



**European Week of
Regions and Cities**

Brussels

9 – 12 October 2017

15th European Week of Regions and Cities

Kick-off meeting

19 January 2017, 11:00-12:00

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Regions and Cities working for a better future

- 1) Building resilient Regions and Cities
- 2) Regions and Cities as change agents
- 3) Sharing knowledge to deliver results



Theme 1:

Building resilient regions and cities

- Economic and social effects of globalisation, policy response at EU, national and local level;
- How to respond adequately to promote new activities, investments, reshoring, integrating sectors with a strategic approach?
- How to make cities more resilient?



Theme 2:

Regions and cities as change agents

- Review of regional and urban policy post 2020: an opportunity for policy change?
- Illustrate contribution of the regions and cities to European project, provide input to main political debate;
- How respond to challenges automation, migrant integration?
- How to deliver EU programmes more effectively, improve coherence among funds/financial instruments?



Theme 3:

Sharing knowledge to deliver results

- Exchange experiences and good practices on implementation 2014-2020;
- Simplification;
- Strengthening institutions, building administrative capacity

- Plus University workshops (academic) and international dimension



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2016 in a nutshell:



Over 5 300 participants
From 58 countries



187 partner regions&cities
From 28 countries



137 workshops&events



Over 600 speakers

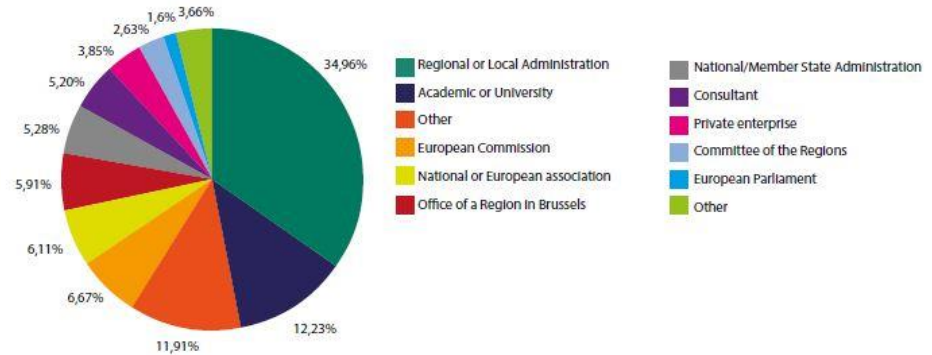


Some 150 local events

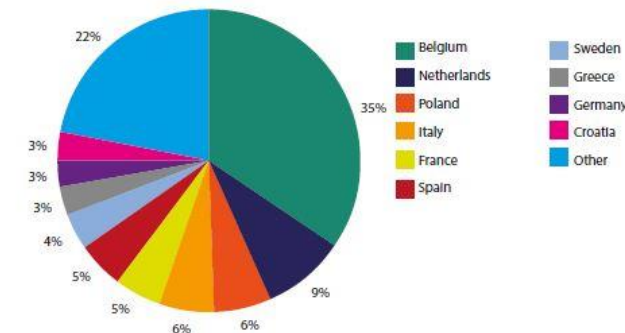


Opening @ EP, RegioStars
Awards, Urban Agenda

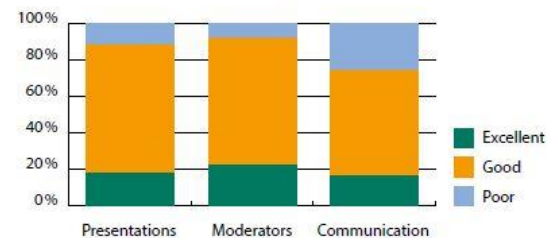
Registered participants' profile



Registered participants' country



Assessment of workshops and debates





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Event highlights and structure 2017



9 October

**Opening Session
*EP***

**Press Conference
*CoR***



10–12 October

**Workshops &
Debates &
Interactive sessions**

Various venues



10 October

**RegioStars
Award Ceremony &
Official Reception**

Square



9–12 October

**University &
Master Class**

***EC/Charlemagne
CoR***



**Community
building
&
Networking**

***All over Europe
Before-during-after***



**Local
Events**

**September –
December**

All over Europe



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Call for partners 2017

Guide and application forms for event partners

- Regional partners
- Partners at Meeting Place @ CoR
- European Commission DGs

available on event website:

www.regions-and-cities.europa.eu



Deadline 31 March 2017



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Next steps 2017



Applications
by

31 March

Selection
results by

5 May

Partners'
meeting

18 May

All final details
by

9 June

Online
registration

opens **8 July**



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DG Regio main events 2017

- 1) Forum of the Outermost Regions,
Brussels 30-31 March
- 2) Smart Regions Conference,
Helsinki 1-2 June
- 3) Cohesion Forum, Brussels, 26-27 June
- 4) Cities Forum, Brussels 12-13 October



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CoR main events 2017 - Focus on:

- 1) Reflecting on Europe – present and future
- 2) Boosting jobs, growth and investment in Europe's regions and cities
- 3) Supporting global stability through regional and local cooperation



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CoR main events

- 7/2 Investing in Europe: building a coalition of smart cities & regions towards 3rd industrial revolution (@CoR)
- 6/5 Open Day to EU institutions
- 10/5 The future of Cohesion Policy (@CoR)
- 9-10/11 EuroPCom 2017 (@CoR, EP)
- All year “Reflecting on Europe” – local events



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“Reflecting on Europe”

Each regional partnership is invited to organise **one local event in the format of a citizens' dialogue**, between September and December 2017, and including a CoR member.

The objective is to listen and report back directly from cities and regions from the discussions on the EU. Citizens' dialogues are a part of the CoR 'Reflecting on Europe' -initiative, feeding into an opinion on 'Voice of regional authorities to rebuild trust in the EU' in spring 2018, enabling inputs from regions and cities to the political process.

The aim is to attract a wide range of participants including the general public, policy-makers and experts.



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