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We are pleased to share the COP27 Sharm El Sheikh Chronicles, intended to bring you summary on the activities and key messages that the members of the European Committee of the Regions delivered at COP27, be that remotely or from Sharm El Sheikh. Please click here to download the CoR official delegation and key messages to COP27. Here is our [dedicated COP27 web portal](#).



Monday 14th

During the first day of the second week of COP27, the CoR delegation has engaged in discussions with the High-Level Climate Champions, the Swedish national delegation and the European Parliament delegation on the outstanding issues on the negotiation process. The CoR delegation pushed for the formal recognition of subnational governments in accelerating a just climate transition. Delegates have underlined the importance of direct funding for local and regional authorities and have put forward the call for the inclusion of Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs) to complement the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew) participated to Climate Champions Dialogue with Nigel Topping, High-Level Climate Champion for COP26 and Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Climate Champion for COP27, and representatives of the Marrakech Partnership, Non-State Actors Leaders, UNFCCC leadership, COP Presidencies and key partners,

representing the local and regional viewpoint in a multi stakeholder setting with the aim of shaping a shared narrative around ambitious climate action.



Speaking alongside Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy at the side event on Energy efficiency as a valuable resource – Boosting energy performance of the economy and renovating buildings., Rafał Trzaskowski (PL/EPP) underlined the need to move away from an energy system based on traditional, centralised generation, stressing the role of cities and regions in promoting decentralised, tailored solutions: *“If we want to really make strides towards more energy efficiency, we need to devolve power and we need to devolve the way in which we deal with innovation and retrofiting”*. You can watch the recording [here](#).



The CoR delegation met with the upcoming Swedish Presidency of the Council to take stock of the negotiations and to work towards reinforcing the EU mandate for COP28.

The Swedish delegation highlighted the challenges when aiming at higher mitigation targets due to the current energy crisis and noted that loss and damage remains one of the outstanding issues in the agenda. The CoR delegation conveyed its political messages to be taken into account in the final conclusions of the COP27, including a call for the formal inclusion of Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs), to complement the NDCs globally and the need to provide cities and regions with direct and sufficient financial and technical tools.

Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) participated to the side event: delivering on the urban transition to net-zero: multi-level partnerships and innovation to achieve systemic change. The Urban Transition Mission, launched by the Global Covenant of Mayors, aims at enabling 50 ambitious cities worldwide to demonstrate



integrated pathways towards urban transitions built around clean energy and innovative net-zero carbon solutions. Drawing from experience, Alison Gilliland underlined the importance of initiatives like the EU Mission for 100 Climate-neutral and Smart Cities and issued a clear call for UNFCCC Parties to acknowledge the role of multilevel action in delivering the Paris Agreement in the COP27 conclusions. You can watch the recording [here](#).

The CoR delegation met with MEP and European Parliament (EP) delegate to COP27, Lidia PEREIRA, in order to take stock of the fruitful cooperation between the CoR and EP on the road to COP27 and to identify key milestones moving towards COP28. MEP Pereira stressed the need for cities and regions to be included in the negotiation of key aspects of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and recalled the strong messages in this regard in the European Parliament Resolution to COP27.



The event Results of the Regional Meeting on Climate Change and Gender Equality: For gender-sensitive climate action in Latin America and the Caribbean brought together actors to exchange good practices and priorities on promoting gender equality on the road towards climate neutrality. Kata Tüttö (HU/PES), rapporteur on the CoR opinion on Gender equality and Climate change: towards mainstreaming the gender perspective in the European Green Deal, stressed that women's contributions to green economic activities are essential to achieve equitable sustainable development.

Rafał Trzaskowski (PL/EPP) participated in a meeting between the Global Covenant of Mayors' Board (largest global alliance for city climate leadership, bringing together more than 10 000 cities worldwide) and the European Parliament delegation to COP27. As part of the Global Covenant of Mayors' Board, he underlined the importance of granting cities and regions access to direct funding and technical assistance opportunities.



