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Sète Agglopôle Méditerranée	Nicole Herisson	0033467464783	n.herisson@agglopole.fr	Green Transition	Partnership requested on Green Transition - our local authority is investing massively in different areas (biodiversity, waste water and waste treatment, renovation of public buildings for an energy efficiency, mobility and multimodal facilities). We would be pleased to share on european level the engagements on Green Transition.	X	
Lille Métropole	Paul Gaspar	0033787306469	pgaspar@lillemetropole.fr	Green Transition	We are looking forward to contribute in partnership on the following topics: - energy renovation : we have developed a one stop shop Amelio to accompany more than 8000 deep renovation every years - energy poverty : we have a special program to help low-income energy households to renovate their house - sustainable soil and water management : we work on protecting water and soil by prohibiting and urban sprawl and reworking urban mobility networks - Green City Accord : we are recent signatories of the Green City Accord and will work on improving our environmental policies - natural gas : we develop natural gas from waste both as Natural gas for vehicles, especially buses and for heating - SECA: we just adopted our new climate action plan with a focus on improving air quality, climate change adaptation and mitigation and reducing CO2 emissions, especially by improving energy efficiency We are keen on sharing our best practices and join a session on one or more of the following topics in partnership with other cities and regions.	X	
Brussels	Sara Badreh	0032471916607	sara.badreh@ecpc.org	Citizens engagement	Cancer treatments and diagnosis during COVID-19, health care inequalities throughout Europe, cancer comorbidities and the importance of multi-discipline teams and treatments.	X	X
Ruse	Nikola Benin		nbenin@uni-ruse.bg	Citizens engagement		X	X

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Timis County	Mirela-Carina Sinca	+40735084621	carina.sinca@cjtimis.ro	Digital Transition	Digitization is one of Timis county's highest priorities. We are looking for a partner to address the digital transition topic through knowledge exchanges and participatory sessions. We need to capitalize the momentum and use the available recovery funding to successfully deliver digital transition for the people. Modern paperless administration, education in the digital era, digital pollution and challenges, Timișoara European Capital of Culture 2023 going digital are just some of the possible dimensions to explore during the session.	x	x
Castilla-La Mancha	Teresa Revenga		oficina.bruselas@jccm.es	Digital Transition	Digital participation for the people in the field of social welfare.	x	
Castilla-La Mancha	Teresa Revenga		oficina.bruselas@jccm.es	Cohesion	Recovery strategies (including measures related to digitisation/green deal/cohesion).	x	x
European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino (Alpeuregio)	Michael Wolf	+436644341313	michael.wolf@tirol.gv.at	Green Transition	The European Region "Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino" is looking for partners that are interested in commonly applying for a workshop on the topic "The European Year of Rail: How to harmonise European rail systems in line with the green and digital transition of the EU." According to our political priorities, we especially encourage regions from the "TEN-T Scan-Med-corridor" to connect with us and share their views. Other regions, especially those integrated in the TEN-T Network, with the focus on closing gaps, removing bottlenecks and technical barriers, with the aim of strengthening social, economic and territorial cohesion in the EU, are highly welcome. Further, we friendly invite for a first online exchange about concrete partnership possibilities on Friday 26 February (09:30 morning).		x
Saxony-Anhalt	Silke Antos		silke.antos@lv-bruessel.stk.sachsen-anhalt.de	Cohesion	We look for European coal regions which apply innovative solutions to deal with structural transformation. Saxony-Anhalt has significant experience in social innovation and putting the human-being in the centre, which we would like to showcase in a regional partnership within the EU Regions Week.		x

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Northern Ireland	Nuala McNamee	0044 7767 442157	nuala.mcnamee@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk	Green Transition	<p>Modal shift in transport habits contributing to a "green recovery" in the aftermath of Covid-19. The Northern Ireland example of the new North – West Transport Hub is a valuable project to showcase and demonstrate cohesion and green transition. The project was funded through the Interreg VA programme, an SEUPB project, and received additional support from DCSD Council, DfI and DoT, Ireland.</p> <p>It demonstrates a cross-border project and encourages a modal shift in transport habits contributing to a "green recovery" in the aftermath of Covid-19. The Hub is major key portal for the North-West supporting business, leisure and tourism opportunities as well as a community space. The 19th century building used was restored and repurposed for use as a 21st century transport facility.</p>	x	x
Republic of Srpska	Nemanja Malic	+32477593082	n.malic@rep-srpska.eu	Citizens engagement	Citizen engagement or civic participation in group activity addressing issues of public concern. Might include engagement of communities working together or individuals working alone in both political and non-political actions to protect public values or make a change in a community.	x	x
Regione Sicilia	Maria Cristina Stimolo	0039 091 7070036	mariacristina.stimolo@regione.sicilia.it	Citizens engagement	<p>We are looking forward to contribute in partnership on the topic of citizens engagement.</p> <p>In particular, encouraging people in the creation and development of enterprises operating in the domain of social business and corporate social responsibility while maintaining an overall and balanced view between "social" and "business" while stimulating and empowering people to take action.</p> <p>Our Region is experiencing good practices for involvement of young talents, startups and associations to create a favourable ecosystem for the development of social business made also up of post COVID innovative services able to support profit and non-profit entities, voluntary associations, SMEs ecc</p>	x	

