

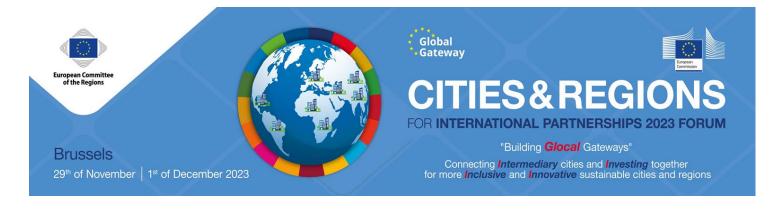
## Cities and Regions for International Partnerships 2023 Forum - AGENDA *"Building Glocal Gateways'"*

Connecting Intermediary cities and Investing together for more Inclusive and Innovative sustainable cities and regions" <u>Brussels, 29th of November - 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2023</u>

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese during all Plenary sessions.		
Wednesday 29th November		
12:00-15:00	Registration (CoR Premises)	
15:30-16:00	<ul> <li>WELCOME SESSION - For guests participants</li> <li>Presentation of the concept, formula and expectations of the Forum</li> <li>Director INTPA G: Erica Gerretsen</li> <li>Director of CoR Legislative Works 1: Béatrice Taulegne</li> </ul>	
16:00-18:00	<ul> <li>PRELIMINARY PLENARY SESSION: Building Glocal Gateways For guests participants </li> <li>Decentralization trends (and why it matters to local investments) (DG INTPA)</li> <li>What is the EU Global Gateway Strategy and its localizations - (DG INTPA)</li> <li>Global Gateway from a local perspective: City-to-City Partnerships' Experiences Experience and mechanisms to institutionalise international cooperation between Local and Regional Authorities- (Committee of the Regions) Creation of the labs/working groups on sub-topics proposed/chosen by the participants within the framework of the four key main Forum "I" topics, relevant for Building Glocal Gateways: "Inclusion", "Innovation", "Intermediary Cities"</li></ul>	
18:00-20:00	Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts	
20:00-21:00	<ul> <li>Welcome Reception (Forum participants and CoR members)</li> <li>Patrick MOLINOZ, Committee of the Regions, Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)</li> <li>Marlene HOLZNER, DG INTPA Head of Unit TBC</li> </ul>	



Thursday 30th November		
09:00- 10:30	<b>PRELIMINARY BREAKOUT SESSION</b> – For guest participants; up to 25 sessions in parallel.	
10:30- 11:20	Transfer to European Parliament for Opening Sessions	
11:30- 12:30	JOINT EVENT OPENING SESSION OF 2023 FORUM and CLOSING CoR's 158th PLENARY ( <i>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - Main Hall</i> )	
	<b>"Building Glocal Gateways:</b> connecting Intermediary cities and Investing together for more Inclusive and Innovative sustainable cities and regions"	
	<ul> <li>Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships</li> <li>Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions</li> </ul>	
	Debate with CoR members and Forum Participants	
12:30- 14:30	Transfer to the CoR premises LUNCH	
14:30- 15:30	PLENARY SESSION : Key Priorities to Build Global Gateways at Local Level	
	<ul> <li>Keynote speakers on:</li> <li>Innovative solutions and proposals for sustainable transition of cities and regions</li> <li>Intermediary cities attracting youth to develop and prosper there</li> <li>Inclusive answers for citizens' participation</li> </ul>	
	• <b>Investment</b> tools to access finance and connectivity at Local/Regional level Instruction to participants on the breakout rooms	
15:30- 18:30 (including coffee break)	BREAK OUT SESSIONS (max. 25 sessions in parallel)	
	Participants will join the "labs" on sub-topics they have proposed/chosen within the framework of the four key main Forum's "I" topics, relevant for Building Glocal Gateways: "Inclusion", "Innovation", "Investment", "Intermediary Cities"	
18:30- 19:30	Possible Side Event (tbc)	
	Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts	



Friday 1st December		
08:30- 09:00	Arrival of participants	
09:00- 09:45	<ul> <li>PLENARY SESSION: Presentation of the European Union's available tools to build Glocal Gateways</li> <li>TAIEX, a tool of cooperation and per to peer exchanges – DG NEAR</li> <li>TALD Facility – TALD Team</li> <li>Questions and Answers</li> </ul>	
09:45- 10:45	<b>CROSS-FERTILISATION SESSION</b> Consolidation of the breakout discussions into key recommendations of the four key main Forum's "I", including relevant EU support tools	
10:45- 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00- 12:30	<ul> <li>PLENARY SESSION : High Level Debate between Local and Regional Authorities and EU Institutions building on the participants recommendations</li> <li>Presentation of the Labs discussion by rapporteurs</li> <li>Panel reacting to the Forum discussions' outcomes presented by rapporteurs (DG REGIO, DG INTPA, DG NEAR, DG Research, CoR, EIB, UN-Habitat, Council Presidency )</li> <li>Debate between representatives from LRAs and EU institutions</li> </ul>	
12:30- 13:00	<ul> <li>CLOSING SESSION:</li> <li>Jesus GAMALLO ALLER, Political Group Coordinator, CoR CIVEX Commission</li> <li>Koen DOENS, Director General for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> </ul>	
13:00- 14:30	Lunch	
14:30- 17:30	Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts	