

“CURIOUS MINDS FOR A STRONGER EUROPE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL COOPERATION”



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Regions and cities participate in diverse local, national, and international cooperation activities. This cooperation allows them to learn and utilise various innovative solutions for common challenges in the post-industrial transition. Specifically, **international cooperation gives a different perspective** to the exchange of experiences, capacity building & global networking which can foster curious minds, creative ideas, and solutions.

European networks of regions and cities thus play a crucial role not only in ensuring the continuous exchange of best practice but also in deepening international networking. In this session, networks will share tips on **how regions and cities can maximise their international cooperation activities** as well as the added benefit of network participation.

Afterwards, the session evolves as **the audience is transformed into curious, active networkers** who are encouraged to learn more about the innovative solutions their fellow participants are implementing in their areas. Through dynamic conversations, they will transform into **'expertise-givers'** who will later be asked to intervene and share their takeaways from their exchanges.

Note: to join this session, you must have a curious mind that is ready to be tested and challenged!

Agenda

Time	Description	
11:30–11:35	Welcome and Introduction to the workshop's format and objectives	<p>Moderator: Sandra Marin <i>IURC Central Coordination Service (CCS) Team Leader</i></p>
11:35–11:55	<p>European Networks for Regions and Cities: Relevance, added-value, and benefits</p> <p><i>What is the “magic formula” for a city/region to optimize its involvement in an international network? How can the possibility to externalize their good practices and accessing others, gain enough impact to justify the fee?</i></p>	<p>Roberta Dall’Olio <i>EURADA Director</i></p> <p>André Sobczak <i>EUROCITIES Secretary General</i></p>
11:55- 12:25	<p>Feed your curiosity: learn and compare your initiatives with other participants*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Which city/region did you exchange with and in which context (a programme, a network event, etc.)</i> - <i>What inspired your curious mind and what did you share?</i> - <i>What results and impacts did you discuss?</i> <p>*10 pitch interventions expected from city and region representatives from the audience</p>	
12:30 – after work	Networking Space Outside The Room: keep feeding your curiosity about the opportunities for international urban and regional cooperation	