



Local & Regional Europe



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# UN Global Goals

## Triggering a wave of local actions in Europe and beyond

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**Location**

Conference Centre "Science 14", Rue de la Science 14 B, 1040 Brussels

**Organisers**

CEMR | Council of European Municipalities and Regions  
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**Registration**

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## Afternoon expert workshops programme

*Working languages: English*

### **1. Introductory workshop: Localising SDGs Toolkit (14.00 - 17.30)**

During this session, United Cities and Local Governments world secretariat (UCLG), UN Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) provide an introductory training on localising SDGs, especially targeted at participants that are new to the subject. The workshop touches the key components of any strategy to localize the SDGs and will prove to be a good starting point to implement the global goals in your locality or organisation.

### **2. Expert workshop: Monitoring and Data Collection (14.00 - 15.30)**

Setting the scene by Eurostat and UCLG. To measure is to know. Local and regional governments (LRGs) will play a significant role in the implementation of the SDGs and the corresponding monitoring and reporting processes. This session will explore the current state of play as regards SDG monitoring processes at EU and global levels, how existing indicators and frameworks can be tailored and applied to the SDGs, and the factors that enable LRGs to contribute to these processes in an effective and meaningful way, such as local capacity to collect, analyse and manage disaggregated data (by age, sex, geographic location, etc.). Speakers include Silvia Rosales-Montano, Research Director at the Lyon Metropolitan Planning agency, and Fritz Gebhard, Statistical Officer, Europe 2020 and sustainable development indicators at EUROSTAT.

### **3. Expert workshop: Supporting localisation of the SDGs through international cooperation (14.00 – 15.30)**

Setting the scene by Tuscany Region (IT). The interrelation between the 17 goals creates a new dimension for many longstanding practices of direct international cooperation between local and regional governments: the necessity to include governance issues and the impossibility to design interventions in one sector. Speakers in this session include Maria Dina Tozzi, from the Tuscany region, Mercedes Sanchez, from Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias and Frédéric Marquet, representing Région Hauts-de-France.

### **4. Expert workshop: Concrete implementation of SDGs at the local level (16.00 – 17.30)**

Setting the scene by the VVSG/City of Ghent (B), with Bert Janssens as moderator. How do local governments make the SDGs part of their actions? This session will inspire local and regional governments to mainstream SDGs in their own policies and showcases the role of local regional governments in the successful implementation of the SDGs in Europe.

Examples of concrete local implementation will be showcased, and participants will be able to exchange tips and formulate concrete requests. During this session, Lena Wetterskog-Sjöstedt, Director of the Agenda 2030-office, from the City of Malmö (Sweden), will present the transversal strategy to implement all the SDGs in Malmö. Lieta Goethijn, Environment and Climate Department, from the City of Ghent (Belgium) will talk about the strategy on SDG 12 (sustainable consumption – food waste). Nikolas Efstathiou, City Treasurer, from Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus, will present the sectoral strategy on SDG 16 (strong institutions - e-government).

This session will build on good practices of local and regional governments that cooperate across borders to reach the localisation of the SDGs, and to understand the challenges and potential opportunities the SDG framework brings to local governments' international cooperation.

### **5. Expert workshop: Awareness raising of citizens, local politicians, national governments (16.00 – 17.30)**

Setting the scene by VNG (NL) and Diputació de Barcelona (SP). In order to fully achieve the 17 SDGs, there is a need to take citizens and all relevant stakeholders on board from the very beginning of their implementation. For this, it is essential to foster the development of citizens' critical understanding on the SDGs and the relevance of its agenda, as well as to seek wide support and active engagement in their achievement.

This participatory session invites participants to exchange on their experiences in the fields of raising awareness and mobilization targeting local government decision makers and citizens.