



**European Committee
of the Regions**



**European
Commission**

2019 Forum: Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation

Preparatory meeting

Brussels, 14 June 2018, 14:30-17:00

Welcome and introduction

- ❑ **Forum co-organised every two years** by the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions
- ❑ **Previously called Assises of Decentralised Cooperation** – *Assises de la coopération décentralisée*.
- ❑ **Policy dialogue on decentralised development cooperation** between city and region representatives from EU and partner countries and the European Institutions
- ❑ The 5th edition in July 2017 brought together **over 500 participants**, 100 speakers from 28 EU Member States and 50 partner countries

Our Agenda today

- Date of the forum
- A more focused forum: theme and objectives
- What do we want to discuss & what do we want to achieve?
- Suggested topics
- Structure and organisation of the event
- Your support
- Preparatory calendar
- Invitation of LAs representatives from the Partner Countries
- Communication

Date of the 2019 forum

4 and 5 February 2019



A more focused forum!

General objective:

Open and continuous dialogue between local and regional authorities from the EU, from partner countries, and with EU institutions

New approach to the 2019 edition:

- a) From the general topic of the previous edition: *"Localising the Sustainable Development Goals"* to a specific one: SDG 11: ***Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable***
- b) Focus on **concrete outcomes**



What do we want to discuss & what do we want to achieve?

Specific theme:

Local and regional partnerships for sustainable urban development

Specific objectives:

1. Discuss **LRA and city partnerships with a focus on sustainable urban development**, including sub-topics such as urban planning, climate change, inclusiveness, migration, public finance management etc.
2. Share **experiences and good practices in twinning and pairings** between EU and partner country LRAs

Suggested topics for discussion

Good urban governance ('Partnership'), including multilevel and multi-actor governance:

- Integrated urban planning
- Public finance management
- Land management

Social dimension of urban development ('People') through inclusive and safe cities and regions ('Peace'):

- Urban poverty
- Inequalities and social exclusion
- Food insecurity and malnutrition
- Forced displacement and migration

Green and resilient cities and regions ('Planet'):

- Urban mobility
- Energy efficiency and transition
- Water and waste services

Prosperous and innovative cities and regions ('Prosperity'):

- Boosting business development and job creation at local and regional level

Structure and organisation of the event

Foreseen structure of the event (DRAFT):

Day 1 (full day)	Day 2 (half day)
Opening and plenary session	Thematic discussions
Presentation of partnership initiatives at local and regional level Thematic discussions	Plenary session Closing with the Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development and the President of the Committee of the Regions

Your support

- Your **feedback on the suggested discussion topics**
 1. Which issues would you consider to be most important?
 2. What additional topics should be included?

- Informing us about **your successful partnerships with LRAs from partner countries** in the area of sustainable urban development

- Your suggestions of **participants and speakers from partner countries** that should be invited to the Forum

Preparatory calendar


	Date	Action
2018	14 June	Preparatory meeting with European stakeholders
	14 June	Website allowing to register general interest in the Forum (at lra4dev.cor.europa.eu)
	6 July	Deadline for stakeholders' feedback on discussion topics
	July – September	Process of receiving suggestions of elected representatives from partner countries (participants and speakers)
	25 September	Closing of invitees list
	October	Invitation letters, practical conditions and visas
	December	Finalisation of programme
2019	4-5 February	Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation 2019

Representatives from partner countries

You are invited to **suggest representatives from partner countries** to be invited to the Forum **by 25 September 2018**.

Selection criteria:

- Added value of the speaker for the Forum
- Gender
- Geographic repartition
- Representation level in the country

	
Villes et régions pour la coopération au développement – Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation Bruxelles, 4-5 février mars 2018 / Brussels, 4-5 February 2018	
FORMULAIRE DE PROPOSITION D'INVITÉS / APPLICATION FORM FOR INVITEES (maximum 5 propositions par personne de contact / maximum 5 proposals per contact person)	
Coordonnées de l'invité(e) / Contact details of the invitee	
Nom / Last name:	.....
Prénoms / First name:	.....
Fonction / Function:	.....
Adresse / Address:	.....
Ville – Pays / City – Country:	.....
Téléphone / Phone:	.....
Fax:	.....
E-mail:	.....
Sujet(s) sur lesquels la personne pourrait intervenir/ Topic(s) to which the invitee could contribute:	
Motivations pour inviter cette personne (max. 150 mots). Rationale for proposing this person (max. 150 words):	
Proposé par/ Proposed by:	
Personne de contact / Contact person	
Nom / Last name:	.....
Prénoms / First name:	.....
Adresse / Address:	.....
Organisation:	.....
E-mail:	.....
Téléphone / Phone:	.....
Merci de retourner ce formulaire au plus tard le 25 septembre 2018 Please send back this form by 25 September 2018 par/by e-mail: LRADDEV@cor.europa.eu (Tél: +32 (0)2 282 23 78)	

Communication

- ❑ Promotion at the **European Development Days** and the 14th German **Federal Conference on Municipal Development Policy**



CoR Member Jesús Gamallo Aller presenting the forum to Queen Letizia of Spain during the EDDs

- ❑ Finalisation of the **study “Reshaping Decentralized Development Cooperation. The key role of Cities and Regions for the 2030 Agenda”**
- ❑ Please **disseminate information about the forum** to your partners and through your communication channels!



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