

Local action. Global shift.

Living the Sustainable Development Goals

*Join us in building a more sustainable future
in every city, town and region!*



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**Congress of Europe's
cities, towns and regions**
6 - 8 May 2020 • Innsbruck

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Change the world for the better: Join the SDG movement for a global shift through local action.

More than ever before, the “Sustainable Development Goals” feature high on the political agenda. But why are they so crucial for cities, towns and regions? Because they ensure that the right choices are made today to improve the quality of life for future generations. Because they instil a spirit of partnership to tackle shared challenges. And because they provide a checklist to build fairer, healthier and more sustainable societies across the globe.

However, although the implementation of the SDGs is advancing at a good pace, the clock is ticking...

That's why, ten years ahead of the SDGs global deadline, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) invites you to its congress with the motto: “Local action. Global shift. Living the Sustainable Development Goals.”

One of a kind, the congress will bring together the whole SDG family in one place. Mayors, local and regional leaders, national governments, scholars, representatives from EU institutions and civil society: over 1000 participants are expected in Innsbruck.

A stimulating and varied programme

Through masterclasses, *TED*-style talks and interactive sessions, get a hands-on experience on how to design tailor-made strategies to reach the global goals. Engage in small group discussion on how to finance sustainable development or adapt to the impacts of climate change. Exchange with mayors on how the SDGs transformed their cities. Explore how decentralised cooperation can be upgraded through the SDGs.

Experts will also offer you invaluable insights and proven strategies on how to master monitoring and make sure you are on the right track for 2030.

But not only that! Numerous off-site sessions and walks through the enchanting streets of Innsbruck will be organised, including on mobility and public transport, energy efficiency, water management, sustainable housing, sport and recreation space.

Will you take the lead and trigger global shift through local action? Join us, from 6 to 8 May 2020, in the beautiful city of Innsbruck, a city that embodies sustainable development!

Come to the congress if you want to...

- be part of the SDG community,
- promote your own SDG-based activities,
- build or strengthen SDG partnerships,
- explore new SDG alliances,
- become a thought leader on SDG implementation,
- get ready for 2030!

1,000
participants

40+
countries

50+
speakers

28
sessions

17
goals

Draft programme

Wednesday, 6 May 2020

- 15:00 **Congress opening session | Setting the scene: From the global Agenda to local action!**
- 18:00 PLATFORMAwards ceremony: Rewarding excellence in cities and regions international action
- Welcome reception

Thursday, 7 May 2020

- 09:30 Discussion panels
- Leading by example: How the SDGs transformed their cities
 - SDG contest: A global game for local leaders (part 1/2)
 - Designing tailor-made local strategies to reach the global goals
 - Ready, steady, build your dream city! (part 1/2)
 - Sustainable investments in affordable housing
- 11:30 Discussion panels
- Beyond territorial fractures: How to overcome inequalities in Europe
 - SDG contest: A global game for local leaders (part 2/2)
 - Mastering monitoring: Make sure you are on the right track for 2030
 - Ready, steady, build your dream city! (part 2/2)
- 14:00 Off-site discovery sessions: the SDGs in action!
- Gala dinner

Friday, 8 May 2020

- 09:30 Discussion panels
- Financing sustainable development: An impossible quest?
 - Upgrading democracy through active citizenship, technology and open government
 - When fiction meets reality: Upgrading decentralised cooperation through the SDGs
 - The power of climate adaptation: Lessons from great initiatives
- 11:30 **Congress closing session | Towards a new development model: dialogue with European leaders**

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Also drive the debates around the SDGs forwards with #CEMR2020.

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The aim is to organise the event according to the criteria of the Austrian Ecolabel for Green Meetings.

