



YEPs Monthly Newsletter

All you need to know about CoR's activities and events!

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Green Initiatives

On the occasion of the **International Youth Day** under the theme **'Green Skills for Youth'** on 12 August, our YEPs shared with us the green initiatives in their community, city or region which contribute to a more sustainable world!

[Learn more here!](#)

Look out for the next call for similar social media activities!



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Interview with Joško KLISOVIĆ

The CoR Member [Joško KLISOVIĆ](#) (HR/PES) and Rapporteur of CoR's opinion '*Towards a multilevel Green Deal governance: the revision of the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action regulation*', talked to us about the Green Deal at local and regional level, the challenges ahead and how local and regional politicians can make a difference.

[Read the Opinion](#)

What do you think is the most important merit of the European Green Deal?

For me, its cross-sectoral approach is the most important novelty of the Green Deal, because on the ground, at local or regional level, we are facing with all these issues at the same time. It is by addressing all these sectors at the same time that we will be able to meet our European commitments under the Paris Agreement. Of course, certain aspects have been neglected, notably regarding health and gender policies. So, the European Commission should continue its work on the Green Deal in its next mandate.

After the pandemic and now with the war in Ukraine, can we still afford Green Deal?

The EU has made major efforts to tap green opportunities as part of the management of these crises. The investment plan to address the pandemic – NextGenerationEU – emphasised climate-relevant investments, while the REPowerEU plan to minimise reliance on energy imports from Russia has focused on rollout of green alternatives. Making the Green Deal an accessible and affordable solution for all is the real challenge. The EGD must stand as a paramount priority for the next EU mandate and beyond.

How can local and regional politicians make a difference?

Local and regional authorities are already at the forefront of translating the EU's green objectives into reality on the ground. Many cities, particularly those in the 100 Climate Neutral and smart Cities Mission, are much more ambitious than their national government. We must not underestimate their role, their proximity to citizens, local businesses and industries, their knowledge of local contexts and resources.

[Read the full interview here](#)

Monthly Highlights

On 18 and 19 September, the 19th CIVEX commission meeting and Conference on 'Implementing the proposals of the Conference on the Future of Europe' took place in the beautiful city of Timișoara in Romania. On the debate dedicated to the implementation of #CoFoE proposals, two of our YEPs took the floor.

Kathrin Werth (IT/The Greens) talked about the *Metamorphosis* project and shared insights on promoting EU values through education and culture.



Diana Mardarovici (RO/EPP) discussed about the youth, EU identity and the importance of simplifying language about the EU to strengthen European citizenship.

[Watch the CIVEX session in Romania](#)



On 28-29 September the 19th ENVE Commission meeting took place in Malaga. Our YEP and City Councillor of Civitanova Marche in Italy, **Lavinia Bianchi** (EA) participated in the debate 'Green Deal and coastal areas', focusing on pressing challenges and innovative solutions to combat climate change in coastal areas in the Mediterranean region.

Watch the ENVE session in Spain via webstreaming

Campaign Spotlights

Future of cohesion policy

Cohesion Policy is the glue that keeps Europe together

From the smallest rural village to big metropolitan areas, Cohesion Policy demonstrates everyday its unique role to support cities' and regions' development. While regional disparities are growing in Europe, "more Cohesion" is the only way to tackle these inequalities. The CoR, together with the biggest European associations of cities and regions, is leading the **#CohesionAlliance**, a coalition of those who believe that EU Cohesion Policy must continue to be a pillar of the EU's future. Do you want to be part of the debate?

Join the
#CohesionAlliance

Addressing the climate change

The Green Deal Funding Alert

The Green Deal Funding Alert is a **CoR newsletter** that keeps you informed about ongoing funds and initiatives that support sustainable development and transition to climate neutrality. Every month, we share a curated selection of programmes and initiatives that provide financial support and guidance to European cities and regions. The latest edition of the newsletter focuses on climate adaptation and biodiversity in urban areas.

Discover
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regular updates

A new chapter for democracy

Becoming a Citizen Participation Expert!

How can we adapt to climate change? How can we make digitalising work for all? How do we need to change our mobility? Integrating citizens' voices into the policy-making process is becoming increasingly important for policymakers and these are just some of the issues where citizen engagement can support policy-making and implementation.

We invite you to participate in our **Capacity Building Programme** carried out with the **Bertelsmann Foundation**. All applicants will have a chance to be reimbursed to come to a Winter School in Brussels.

Learn more and
apply here

It's a Wrap!

The **first round** of trainings on participatory and deliberative democracy, carried out by the Bertelsmann Foundation, concluded on 15 September 2023 with the third workshop of the [A new chapter for participatory democracy](#) project.

[Check out the VOD here](#)



Social Media Corner!

Do you have best practices in your municipality, city or region?

Share with the YEP community on our [Facebook](#) or [WhatsApp](#) groups and learn from others!

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