Tuesday 15th

The CoR delegation was present in full force in Sharm el-Sheikh on the ninth day of COP27, where delegates met with EVP Frans Timmermans and key EU institutions, issuing a clear call for a stronger recognition of local and regional authorities in the COP27 conclusion documents. Delegates participated in events organised by global and European partners to highlight the importance of local and regional action in the just transition, tackling energy poverty and enabling multilevel cooperation, among others.

Marieke Schouten (NL/The Greens) attended the event just transition and social dialogue to achieve ambitious climate policies that leave no one behind and underlined the importance of citizen engagement in ensuring a just transition: *"Just transition can be put into practice at local level with a lot of imagination, prioritisation of investment and education. We have to recognise that 'trickle down' does not exist in climate policy: local governments should heavily invest in sustainable social housing, encourage education and training for new types of jobs and skills locally, and engage in local renewable energy projects together with citizens. Local levels are directly accountable, which also creates a lot of space for dialogue with citizens"*.

Jakub Chelstowski (PL/ECR) met with Kate Wilson, Executive Director for Climate Change and Sustainability of New South Wales, Australia to discuss shared experiences and synergies on the energy transition and meeting EU and global decarbonisation goals. Both parties expressed their commitments towards climate action and stressed the importance of unifying around global challenges.

The CoR delegation sat down with, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Australia, to discuss prospects of global cooperation



between local authorities. The Australian state of Queensland is already experiencing substantial negative effects from climate change along its highly developed coastline and has recently adopted a cutting-edge action plan on both mitigation and adaptation to climate change. The Lord Mayor stated that CoR members should be encouraged to join the

[SDG Cities Global Initiative](#) in order to showcase their commitments and engage in climate action on the global level.

This meeting was followed by the side event Cities stepping up to the energy crisis: launching the Energy Access and Poverty Pillar of the GCoM Common Reporting Framework.

Energy poverty occurs at the local level and has profound impacts on the quality of life of people worldwide. The event, organised by the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), served as a launch point of the Energy Access and Poverty Pillar (EAPP) of the GCoM Common Reporting Framework. Rafał Trzaskowski (PL/EPP) applauded the EAPP as a good way to keep track of energy poverty at a global scale, stressing the importance of local authorities in evaluating and addressing the vulnerabilities.



The bilateral Meeting with Ukrainian NGO Razom We Stand, a grassroots organisation that stands for the sustainable reconstruction of Ukraine and a total and permanent embargo on Russian fossil fuels, as well as an immediate end to all investment into Russian oil and gas companies was the occasion for the CoR delegation to meet with Director Svitlana Romanko to discuss how the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine and the CoR Working Group on Ukraine could support such efforts.



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Fighting climate change requires creativity and innovation centred around human needs and existing capabilities. Joining a panel of experts, Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) highlighted the need for co-creation between decision-makers and citizens as and presented the Smart Dublin initiative as a good way to enable and scale innovation at the local and subnational level during the side event: Rethink your Action: Education, Innovation, and Digitalization for Participatory Climate Action in Cities at the Innovation Hub Pavilion.

During COP26, the Multilevel Climate Action Playbook for Local and Regional Governments was published by GCoM to help cities establish multilevel governance frameworks for their green transition processes.

During COP27, the Second Edition of the Playbook was launched as an update to reflect the global developments since Glasgow. In the side event, The Global Covenant of Mayors Multilevel Climate Action Playbook, Olgierd Geblewicz (PL/EPP) stressed the importance of multilevel cooperation in reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement, highlighting the unique role of regions and cities: *“If we want to be successful in climate policy, we need three ingredients: financing, legislation and society. Our crucial job is to convince society”*.



Financing the transition to climate neutrality in the Mediterranean: Who, how, where and when. Although Mediterranean countries contribute moderately to global greenhouse gas emissions the region is a climate change hotspot, as highlighted by several IPCC reports. Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew) joined the event to showcase the crucial role of local authorities in transforming the Mediterranean and highlighted the role of the CoR Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM) in boosting subnational climate diplomacy during COP27 and with a view to COP28.



