<u>SDGs as a Framework for Covid-19</u> <u>Recovery in Cities and Regions – A</u> <u>CoR/OECD survey</u>

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DDDDDDDDDThe European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) invite representatives of local and regional authorities across Europe to participate in a survey on the Sustainable Development Goals. The consultation is open until Friday 11 June 2021.

In 2019, the UN launched the <u>Decade of Action</u> for Sustainable Development to accelerate efforts, scale up projects and mobilize contributions across all levels of governments and society for the realization of the SDGs. Regional and local authorities remain essential partners in the process of localization and effective implementation of the SDGs.

Today, the engagement and commitment of local and regional governments to the SDGs is more relevant than ever in a European Union harshly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The recovery is an oppor tunity to build back better, following the roadmap traced by the SDGs, to design and implement long-term recovery strategies.

In this scenario, the survey is expected to gather evidence on the progress achieved by local and regional authorities in the two years following the <u>first survey</u> launched by the CoR and the OECD and to highlight the additional difficulties they are facing after the outbreak of the pandemic.

The insights captured by the survey will be used to identify the challenges faced by local and regional authorities in the effort to localize the Agenda 2030 during the pandemic and devise solutions to support them in this endeavour. Moreover, the survey is essential to make your voice heard at the EU level and give your opinion on the place that the SDGs should occupy among EU priorities and within the upcoming plans for recovery.

- []The survey is available in all EU languages; to select your preferred language, click on the drop down menu on the right of the screen
- The survey is open until Friday 11 June 2021 midnight
- All responses will be kept confidential[]