



Involving citizens, and in particular young people, in EU cohesion policy

virtual event

28 March 2023, 09.30-12.30 CET

This webinar will focus on the inclusion of citizens to ensure more strategic and systemic participation in planning, implementing and promoting EU Funds. Regions and cities from different Member States are currently working with experts from OECD to design and implement innovative participatory mechanisms - meaning involving the public beyond provision of information and/or consultation - in decision making on territorial and urban strategies. In addition, more than 160 young people from JTF territories applied to EUTEENS4Green. A consortium of regions and youth associations (i.e. SERN, YEE, CEE-Bankwatch and with the support of Generation Climate Europe) help young people (i.e. 15-24 years old) to implement actions in favour of JTF residents at risk of exclusion from the green transition.

This webinar will allow participants to hear from diverse case studies being currently implemented, and to broadly discuss the challenges and opportunities that citizen participation, and young involvement, represent for cohesion policy.

Agenda:

09.30 - 9.40	Introduction and welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stefan Appel, DG REGIO• Alessandro Bellantoni, OECD
09.40 - 11.00	Lightning Talks on Innovative citizen participation in Cohesion Policy <i>Learnings from the OECD/DG REGIO pilots</i> <i>Moderator: Mauricio Mejia, OECD</i> <i>Involving citizens in integrated territorial strategies (20 min):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sona Karikova, Municipality of Banská Bystrica (beneficiary) and Dialogue Centre (Slovakia)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paz Díaz Nieto, Regional Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Government of Cantabria (intermediary body) • José Carlos Ceballos, Centro International Santander Emprendimiento (Spain) <p>Involving citizens in transport and mobility plans (20 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magdalena Jochemczyk, Centre for EU Transport Projects (intermediary body - Poland) • Bartek Stępień, Social Cooperative FADO (Poland) • Simona ILIESCU, Municipality of Ramnicu Valcea (beneficiary - Romania) • Oana Mesea, Fundatia Comunitara Valcea (Romania) <p>Involving citizens in local territorial strategies (20 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sofia Galli and Maria Laura Luppi, BANGHERANG (Italy) • Gilda Niculescu, South Muntenia Regional Development Agency (managing authority) • Ionela Stoian, National Union of Romanian County Councils (Romania) <p>Q&A (20 min)</p>
11.00 -11.15	BREAK
11.15 -11.50	<p>EUTeens4Green- A New Generation of Young Ambassadors for a just inclusive Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrícia Carvalho, SERN – Startup Europe Regions Network • Joanna Jakubowska, CEE-Bankwatch • Zofie Hobzikova, YEE – Youth and Environment Network
11.50 -12.30	<p>Discussion: Building capacities to enable citizen participation in cohesion policy</p> <p><i>Collective reflection on how to secure administrative and organisational capacities to support participatory processes.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mauricio Mejia, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katharina Zuegel, Director, Décider Ensemble, France • Eduardo Medeiros, Professor, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal • Lourenço Jardim de Oliveira, Advisor to Lisbon's Mayor, Portugal