The CoR delegation met with the EESC delegation to COP27 to discuss cooperation on the road to COP28, as well as opportunities and milestones for future cooperation. Both delegations highlighted the need to better exploit synergies in order to multiply their impacts at future UNFCCC COPs and the need to work together on the topics of just transition inclusion and youth empowerment.

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The CoR delegation was invited to take part in the official European Commission briefing on COP27. Executive Vice-President of the Commission, Frans Timmermans, presented the current state of the negotiations and the EU position. Participating



alongside the European Parliament and the EESC delegation, the CoR delegation issued clear call for a stronger recognition of local and regional authorities in the EU mandate for COP28 and underlined its leading role in boosting subnational climate diplomacy in the EU and beyond. In his response, EVP Timmermans expressed his willingness to further explore ways of cooperation with the CoR.



The third and final of a series of high-level meetings between Nigel Topping, High-Level Climate Champion for COP26 and Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Climate Champion for COP27, and representatives of the Marrakech Partnership, Non-State Actors Leaders, UNFCCC leadership, COP Presidencies and key partners. Taking part in the dialogue, Vincent CHAUVET (FR/Renew) applauded the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action as a good way for subnational governments cooperate and engage in global climate action, also stressing that these kinds of initiatives must lead to a stronger recognition of subnational actors within the UNFCCC process.

PLATFORMA is the pan-European coalition of towns and regions that are active in decentralised cooperation,



serving as a hub of expertise on European local and regional governments' international action. The CoR delegation joined EU institutional delegates and Diana Acconcia, Director on International affairs and climate finance, DG CLIMA, European Commission, in an exchange with PLATFORMA and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Africa delegates to discuss the role of decentralised cooperation in sustainable development and tackling climate change organised by Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).

Wednesday 16th

Wednesday 16 November marked the tenth day at COP27 climate talks, another busy day for the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) delegation to Sharm el-Sheikh. The CoR hosted an event in the EU pavilion gathering global networks of subnational governments to launch the [Declaration EU Green Deal: from local to global](#). Delegates engaged in discussions with High-Level Champions, the Czech Presidency, the European Parliament and other key institutional partners to address the current state of the negotiations and the road to the upcoming COP28 to be held in Dubai. A press conference with CoR members was held in the COP27 Cairo press room, jointly conveying the need for a stronger role of subnational governments in international climate talks and in the implementation of the Paris agreement. In a series of Blue Zone events, CoR members highlighted the importance of local and regional action in biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, the deployment of green hydrogen and the New European Bauhaus, 'the soul of the Green Deal', among others.

The New European Bauhaus, launched in November 2021, is aimed at connecting the European Green Deal to the daily lives and living spaces of citizens. The EIT Climate-KIC



organised event aimed at bringing a diverse set of experts and stakeholders to the UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub (UGIH) in order to

discuss the role of the New European Bauhaus within the EU and beyond. At the event: Building Bridges in Cities and Regions with New European Bauhaus. Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) highlighted the importance of culture and creative sectors in mainstreaming climate action into citizens' everyday lives: "Very few sectors are better placed than the culture and creative sectors to bridge the gap between what we know and feel about climate change, and to critically examine and provoke a shift in cultural values and norms. The New European Bauhaus is the soul of the Green Deal".



The CoR delegation met with the Czech Presidency to take stock of the negotiations and to work towards reinforcing the EU mandate for COP28. Jan Dusík, Deputy Minister of Environment, Czechia, welcomed the good cooperation between the CoR and the Czech Presidency on the road to COP27. The CoR delegation called on the standing Presidency to urge the Parties to integrate multilevel and cooperative action, as an essential element of implementation and ambition of the Paris Agreement, asking for the explicit recognition of these points in the COP27 conclusions.



Green hydrogen could take an important place in the global energy mix, having a profound impact on the state of geopolitics in the future.



