

Agenda
Forum "Cities and Regions for International Partnerships"
29-30 November 2021
(Online event – times indicated in CET)

DAY 1

12:50-13:00	Connecting to the network		
13:00-13:30	OPENING SESSION (Master of Ceremony: Sean Klein): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships - Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions 		
13:30-14:00	PLENARY SESSION 1 (Master of Ceremony: Sean Klein): <u>“Sustainable & Green Recovery”-“Participatory Citizenship & Good Governance”</u> <i>Two key challenges for Cities and Regions of today</i> Keynote speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ricardo Rio, Mayor of Braga, Portugal - Member of the European Committee of the Regions - Joy Mboya, Barnard’s Visiting Professor (Columbia University), Director of The GoDown Centre, Nairobi, Kenya 		
14:00-14:15	Intro to breakout (still in plenary)		
14:15-15:30	BREAK OUT SESSIONS (max. 25 sessions in parallel) <i>Participants will join the “labs” on sub-topics they have proposed/chosen within the framework of the two key main Forums’ topics: “Sustainable and Green Recovery” or “Participatory Citizenship and good governance”</i>		
	1.	Job creation and green local economy	EN
	2.	Sustainable energy and water solutions	EN
	3.	Equal opportunities and Gender issues at local level	EN
	4.	Covid-19 pandemic and linked recovery	EN
	5.	Covid-19: réponses résilientes face au changement climatique	FR
	6.	Local Democratic Governance	EN
	7.	Vers une nouvelle gouvernance des collectivités territoriales	FR
	8.	Participación Ciudadana	ES
	9.	Freedom of expression, Cultural Diversity and public spaces	EN
	10.	Diálogo y interacción inter-generacional y inter-cultural	ES
	11.	Modalities for most appropriate Partnerships between European and partner country LRAs	EN
	12.	Migration, Inclusion and Citizenship	EN
	13.	Digital transformation and upgrading of municipal services and human resources	EN
	14.	Le renforcement des ressources humaines comme vecteur d'une transition numérique réussie	FR
	15.	‘Greening’ citizens’ behaviour	EN
	16.	Gestion forestière durable et formation des élus	FR
	17.	Strategic Urban planning	EN
	18.	Stratégies de planification urbaine participative alignée sur les Objectifs de Développement Durable	FR

	20.	Climate alliance	EN
	21.	Alliances pour le climat : citoyens et autorités locales ensemble pour des stratégies énergétiques soutenables	FR
	22.	Cooperación transfronteriza	ES
	23.	Financing tools for sustainable urban investments	EN
	24.	Regional Development: Actors, Data and Indicators	EN
15:30-15:45	Coffee break		
15:45-17:00	BREAK OUT SESSIONS continued (max. 25 sessions in parallel)		
17:00-19:00	<i>Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts</i>		
DAY 2			
09:30- 12:50	<i>Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts</i>		
	Connecting to the network		
13:00-13:30	Presentation of the coming “Team Europe Partnership Portal (TEPP)” <i>DG INTPA, Unit D1 and Estonian MFFAAs</i>		
13:30-15:00	PLENARY SESSION 2 (Moderator Mira Bangel): “Cross-fertilisation of the discussions of the previous day”		
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break		
15:20-16:30	PLENARY SESSION 3 (Moderator Sean Klein): “Debate between representatives from LRA:s and EU institutions: building on participants recommendations” <i>Panel reacting to the Forum outcomes presented by rapporteurs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapporteur 1 (<i>Participatory Citizenship & Good Governance</i>): Vaida Aleknavičienė, Deputy Mayor of Joniškis (Lithuania), alternate member of the European Committee of the Regions - Rapporteur 2 (<i>Sustainable & Green Recovery</i>): Fatimetou Abd el Malik, President of the Regional Council of Nouakchott (Mauritania) - Panel Member: Vincenzo Bianco, First Vice-Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), European Committee of the Regions - Panel Member: Mr Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General DG INTPA - Panel Member: Donal Cannon, Head of Global Partners Technical Assistance, European Investment Bank. - Panel Member: Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO - Panel Member: Tobias Tobé Chair of the DEVE Committee, European Parliament 		
16:30-16:35	Coffee Break		
16:35-17:00	CLOSING SESSION (Master of Ceremony: Sean Klein): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vincenzo Bianco, <i>First Vice-President of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), European Committee of the Regions</i> - Koen Doens, <i>Director General for International Partnerships, European Commission</i> 		