

# 4th OECD Roundtable on Cities and Regions for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

29-30 June, 2021



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### Draft Agenda

**Tuesday, 29 June 2021 | 12h00-15h00 (CET)**

**Wednesday, 30 June 2021 | 12h00-15h00 (CET)**

The Roundtable will bring together key stakeholders from cities, regions, national governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, philanthropy and international organisations to:

- **Present** the preliminary findings of the OECD-CoR Survey on the *SDGs as a framework for COVID-19 recovery in cities and regions* and related good practices;
- **Launch** three new OECD pilot reports on *A Territorial Approach to the SDGs*, and chart the way forward to implement the recommendations on the ground;
- **Shape** High-level Principles on city-to-city partnerships to localise the SDGs as a contribution to the Italian G20 Presidency; and
- **Discuss** the role of higher education institutions to support cities and regions in achieving the SDGs

29 June 2021 : 12.00 – 15.00 CET

## The SDGs as a Framework for COVID-19 recovery in Cities and Regions

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The pandemic has set back parts of the progress made on the 2030 Agenda but also illustrated how local and regional governments have been on the frontline, taking powerful political decisions in exceptional circumstances to enhance the well-being of residents in cities, regions and rural areas. The SDGs offer a clear and stable framework to guide local and regional governments in shaping a transformative recovery from COVID-19.

- This session will launch three new OECD reports on *A Territorial Approach to the SDGs* in Kitakyushu (Japan), Córdoba (Argentina) and Paraná (Brazil) and highlight how these cities and regions plan to use the OECD tailored recommendations to recover from the pandemic in the medium and long term.
- The session will also present and discuss the preliminary findings of the *OECD-CoR Survey on the SDGs as a framework for COVID-19 recovery in cities and regions* and related good practices.

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12:00 – 12:15 **Opening Remarks (15 min)**

12:15 – 12:30 **Keynote speech and launch of the three OECD pilot reports (15 min)**

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12:30 – 13:05 **Panel discussion with frontrunner cities and regions (35 min)**

13:05 – 13:30 **Group discussion (25 min)**

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13:30 – 13:40 **Virtual Break & Interactive Poll with participants**

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13:40 – 14:00 **The SDGs for long-term COVID-19 recovery strategies in cities and regions – Keynote Speech (20 min)**

14:00 – 14:10 **EU implementation of the SDGs : preliminary findings of the OECD-CoR Survey (10 min)**

14:10 – 14:40 **Panel discussion (30 min)**

14:40 – 14:55 **Group discussion (15 min)**

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14:55 – 15:00 **Conclusion of Day 1 (5 min)**

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30 June: 12.00 – 13.30 CET

## City-to-city partnerships to achieve the SDGs

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City-to-city partnerships are gaining traction as a mechanism to achieve the SDGs with, in particular, the dedicated goals on “Partnerships and enablers for SDGs” (SDG 17) and on “Sustainable cities and communities” (SDG 11). The G20 Development Working Group, supported by the OECD secretariat, is developing High-level

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Principles for city-to-city partnerships and a compendium of good policy practices with inspiring examples to promote the localisation of the SDGs through partnerships between cities, notably intermediary cities.

- The session will discuss how city-to-city partnerships can contribute to the localisation of the SDGs and seek participants' comments on the draft High-level Principles on city-to-city partnerships produced by the OECD for the Italian G20 presidency.

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**12:00 – 12:20 Keynote speech: G20 High-level Principles on city-to-city partnerships (20 min)**

**12:20 – 13:00 Panel Discussion (40 min)**

**13:00 – 13:20 Group discussion (20 min)**

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**13:20 – 13:30 Virtual Break & Interactive Poll with participants**

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**30 June: 13.30 – 14.50 CET**

### **The role of universities to support cities and regions to achieve the SDGs**

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Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) hold a direct role in the achievement of the SDGs. In fact, as they often bear the responsibility of promoting sustainability and inclusion, in many cases HEIs have been early adopters of the SDGs, which have inspired their strategic documents and initiatives. Universities are increasingly playing a key role for the preparation of Voluntary Local Reviews of targeted cities across the globe through providing data, evidence and analytical support to city governments. The session will also explore the role of HEIs to support cities and regions to achieve the SDGs through a territorial approach.

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**13:30 – 13:40 Keynote speech (10 min)**

**13:40 – 14:20 Panel discussion (40 min)**

**14:20 – 14:50 Group discussion (30 min)**

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**14:50 – 15:00 Conclusion of the Roundtable and next steps (10 min)**