At the event, green hydrogen: how to reconcile North/South stakes in the development of the future market, Jakub Chelstowski (PL/ECR), CoR rapporteur on the [Energy package on gas, hydrogen and methane emissions](#) highlighted the importance of hydrogen in addressing fossil fuel dependency: *“Poland manufactures a lot of hydrogen. It is not entirely clean hydrogen because it uses coal for its production, but it can still be used to decrease dependency on fossil fuels. We must become independent of fossil fuels – this is not an option, it is an absolute necessity”*.

Side event: The Edinburgh Declaration on biodiversity is a key milestone in the formal recognition of contributions by subnational governments to the achievement of global biodiversity goals and targets. At the upcoming CBD COP15 in Canada, the goal of the Edinburgh Declaration is for Parties to formalise this role via the adoption of a Plan of Action specifically dedicated to subnational governments. The CoR is an official signatory of the Declaration. At side event, hearing the voice of subnational governments: Learning from the Edinburgh Declaration for biodiversity, Marieke Schouten (NL/The Greens) highlighted the link between the Edinburgh and UNFCCC processes: *“The achievements of the Edinburgh process can be replicated for the Paris agreement and in the UNFCCC context, but the question is why and how. LRAs are at the front line when it comes to climate change impacts and biodiversity”*. Roby Biber (LU/PES), CoR rapporteur on Bio-diverse cities and regions

beyond 2020 at the UN CBD COP 15 and in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and member of the CoR delegation CBD COP15 highlighted the benefits that biodiversity and nature can have: *“We have seen that high levels of biodiversity and nature in cities lead to better resilience and a higher level of wellbeing and comfort. Healthy ecosystems act as buffers against hazards and the impacts of climate change while building resilience, sustaining livelihoods, creating jobs and supporting recovery actions from disasters. It is a win-win situation”*.

In a bilateral meeting, Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) sat down with MEP Javi López to discuss how to increase cooperation between the CoR and the European Parliament, and how to bank on the synergies between them. Both parties pointed out the importance of preparations for the upcoming COP28 in Dubai, as well as the upcoming European Parliament elections in 2024.

Side event: Disaster Risk Reduction: GCoM Risk Assessment and Solutions. The EU Pavilion panel discussion presented key urban adaptation and mitigation tools aimed at increasing resilience to climate change and helping prepare for its adverse impacts. Through valuable accounts of Mayors and local leaders from all over the world, the panel explored cities’ achievements to reduce their vulnerability to climate change and environmental hazards. Kata Tüttö (HU/PES), CoR rapporteur on Gender equality and Climate change: towards mainstreaming the gender perspective in the European Green Deal highlighted the importance of decision-makers taking into account the social impacts of adaptation measures: *“When we look at measures, when we look at investments, when we look at budget – we need to be looking at how they will help close the gap with disadvantaged groups of citizens. When we say that our society will carry a great burden on its shoulders this winter, we need to be aware that it is women who will have to carry a disproportionate burden. We very much need to look through a gender lens when making these decisions”*.

The CoR delegation met with Omnia El Omrani, COP27 Presidency Youth Envoy. Ms El Omrani presented the main requests of the YOUNGOs, Constituency officially representing the voice of the youth and their policy





demands in the UNFCCC. She highlighted the importance of mobilising financial assistance and simplifying the accreditation processes for youth participation at COPs. She also invited Parties to designate young people as part of national delegations, and to make them responsible of relevant agenda points. The CoR delegation highlighted the need for meaningful youth participation in decision-making and presented the CoR Young Elected Politicians programme (YEPs).



All around the globe, cities and regions are driving climate ambitions, promoting innovative solutions and mainstreaming sustainability into the everyday lives of

citizens. Without the full engagement of their subnational governments, Parties cannot move from commitments to achievements in time to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement. The CoR delegation rallied key global networks of regions and cities to renew the partnership between them and launch the Declaration on the EU Green Deal: from local to global. Representatives from ICLEI, Under2Coalition, EIT Climate-KIC, Climate Alliance, Climate Chance, Regions4 and the Convention of

Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) gathered to discuss a joint Roadmap for COP28 and highlight the key milestones for cooperation.



