



## *Assises de la Coopération Décentralisée* Regions and Cities for Development

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European Committee of the Regions  
Brussels, Rue Belliard 99-101

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

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#### Day 1 – Monday 10 July

8:00-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:30 **Opening session**

- Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Room JDE 52. Listening rooms JDE 51(multilingual), JDE 53-62-63-70 (EN)  
Languages interpreted: EN/FR/ES/PT/IT/DE/AR

9:30-11:00 **Thematic session I**

The political context of development cooperation

*The Global 2030 Agenda, the new European Consensus and resilience on  
Development*

Moderator: Ian Barber, CoR, Director for Communication

- Klaus Rudischhauser, European Commission, Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)
- Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, European External Action Service (EEAS), Head of Division, Development cooperation coordination
- Jesús Gamallo Aller, CoR, rapporteur on the European Consensus on Development, Director-General for External Relations and Relations with the European Union of the Region of Galicia (Spain)
- Stefano Bonaccini, President of the Region Emilia Romagna (Italy), President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions – CEMR (*tbc*)
- Eures Riberio, Mayor of Bom Jesus da Lapa (Brazil), Political Councillor of the National Confederation of Brazilian Municipalities

- Open floor debate

*A renewed impetus of the Africa-EU Partnership*

- Konstantin Von Mentzingen, EEAS, desk officer for Africa-EU Summit
- Paul Renier, DG DEVCO, Deputy Head of Unit D4 – Africa-EU Partnership, African Peace Facility
- H.E. Ambassador Ajay Kumar Bramdeo, African Union, Head of the Permanent Mission to the EU
- Open floor debate

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11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **Thematic Session II**

Decentralised cooperation: New developments, trends and scenarios; future challenges and opportunities.

Moderator: Ian Barber, CoR, Director for Communication

- Presentation of the preliminary findings of the OECD study '*Official development assistance extended by local and regional governments, and emerging paradigms in decentralised development co-operation (DDC)*'
  - Aziza Akhmouch, OECD, Head of Unit - SDGs, Water, Local Public Services, Regional Development Policy Division
- Debate
  - Rosario Bento Pais, European Commission, DG DEVCO, Head of Unit B2 Civil Society, Local Authorities
  - Frédéric Vailler, Secretary General of CEMR-Platforma
  - Christophe Rouillon, CoR, Mayor of Coullaines
  - Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General of United Cities and Local Governments – Africa (UCLG-Africa) (*tbc*)
  - Roland Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg (France), President of Cités-Unies (*tbc*)
  - Nelson Fernández, Intendency of Montevideo (Uruguay) member of MERCOCIUDADES, Director of International Relations and Cooperation, General Coordinator of Metropolis for Latin America and Caribbean
- Open floor debate

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13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-17:30 JDE Atrium 5 and 6  
**Round tables** (parallel to each other)

- **Round Table 1 on the Sustainable Development Goals**

*Agenda 2030 and European Sustainability: Local and Regional Authorities as Policy-Makers and Implementing Actors of the SDGs*

The aim of this Round Table is to outline the role of Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) in implementing the SDGs and to identify the LRAs' competences linked to the achievement of the goals, the particular challenges in the localisation of the goals, the main priorities and mechanisms of the decentralised cooperation to achieve them, and the steps to follow

Co-leaders:

- Regione Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy
- Provincia de Santa Fe, Argentina

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- **Round Table 2 on Migration**

*Tackling the Migration Challenges*

This Round Table aims to promote a common understanding through the exchange of points of view, experiences and know-how between different local and regional players committed to build common integration and migration policies

Co-leaders:

- Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AEXCID), Spain
- Association des professionnels de l'action européenne et internationale des collectivités territoriales (ARRICOD)
- Collectif des Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (CCSM)
- Regione Emilia Romagna, Italy
- Union of Dannieh Municipalities, Lebanon

Room JDE 53, listening room JDE 63

Languages interpreted: EN-FR-ES (IT passive)

- **Round Table 3 on Climate change and Energy**

*The role of the regional covenants of mayors in facilitating decentralised cooperation to promote sustainable energy access and climate action. Insights from EU neighbourhood south and Sub-Saharan Africa*

The Round Table will highlight the key contribution of the cooperation between cities and regions to achieve the 7th SDG: Ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services with a special focus on the

Covenant of Mayors. The objective is to identify the benefits which decentralized cooperation potentially facilitated through the Covenant of Mayors (with special reference to the Regional Covenants in Sub-Saharan Africa and in EU Neighbourhood South) can bring to city to city cooperation

Co-leaders:

- Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Italy
- Covenant of Mayors Sub-Saharan Africa / CEMR
- Council of Local and Regional Authorities of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (CCT-UEMOA)

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• **Round Table 4 on Territorial Development**

*Decentralized Cooperation and Territorial Development: Complementing each other?*

The territorial approach to Local Development (also known as TALD), advocates for a bottom-up approach that considers the national policy while ensuring ownership of the processes by local stakeholders. The Round Table will explore under which circumstances decentralised cooperation can contribute to TALD and to the localization of SDGs

Co-leaders:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
- Centre international d'études pour le développement Local (CIEDEL)
- Centro per la Formazione alla Solidarietà Internazionale (CFSI),
- Eusko Jaurlaritza – Gobierno Vasco, Spain / Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPRM)

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17:30-19:00 **Networking cocktail**  
JDE Atrium 5 and 6

18:15-20:30 **Screening – Cinema for development**

'Demain' (France, 2015) in partnership with AFD.  
*César award 2016 for the best documentary film*

