

Webinars

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#5 – Localising the sustainable development goals

Context

Since 2015, the 2030 Agenda continuously reminds us of the interconnectivity between the world's territories: there is a powerful link between global challenges and sustainable local development. We are all part of the same world, even if the conditions where we live are different. Global citizenship and raising awareness are crucial to encouraging joint responsibility, municipalities' commitment and active citizens, in Europe as well as with peers across the world.

With this in mind, our webinar will discuss the evolution of development cooperation, in particular in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Development is putting participants on a more equal footing, based on greater inclusion and joint responsibility to achieve the SDGs. We are moving away from donor-recipient relationships towards multi-stakeholder partnerships.

To complement all of this information, PLATFORMA will launch our 2020 publication on the localisation of the SDGs entitled "the 2030 Agenda through the eyes of local and regional governments". Participants will discover the key findings and recommendations of our study, collecting updated data from 33 national associations, representing 28 countries across wider Europe. Our study notably reflects on how to rebuild our societies after the COVID-19 crisis, with the help of the SDGs to ensure a more sustainable and inclusive future. This new decade is a crucial step towards sustainability and long-term development. We should not miss this opportunity!

Last but not least, the discussions will shed light on the importance of policy coherence for sustainable development in European policymaking. It will examine our internal policies and their external impact, as well as the need to develop new coordinated ways of working among different levels of governments, national associations of local and regional governments, businesses, civil society and others. This agenda calls for transforming the way we live, work, collaborate, involve citizens and do business to be more integrated and collaborative, highlighting the need to put communities and the planet at the centre everything we do.

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1. Introduction by **Marlène Siméon**, Director of PLATFORMA – *5 minutes*
2. **Stephanie Rambler**, Sustainable Development Officer at United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) - *10 minutes*
3. **Paolo Ciccarelli**, Head of the European Commission DG DEVCO's Unit on Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures (C.5) - *10 minutes*
The perspective of the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) – EU development policy, policy coherence and SDG financing
4. **Edgardo Bilsky**, Director of programs and research at United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) – presentation of the global report to the High Level Political Forum: the global perspective of local and regional governments – *10 minutes*
5. **Showcasing examples from local and regional governments – how is decentralised cooperation evolving?** – *20mn*
 - COVID-19 recovery based on SDGs – **Wobine Buijs-Glaudemans** Mayor of Oss, Representing VNG International
 - The importance of development education and awareness raising in achieving the SDGs – **Tine Soens**, Member of City Council of Kortrijk, Belgium, Member of VVSG political commission on international affairs, CEMR and PLATFORMA Spokesperson on 2030 Agenda
 - The role of national associations in achieving the SDGs - *Serbian association (tbc)*
 - The role of decentralised cooperation in achieving the SDGs – *Cités Unies France (tbc)*
6. **Questions and answers** - *30 minutes*
7. **Conclusion** - *5 minutes*

Moderation by **Sarah Bentz**, Policy Officer for Sustainable Development Goals at PLATFORMA - CEMR