The CoR delegation participated to the first-ever Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, convened by the COP27 Egyptian Presidency. The Ministerial meeting aimed at reinforcing the commitment to the Paris Agreement for multi-level climate action. The Egyptian Presidency launched the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe) Initiative. The initiative revolves around the Global SURGe Alliance, which aims to provide an advisory function, convening biennially at the margins of the World Urban Forum and presenting annual progress at



UNFCCC COPs. Speaking on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency and acting as the ICLEI Special Envoy for COP27, Sharon Dijksma, Mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands, stressed the importance of local and regional actors in decarbonizing urban areas.

Jakub Chelstowski (PL/ECR) met with Ana Asti, Undersecretary of Water Resources and Sustainability of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Leonardo Soares, President of the State Water and Sewage Company (CEDAE). The parties exchanged on the challenges, experiences and global synergies in effective water management, as well as the ongoing cooperation between Poland and Brazil.

Thursday 17th

The twelfth day of COP27 marked another important step for the European Committee of the Regions' (CoR) delegation to Sharm el-Sheikh, where delegates participated to the first-ever Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, convened by the COP27 Egyptian Presidency. Delegates continued to contribute to events organised by global and European partners, highlighting the importance of local and regional action in the encouraging climate commitments, enabling public-private cooperation, managing air quality, promoting a fair green skills agenda and leading by example on the road towards climate neutrality.



In 2021, the Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) and the CoR held a joint Mayors Summit on Local Green Deals, launching Local Green Deals - Blueprint for Action. The EU Pavilion event, organised by DG

GROW in cooperation with ICLEI and the CoR, focused on the role of Local Green Deals in enabling transformative action through inclusive governance structures. As key note

speaker, Ricardo Rio (PT/EPP), Mayor of Braga, Portugal, drew from the experiences in his city to underline how Local Green Deals can support collaborative, transformative processes: *“Local Green Deals are an extremely good instrument in facilitating this kind of cooperation. They are a great way of pooling resources and know-how to create real and lasting impacts, and to move together towards a common goal. They are a great way of enabling locally-driven public-private partnerships that multiply the value of green Investments for all of the engaged sides”*. Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew) highlighted that the global dimension should also support local levels on their path towards climate neutrality: *“Two thirds of policies are implemented at the local and regional level. In Europe, direct budgeting comes from EU to cities, but in the future, it should also come from global funds to cities, especially in the global south. We want to be involved in the design of policies and not just the implementation”*.

Under its Regional Decarbonization Roadmap, Japan aims to create 100 leading decarbonization areas by 2030 and roll out these practices to other regions through collaboration between national and local governments. The EU launched the mission to deliver 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030. The side event, Leading Actions toward Zero Carbon Cities, has focused on the similarities and the differences between the two initiatives with the aim of promoting the decarbonization of cities across the world. Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) shared experiences from Dublin, Ireland, as one of the signatories of the EU mission charter: *“Local authorities are also imperative in mobilizing funds for low- or zero-carbon projects. At the heart of the EU mission are the Climate City Contracts – multi-stakeholder partnerships that include an overall plan for climate neutrality across sectors like energy, buildings, waste management and transport, together with related investment plans. The purpose of these partnerships is for all the different actors – citizens, businesses and academia – to develop a stake in the green transition, and it is exactly the local authorities that are best place to facilitate these partnerships”*.



The event “Clean Air as a human right: air quality actions for climate mitigation, adaptation, and human health” gathered experts and stakeholders to discuss the issue of air pollution, effective air quality management and the benefits that it can bring to the wellbeing of citizens. Marieke Schouten (NL/The

Greens) stressed the importance of clean air when it comes to the health and wellbeing of citizens, welcoming the increased EU ambitions on air quality: *“When it comes to health, the WHO guidelines represent better targets than the current EU standards. This is why I welcome new EU legislation published by the European Commission a couple of weeks ago where the standards are increased up to WHO guidelines”*.