▪ Opening remarks

- Michel Laloge, European Commission, DG DEVCO, Head of Sector Local Authorities Unit B2 Civil Society, Local Authorities
- Jean-François Arnal, Agence Française de Développement, Head of Office to the European Institutions

Room VMA 3

## Day 2 – Tuesday 11 July

9:00-10:45 **Morning sessions** (parallel to each other)

### Review of recent trends in decentralised cooperation

- OECD presentation: *Emerging Paradigms in Decentralised Development Cooperation (DDC): "Going beyond Financial Flows"*. Stefano Marta, OECD, Regional Development Policy Division, CFE
- CEMR – Platforma study '*Shaping a new generation of decentralised cooperation for enhanced effectiveness and accountability*'. Agustín Losada, expert, coordinator of the study (in collaboration with CPMR and the CPMR External Cooperation Group leader – Basque Government)
- PhD communication on French case study: '*Why local governments decide to implement actions on the international scene: from expected to real impacts*'. Mary Gely, Université de Grenoble-Alpes
- CONNECT for development: *First-hand experiences from the match between and Icelandic and a Cambodian municipality*

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10:45- 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-13:00 **Plenary Session**

*Conclusions, outlook and political commitments for the future of decentralised cooperation*

Moderator: Henri Désiré N'zouzi, Vice-President of the African Diaspora Network in Europe (ADNE), media and diplomacy consultant, contributor to Voice of America

- Jiří Buriánek, Secretary-General of the CoR
- Sven Mikser, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, President in-turn of the Council of the EU
- Member of the Committee of Development (DEVE) of the European Parliament (*tbd*)
- Statements by the rapporteurs of the five round tables

### Round Table 5 on Capacity-building

*Statute and capacity building for elected representatives and local administrations. What evolutions? What role for decentralised cooperation?*

This round table will address the challenges of securing the legal status of local elected officials and the territorial civil service, as well as the evolutions of expectations and practices in capacity building

Co-leaders:

- Association des régions de France (ARF)
- Association internationale des Maires francophones (AIMF)

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- Open floor debate

*Concluding remarks*

- Karl-Heinz Lambertz, First Vice-President of the CoR
- Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director-General of DG DEVCO
- Paul Koffi Koffi, Commissioner for the Department of Community Land planning and Transports of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

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13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 -16:00 **Workshops**

- **Workshop A on Sustainable Development Goals**

*From the Global Agenda to Local Action: Partnering to make the SDGs a reality for all*

More than one year after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the workshop will represent an opportunity to exchange experiences among partners of local relevance, particularly looking at the challenges faced by Local Authorities around the globe in implementing the SDGs and at the mechanisms and strategies they have put in place to advance the process

Co-leaders:

- Climate Alliance
- Association des départements de France (ADF)
- UNDP
- City of Bremen, Germany

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- **Workshop C on Climate Change and Energy**

*Tackling climate change through partnerships*

This workshop will broadcast different approaches and methodologies in which decentralised cooperation contributes to the global climate objectives and how these empower local governments to take their legitimate role to make and implement policy decisions in dialogue with multiple stakeholders and across multiple levels over government. In that regard climate partnerships put the principles of Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development into practice

Co-leaders:

- CEMR – Platforma
- City of Dakar, Senegal

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- **Workshop E on Food Security and Safety**

*Innovative partnerships for sustainable food systems at local and regional level*

Building on good practice examples of decentralised cooperation between European local governments and their peers in pre-accession countries, Latin America, West- and Southern Africa this workshop will discuss the practical contribution that direct cooperation between subnational governments brings to territorial development and to the global goals

Co-leaders:

- Región de Murcia, Spain
- Città di Milano, Italy

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16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30-18:00 **Workshops**

- **Workshop B on Humanitarian Crisis**

*Cooperation between Local and Regional Authorities: a tool in addressing humanitarian crises*

Based on concrete cases, this workshop is focused on decentralised cooperation as a tool addressing humanitarian crises. Resilience at local level will be addressed. The CoR's Nicosia initiative of support to Libyan municipalities will be presented

Co-leaders:

- Fons Mallorquí de Solidaritat i Cooperació, Spain
- Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament, Spain
- Urban Community of Al-Fayah, Lebanon

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- **Workshop D on Territorial Development**

*Starting from the territories to achieve Sustainable Development*

Building on good practice examples of decentralised cooperation between European local governments and their peers in pre-accession countries, Latin America, West- and Southern Africa this workshop will discuss the practical

contribution that direct cooperation between subnational governments brings to territorial development and to the global goals

Co-leaders:

- CEMR-Platforma, with the support of Eusko Jauriaritza – Gobierno Vasco
- UNDP
- ICOODDEV

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- **Workshop F on Education for Development**

*Local and Regional Authorities becoming drivers for change through development education: from the challenge to the opportunity*

The workshop will address the situation of development education in the enlarged Europe and discuss the challenges and opportunities arising from current context, sharing examples of best practices and lessons capitalizing from the research and experience of the EU-funded pilot projects LADDER and Rural DEAR Agenda

Co-leaders:

- ALDA
- Diputación de Valladolid, Spain
- Universidad de Valladolid, Spain
- Climate Alliance
- Junta de Castilla y León, Spain
- City of Kutaisi, Georgia

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18:00 **End of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Assises de la Coopération Décentralisée – Regions and Cities for Development**

## More info

Websites and registration:

[www.cor.europa.eu/portal](http://www.cor.europa.eu/portal)

[https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/5th-assises-decentralised-cooperation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/5th-assises-decentralised-cooperation_en)

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Channel 2 <https://livestream.com/corlive2>



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