

FAQ on the EU REGIONS WEEK & Event partner

Dates: from Monday 7 to Thursday 10 October 2019

Venues: The Square or the European Committee of Regions or Brussels-based Regional Offices

Opening Ceremony will take place on Monday 7 October from 14:00 at the European Parliament

Followed by a **Citizens' Dialogue at the Square from** 17:30 to 19:00, followed by the Opening Reception of the Agora Village.

Political reception will take place on 8 October at the European Committee of the Regions.

Regiostars Ceremony will take place on 8 or 9 October at 20:00 at The Square followed by a reception. (Regiostars competition will be launched on 19 February and will close on 9 May).

Applications are open from 30 January to 29 March– The selected partners will be announced on 30 April & Partners' meeting will be held on 21/05.

Registration for participants will run from 8 July to 27 September.

What are the main topics of the year?

After a broad online consultation (2 634 respondents), the emerging 3 top themes out of the 6 proposed are:

- **The Future of the EU and the roles of Regions and Cities**
- **A Europe Closer to Citizens**
- **A greener Europe**
- A more socially integrated Europe
- A smarter Europe
- A more connected Europe

NB: the top 3 themes will be given priority in the selection process and room space allocation

Who can organise a session or stand and submit an application?

- Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs);
- European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs);
- EU institutions (institutional partners):
- National and regional authorities in charge of managing programmes co-financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ERDF) Cohesion Fund, ESF, EAFRD and EMFF);
- European associations of local and regional authorities, or presenting a local and regional angle;
- Legislative work and political groups of the European Committee of the Regions;

- Pan-European networking programmes financed by the ERDF;
- Companies involved in public-private partnerships;
- European associations representing the business sector;
- Financial institutions and European associations in the banking sector.

What types of Event Partners do we have?

Event Partners apply to organise sessions, to exchange experience and good practice as well as to facilitate cooperation and networking between different regions and cities.

There are 2 types of Event Partner:

PARTNER

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

(2 guides but 1 application form)

What is a Regional Partnership?

- A group of min. 4 and max. 10 European regions and/or cities from at least 4 Member States organising together a session during the EURegions Week in Brussels
- The sessions aim at exchanging experiences and good practice as well as facilitating cooperation and networking between different regions and cities
- For more detailed information see Guide for Regional Partnerships

For what types of activity can you apply?

You can only apply for one activity via the application form, but you are welcome to take part in different activities with different associated partners.

You can organise either:

- EURegions talks (30 minutes)
- Presentations & Q&A (60 minutes)
- Participatory Labs (90 minutes) – morning
- Participatory Labs (150 minutes) – afternoon
- Workshops (90 minutes) – morning
- Workshops (150 minutes) – afternoon
- Exhibitions
- Tasting of Region and Cities

(detailed information can be found in the guidelines for Partners and Regional Partnerships)

Please note that an application to compose a Regional Partnership does not offer the possibility to organise an exhibition or a regional tasting. However, Local and Regional Associations (LRAs) can also apply as individual partners to have a stand or to participate to the Regional Tasting at the Square.

What are the timeslots for these activities?

9:15 – 10:45

11:30 – 13:00

14:30 – 17:00 *

* This timeslot will be allocated in priority to Participatory session and/or sessions followed or preceded by networking

Where will your session take place?

Most of the session of Partners will take place at the Square or at the Meeting Place of CoR.

For sessions at the Square, priority will be given to:

- Discussions related to the Commission proposals on the next MFF & the future Cohesion Policy
- EU (co) funded programmes and projects, including project promoters
- Application proposals already concerted with Commission colleagues

For the session at the CoR meeting place

The working session organised at the CoR should include a participation of regional/local elected representatives.

Regional Partnership sessions will take place in the Regional Offices premises or at the CoR Meeting Place.

The exhibition and tasting of Regions and Cities take place at the Square.

How to submit your application and what is the deadline?

Via the On-line application, form available on the event website by the 30 January

Deadline: 29 March 2019

Publication of the Results: when?

From 30 April via the website and on social media, and individual applicants will also receive individual notice.

When is the next info session?

Next information session for selected Event Partners will take place on 21 May (deadline for submitting final descriptions and details of chairs and speakers is 7 June).

What are the other parts of the programme?

- **Media programme**

A joint media programme will be organised for journalists from local, regional, national and European media outlets.

It will include working facilities at the Square and at the CoR including interviewing facilities.

- **Young media programme**

#Youth4Regions is a programme for journalism students and young journalists from the EU, accession and neighbouring countries. It aims to encourage the target group to learn about Regional Policy.

The application period for journalism students and young journalists opens on 8 April. We would appreciate if you could promote #Youth4Regions in your region starting with this date.

If you know of potential applicants they can contact us at EURegionsWeek@ec.europa.eu for more information.

- **The University**

The University sessions will involve European academic networks specialising in regional development, with an emphasis on the policy dimension (such as the Regional Studies Association, the European Regional Science Association and the Association of European Schools of Planning), as well as academics and researchers in the field of EU cohesion policy and related policy fields.

- **Master Class**

The Master Class is a unique format to connect aspiring researchers to the making and implementation of EU Cohesion Policy.

- **Side Events**

Side events will be announced on a dedicated section of the event website and may be advertised in the electronic newsletter, however they are not included in the official programme or in the online registration system.

What are the communication channels?

The main communication platform for all the latest information on the European Week of Regions and Cities is the event website: www.regions-and-cities.europa.eu and the hashtag to be used on social media is **#EURegionsWeek**.

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