Bilateral meeting with the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Jakub Chełstowski (PL/ECR) met with Marilia Carvalho De Melo, Secretary for Environment and Sustainable Development, to strengthen the cooperation between Silesia Region and the State of Minas Gerais, also touching on the BraSilesia project, carried out by the University and the Katowice Special Economic Zone, which facilitates collaboration between Polish and Brazilian companies and universities.

LGMA Global Townhall Towards COP28. The CoR delegation joined the rest of the LGMA Constituency to take stock of the progress on the negotiations and take a look at the main achievements and positions of the Constituency. The event served to round out the main activities under the Multi-Level Action Pavilion and to set a direction for the constituents on the road to COP28 in Dubai.



A green transition cannot happen without an effective labour market that can keep up with the demand for green skills. Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew) joined the event organised by Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) to discuss on the challenges when pushing for an ambitious green skills agenda, stressing the need to protect disadvantaged groups of citizens in the transition: *“There is also a real risk that pushing a green skills agenda can have a more detrimental effect on minorities, women, children, adolescents, youth and people from disadvantaged communities. This is especially true for remote and sparsely populated territories, where the population faces greater barriers and difficulties in accessing quality training and education”*.



Friday 18th

Friday 18 November marked Solutions Day as well as the last day for the CoR delegation at COP27 as most of the CoR Members were travelling back to Europe on this day. Members participated to bilaterals and have concluded their participation to the climate talks with a press conference.

Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew Europe) joined a meeting with others Climate Pact Ambassadors in the Plzeň room of the EU pavilion, to discuss on COPs and on the priorities of the Presidency of the Council. This meeting was the occasion for Vincent Chauvet to mention the crucial role of the ambassadors in making the bridge between European Institutions and citizens across the European Union as well as possibilities to enhance the role of Climate Pact Ambassadors in future COPs.



Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) met with Anna Reynolds, Mayor of Hobart, Australia. This meeting was the occasion to discuss the possible cooperation between cities of Dublin and Hobart. It was also the occasion for Ms. Gilliland and Ms. Reynolds to share the solution implemented in Hobart and in Dublin to achieve climate neutrality.

Alison Gilliland (IE/PES) and Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew) participated to a press conference in the afternoon. This was the occasion for the CoR to gather the points of view of the main partners at COP27: CLEI, Regions4, the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), EUROCITIES, the Under2Coalition, C40 and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). The organisation have a common message : they call on national governments, the Parties and international organisations to fully support local and regional authorities in delivering climate action on the ground.



As echoed in the latest IPCC report, local and regional governments have a growing role in delivering climate action. However, subnational governments – unified under the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations – still lack a formal role

in global climate negotiations and in the implementation of the Paris agreement. Reinforcing multi-level cooperation, direct funds and technical assistance for subnational governments and a global system to collect and monitor cities' and regions' carbon emission reductions are amongst the key claims subnational governments are fighting for at COP27.

Sunday 20th

After two weeks, the negotiations were still ongoing during the weekend. COP27 climate talks reached its conclusions on Sunday 20 November. Vincent Chauvet (FR/Renew Europe), took the floor during the closing plenary as the representative of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations. He had the occasion to showcase the leading role of local and regional authorities as well as their frontrunners role when it comes to lead the climate transition, also welcoming the [COP27 Presidency “Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation” \(SURGe\) initiative](#).

Vincent Chauvet notably said in this regard “*The LGMA constituency calls on the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and future COP presidencies to formally include the role of local and regional authorities in the development of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the drafting of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). The LGMA constituency is concerned that the issue of local adaptation is not receiving the attention it deserves. Municipal and regional diplomacy is insufficiently recognized and exploited as decentralized cooperation is a powerful lever for accelerating local climate action*”.