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North-East Romania	Andra Costin	+40764442557	andra.costin@adnorddest.ro	Digital Transition	<p>Infotech and Biotech Twin Revolutions. Can regions and cities rise to the occasion? Major forces are shaping societies all over the world and are more likely to influence the future of our planet as a whole. The twin revolutions in information technology and biotechnology confront us with one of the biggest challenges our species has ever encountered. The merger of these two great revolutions of our era could easily undermine humans' liberty and equality, but can also give them power to reshape and re-engineer life as we know it.</p> <p>Questions to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is access to the internet a fundamental human right? A self-regulating force, that deepens democracy, or an inequality amplifier? • Digital transition: More and more cities and regions are experimenting with participatory budgeting, commonly executed online. What happens with the people with no connectivity? • What is the future of the internet? Is the future in the past? Is it possible that regions and cities will create their own internet and local networks and infrastructure, considering the internet a critical service, like, for instance, water or electricity? • All the smart digital everything everywhere ecosystem is responsible for more and more CO2 emissions. The Internet, before the pandemic, was responsible for more CO2 emission than aviation. What will happen next? • Are the advances made in biotechnology increasing the socio-economic disparities between regions? Is the massive potential of biotech directed to where it's required the most? • Where do we draw the line between helpful and harmful biotechnology? How can we prevent the environmental and human health risks? Or the social risks which can arise from our new ability to develop new species at an increasingly rapid rate and to potentially alter human beings by changing their genetic structure? • Can the regulatory systems on biotech processes and products prevent us from their potential harm? 	x	x
Green Metropolitan Region Arnhem Nijmegen	Arnout Smit		arnout.smit@arnhemnijmegen.eu	Green Transition	<p>1. European Year of Rail: how regions contribute to international passenger train networks.</p> <p>2. Circular Living Labs: from knowledge to impact in a living lab approach on circular construction, climate adaptation, resources and food systems. Best practices and how to scale up.</p> <p>3. Circular construction contributing to green urbanisation (including wood).</p>	x	x
Andalucía	Rafael Montilla Castillo	+34616107581	rafael.montilla.castillo.edu@juntadeandalucia.es	Green Transition	<p>Workshop organized by a Regional Partnership on how regions are engaging citizens for the fulfillment of the Green Deal policy areas. Exchange of good practices through short videos, oral presentations and debates with contributions from the audience. Important to be on-site.</p>	x	x

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Andalucía	Rafael Montilla Castillo	+34 616107581	rafael.montilla.castillo.edu@juntadeandalucia.es	Green Transition	<p>The chosen option for participation is the Regional Partnership, which includes holding a 90-minute workshop in Brussels on the topics Green transition and citizen involvement. The idea would be to discuss how regional authorities use available European funds in the context of Vocational Training to promote greater interaction between companies, public institutions and VET centers, to implement the Green Pact among citizens, perhaps focusing on in the mobility of people and goods by rail (given that it is the EU Rail Year), and integrate its determinations in the teachings of the professionals of the future, that is, in VET.</p> <p>We (General Directorate of Vocational Training of the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Junta de Andalucía) are looking for other regional educational authorities (with Lower Saxony there is already a General Protocol and we are working on the title of Transport and logistics) and two or three others with whom we have never collaborated, and propose that 90-minute workshop, in which each partner presents through a 3-minute video and a speech of another 5 minutes what they do to integrate the European Green Pact in VET (dual or not), and then open a debate, with a moderator, to which students or former students of each partner, companies and the Secretary General of External Action of Junta de Andalucía are also invited, José Enrique Millo Rocher (and if the other partners want to bring their representative from the Committee of the Regions, they could also be included).</p>	x	x