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“ The year 2023 has shown that climate crisis is the biggest challenge of our generation, underscoring the urgent need for ambitious mitigation and adaptation action at COP28 in Dubai. Local and regional governments must play a key role in translating global climate goals into tangible, localised actions, and need to be provided with the adequate financial and technical support. This is why the CoR delegation to COP28 will continue to advocate for making subnational engagement and multilevel action a reality in UNFCCC processes. ”

**Apostolos Tzitzikostas,**  
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## As the European Union’s political assembly of local and regional governments representing more than one million elected politicians in the 27 Member States, and as part of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations, the European Committee of the Regions:

1. Calls for an ambitious COP28 outcome that fully integrates multilevel action. Emphasises that any delay in implementing effective cross-level measures to fight climate change will further amplify climate risks, resulting in increasing biodiversity loss, health risks and loss and damage;
2. Recalls that subnational governments are advancing and broadening climate action by adopting ambitious local strategies. This provides Parties with confidence that the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are implemented on the ground;
3. Urges Parties to involve local and regional governments and, where applicable, integrate local and regional actions and plans in the drafting and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), SDGs and other strategies;
4. Strongly calls for direct and rapid access to climate funding for local and regional governments. This is essential to provide tailored and effective solutions to address the unique challenges faced by cities and regions;
5. Calls for technical support, capacity-building, and investments for fossil-fuel-reliant cities and regions to ensure their meaningful participation in climate action and resilience-building efforts. Actions undertaken must aim at the creation of additional green jobs, revitalise local economies and provide support to the most vulnerable citizens through a fair and inclusive sustainable transition that will also aim to drastically reduce energy and mobility poverty.
6. Calls for locally-led adaptation approaches in the Global Goal on Adaptation framework and reiterates the importance of reducing the risks and effects of maladaptation;
7. Emphasises the importance of addressing the interlinkages between climate, biodiversity, circular economy and the SDGs and invites Parties to facilitate the adoption of nature-based solutions as key solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change;
8. Supports subnational governments’ engagement at the first-ever COP28 Local Climate Action Summit and the institutionalization of the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanisation and Climate Change as a regular mandated event at UNFCCC COPs;
9. Welcomes the **COP28 position of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency**. Invites Parties to leverage partnerships and collaboration with the LGMA, as the platform bringing subnational voices globally and reinforcing a worldwide network of subnational governments fighting climate change;
10. Underlines that the first Global Stocktake (GST) must lead all Parties and non-Party stakeholders on an urgent and transparent path to accelerate climate action. Considers that the GST presents an unmissable opportunity to scale up climate action by working across all levels of governance and sectors, fostering trust, citizen engagement, transparency and accountability.

Read the CoR opinion “UNFCCC COP28: the role of subnational authorities in keeping climate ambition on track” by rapporteur *Rafał Trzaskowski* (PL/EPP) Mayor of Warsaw.



Read the CoR opinion “The CoR’s role in boosting sub national climate diplomacy ahead of COP27 and COP28” by rapporteur *Olgiard Geblewicz*, President of West Pomerania Region.





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