partner?

The European Week of Regions and Cities is co-organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR). Other European institutions, European regions and cities in regional partnerships, and European associations can also become event partners.

Programme

- Monday 7/10 2:30-4:30 pm : Opening Session , European Parliament's hemicycle. 5:30 pm : Citizens' Dialogue, the Square. 7:00 pm onwards: Opening reception with Atlantic regional tasting, Square Agora Village
- Tuesday 8/10 7:30 pm: Political reception, European Committee of the Regions. 8:00 pm onwards : Regions' evening with Mediterranean regional tasting, Square Agora Village
- Wednesday 9/10 6:30 pm: Partners' reception, the Square . 8:00 pm: REGIOSTARS Ceremony, the Square Followed by reception with Central regional tasting, Square Agora Village
- Thursday 10/10 2:00 pm: Closing Ceremony, the Square.

Main sessions

There are over 300 sessions with topics including Regions and cities, pillars of the EU's future, Regional governance, competitiveness and social integration, Better evidence on cross-border regions and INTERREG impacts, etc. For full details please see the website:

https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions_en

Master Class

As part of the 17th European Week of Regions and Cities, the 7th Master Class on EU Cohesion Policy will be held for 30 PhD students and early-career researchers in the field of regional and urban policy.

The University

The University workshops present new research on regional and urban development. They foster an exchange of views and testing of new academic concepts in the field of regional and urban policies between academics, practitioners, EU officials and other interested participants. The University facilitates the creation of networking links between students, academics, EU institutions and regional partners and raises awareness of EU cohesion policy among students and young researchers.

Sessions opened for registrations are:

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Territorialising EU Cohesion Policy to bring it closer to citizens

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Shrinking Rural Regions and Spatial Justice

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Co-creation of Public Services: Challenges and Opportunities in Theory and Practice

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Circular Economy Transitions in European Regions and Cities

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Transforming cities into arenas for healthy ageing

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Global Talents, Immigration Policy and Regional Innovation

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Citizen Entrepreneurship: Towards involvement, inclusion and integration of citizens in entrepreneurial Europe

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: The importance of networks in regional economic smart specialisation policies

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: The regional socio-economic impact of the 4th industrial revolution

#EURegionsWeek UNIVERSITY: Maximising the Contribution of Universities to Regional Innovation – Lessons and Toolkits for Policymaking