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Welcome to Resonance!

The monthly news **bulletin** from across CEMR and its member associations

We're thrilled to announce that the next Secretaries General and Directors Meeting will take place in Cyprus on April 23rd and 24th hosted by the Union of Cyprus Municipalities.

In this edition of Resonance, we invite you to sign the Cohesion Alliance's Joint Call: CEMR, alongside its Alliance partners, invites elected representatives of regions and cities across Europe to advocate for a comprehensive EU agenda prioritising social, economic, and territorial cohesion.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming CEMR event, "Pathway to Resilience: Local and Regional Perspectives on the Recovery and Resilience Facility," scheduled for April 16th. Join us for an in-person panel discussion exploring the critical role of Local and Regional Governments in navigating the challenges of recovery and resilience.

Don't miss out on the invitation to Green Day on April 10th, where we'll delve into discussions on climate strategies tailored to the needs of Local Governments and Regions. Plus, get updates on crucial legislative matters, including the final vote on Soil Legislation and the extended deadline for the Green Deal Report.

Thank you for joining us in advocating for positive change. Together, let's continue shaping a future where resilience, sustainability, and inclusivity thrive in our communities.

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Secretaries General and Directors Meeting - Cyprus 23-24 April

The Union of Cyprus Municipalities will host the next SGDs meeting. Two days of intensive roundtable covering statutory affairs, preparations for the Policy Committee and the presentation of new CEMR activities for 2024.



Cohesion Alliance - Joint Call open for signatures

CEMR and the partner of the Alliance call elected representatives of regions and cities across Europe to advocate for a comprehensive EU agenda that prioritises social, economic, and territorial cohesion.

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CEMR Event - Pathway to Resilience: LRGs and RRF

CEMR invites its member associations to the in-person panel "Pathways to Resilience: Local and Regional Perspectives on the Recovery and Resilience Facility" scheduled for April 16th.

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UCLG Culture Summit - Call for the host city

UCLG will convene a 6th Culture Summit in 2025 and is looking for its host city. Candidates are invited to send a letter of interest before 12 April 2024 to the UCLG World Secretariat.

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What is our call to action for the upcoming EU elections?

Read more →

Find out



Event Invitation - Green Day, April 10th / Hybrid

Climate change hits differently across places and people. However, driving the green transition requires a holistic approach from all levels of governance. Join our discussion on how to build together climate strategies tailored to the needs of cities and regions.



Update on Soil Legislation - Final Vote April 10

Current negotiations focus on adopting a Soil Health Directive to address soil degradation, crucial for sustainable land management in Europe. Learn about the proposed legislation and CEMR's recommendations for effective implementation.

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Green Deal Report - Deadline extended to April 5h

CEMR seeks your support to spotlight Green Deal implementation challenges at the local level. The data gathered thrugh the survey will inform a publication for the next EU Parliament and Commission.

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Citizen Participation Award - Call for Submission 2024

The International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD) and UCLG invite Local and Regional Governments to submit their innovative practices of local democracy and co-creation for the 18th edition of the IOPD Award "Best Practice in Citizen Participation."

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UNION OF CYPRUS MUNICIPALITIES

The Union of Cyprus Municipalities is hosting the next Secretary General and Directors meeting on April 23 and 24.

For the last 30 years, the Union of Cyprus Municipalities has been contributing to the growing independence of local authorities, acting as the frontline of their interests in all national and international fora, from the central government to the parliament and other organisations in Cyprus and abroad.

The main goal of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities is to provide support to municipalities in their efforts to improve quality of life, with public works and services covering every aspect of the citizen's daily lives. The Union's assistance is ever present in all facets of the municipalities' activities.

Learn more about UCM



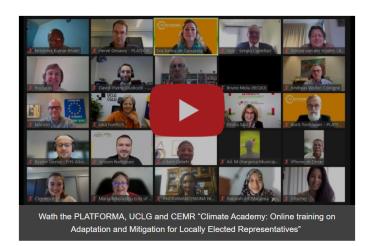
PLATFORMA CLIMATE ACADEMY

We're excited to share something special with you – the recordings from the recent "Climate Academy: Online Training on Adaptation and Mitigation for Locally Elected Representatives," held on March 12th and 13th, 2024.

This academy was all about exchanging ideas and strategies among politicians and activists that demand real action on climate change at the local and regional levels.

Missed the Academy?

a Access the Recordings: Don't worry, you can rewatch the two meetings the PLATFORMA Youtube channel.



WOMEN IN POLITICS WEBINARS

Thank you for participating in the Women in Politics webinars!

For two days, we shared a safe platform for open conversations, where elected representatives shared their experiences of the barriers hindering women's participation in politics.

We believe that your presence and engagement were crucial for having this impactful exchange. If you feel this is the time to share your story, you can get in touch with our Gender, Diversity and Migration Officer <u>Annelies Coessens</u>.

Our stories have been featured on Politico Living Cities and in the Giovanna Coi's coverage on the risks for women's right <u>If far right surges in EU election, women's rights could be imperiled – POLITICO</u>

Together, we want to shape a future where women's discrimination has no place in politics.

Missed the meetings? You can rewatch them here.







- 02 to 05 Connecting Europe Days [Read more →]
- $\boxed{\hspace{0.2cm} 10 \hspace{0.1cm} \text{-}\hspace{0.1cm} \text{Green Day The Future of the Green Transition } [\underline{\text{Register here}} \rightarrow]$
- 11 9th Cohesion Forum [Read more →]
- 16 Pathways to Resilience: Local and Regional Perspectives on the

Recovery and Resilience Facility [Register here \rightarrow]

- \blacksquare 16 to 17 Just Transition Platform Conference [Register here \rightarrow]
- 18 WCEF2024 joint CCRI Accelerator Session [Register here →]
- 23 to 24 Secretaries General and Directors Meeting
- 24 to 25 EIB Adaptation Days [Register here →]



77% of the EU public sees climate change as a very serious problem, and 37% already feel personally exposed to climate risks.

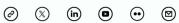
 $[\rightarrow$ Read more about our National Energy and Climate Plan Report here $\leftarrow]$













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