



**European Committee
of the Regions**

EUROPE DAY FOR REGIONS AND CITIES – 9 MAY, 10:00-13:00 CET

"Regions and cities: vital for Europe's recovery"

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This online forum is designed to enable politicians from across Europe to interact on Europe Day. Hosted by CoR President Tzitzikostas, the forum will be organised with CoR members, #CohesionAlliance members, other selected politicians and VIP guests including Commissioner Elisa Ferreira and European Commission Vice-President Dubravka Šuica. The debate will take place in the context of the current health, social and economic crisis and will be divided into three parts:

Session I 10:00-11:00

Theme: **Recovering form Coronavirus, the future of EU cohesion policy and the new proposal for the EU budget 2021-2027**

Speakers:

- *Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of CoR*
- *Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms*
- *Vasco Cordeiro President of the Regional Government of the Azores, 1st Vice-President of CoR*
- *Michael Murphy, Member of the Tipperary County Council, Ireland, and chair of the CoR's Economic Affairs Commission*
- *Isabelle Boudineau, Member of the Regional Council of Nouvelle Aquitaine, France, and chair of the CoR's Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU budget*
- *members of the Cohesion Alliance (tbc)*

SESSION II 11:00-12:00

Theme: **Regions and cities at work for a resilient and sustainable recovery**

Speakers:

- *Ulrika Landergren, Member of the Kungsbacka Municipal Council, Sweden, and chair of the CoR's Commission for Natural Resources*
- *Matteo Luigi Bianchi, Member of the Italian Parliament, Member of the Morazzone Municipal Council and First Vice-President of CoR's SEDEC Commission*
- *Juan Espadas, Member of the Seville municipal Council and chair of the CoR's Environment, Climate Change and Energy Commission of the CoR*

SESSION III 12:00 to 13:00

Theme: EU democracy – future of Europe

Speakers:

- *Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of CoR*
- *Dubravka Šuica, European Commission Vice-President*
- *Vasco Cordeiro, President of the Regional Government of the Azores, CoR 1st Vice-President*
- *Kieran McCarthy, member of Cork City Council, Ireland, and President of the EA Group in the CoR*
- *Muhterem Aras, President of the regional parliament of Baden-Württemberg, Germany*