**European Committee
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# Reflecting
on Europe

## Join the debate!

# What is "Reflecting on Europe"?

It is a bottom-up initiative launched by the European Committee of the Regions, whose aim is to provide a platform for citizens, as well as regional and local authorities, to share their thoughts and possible concerns about the past-present-future of Europe.

It is based on CoR Members' initiative in cooperation with their political assemblies and citizens.

# What is the objective of Reflecting on Europe?

The CoR is committed to listening and reporting back the reality from the ground to "Brussels" on concerns and proposals for solutions on what the EU should be and to take action.

Reflecting on Europe is a  process with three-dimensional bottom-up:

1. Citizens' reflections
2. CoR  political reflections
3. EU inter-institutional political reflections

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# Reflecting on Europe is a three- dimensional bottom-up process:

## 1. Citizens'reflections

**In 2016, the CoR has launched a series of 27 local events/ citizens debates and it will keep organising through 2017-2018:**

• town hall debates with citizens, in cooperation with regional and local authorities and based on CoR Members' initiative and commitment;

• interaction with stakeholders and collection of citizens' input via

• a new online survey + CoR webpage ( via online consutlations);

• collection of citizen's feedback which will be elaborated into views and recommendations

• cross-checking analysis with Eurobarometer.

**One of the main tools to get citizens' feedback is a web-app**

• **available in all languages, easy to fill (3-4 minutes)**
• **allows to generate and show results in real time**
• **allows to inform people about the follow-up given to their opinions**

www.cor.europa.eu/debate.go

## 2. CoR own political reflections

**Actions contributing to the Opinion the CoR Opinion (Tusk's referral):**
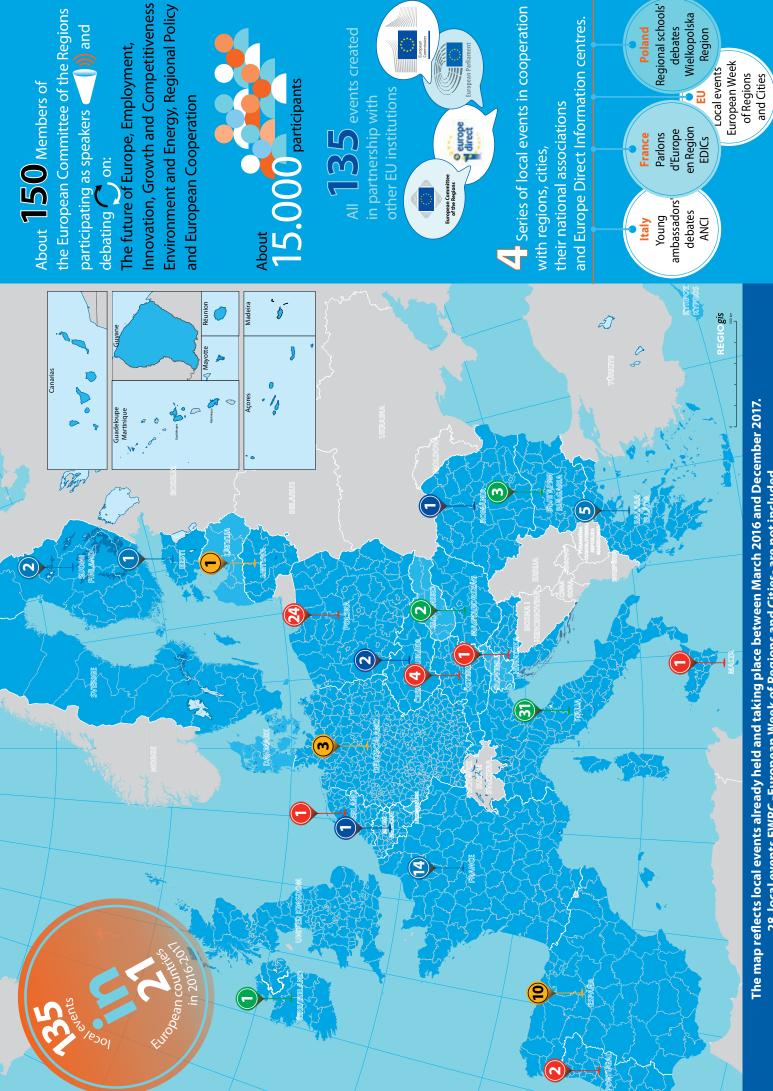
- debates within CoR (plenary sessions, commission meetings, State of the regions and cities, European Week Cities and Regions, etc);

- CoR's Resolution on the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe (May 2017)

- debates in regional and local assemblies on policy areas within local and regional competencies (e.g. investment, cohesion, budget, education, environment, research, etc.);

- consultation with over 500 relevant regional and local stakeholders including national associations;

- debate and feed-back from European associations, European Think Thanks and Universities.

## 3. EU inter-institutional political reflections

**The CoR own process "Reflecting on Europe" will interact with:**

1.	EU Council "Rome Declaration" (Bratislava/Rome roadmap);

2.	European Parliament works: Resolutions, reports;

3.	EC's "White Paper" and its subsequent five reflection papers.

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About **150** Members of the European Committee of the Regions participating as speakers and debating on:

The future of Europe, Employment, Innovation, Growth and Competitiveness, Environment and Energy, Regional Policy and European Cooperation

About **15.000** participants

All **135** events created in partnership with other EU institutions

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**4** Series of local events in cooperation with regions, cities, their national associations and Europe Direct Information centres.

**Poland** Regional schools' debates Wielkopolska Region

**EU** Local events European Week of Regions and Cities

**France** Parlons d'Europe en Region EDICs

**Italy** Young ambassadors' debates ANCI

**135** local events **21** European countries in 2016-2017

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In 2016, **27 local events** have been organised by the European Committee of the Regions, and in 2017 **108 local events** are taking place. Overall the Reflecting on Europe campaign will foster over **135 local events** in **21 countries** across the EU, reaching around **17,000 participants**.

All 135 events are prepared in **partnership with other EU institutions**, including the European Commission, European Parliament and Europe Direct Information Centres.

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## LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS 2016/2017

**AT – Breitenwang, May 2017**
**AT – Innsbruck, May 2016**
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**AT – Vienna, May 2017**
**BG – Gabrovo, October 2016**
**BG – Sofia, September 2017**
**CZ – Hradec Králové, September 2016**
**CZ – Rádlo, June 2017**
**DE – Erfurt, June 2017**
**DE – Görlitz, May 2017**
**EE – Rakvere, June 2016**
**EL – Athens, June 2017**
**EL – Athens, June 2017**
**EL – Heraklion, Crete November 2016**
**EL – Nea Propontida, October 2016**
**EL – Thessaloniki, June 2017**
**ES – Coruna, February 2017**
**ES – Gijon, September 2016**
**ES – Murcia, June 2017**
**ES – Murcia, November 2016**
**ES – Palma de Mallorca, October 2016**
**ES – Pamplona, May 2017**
**ES – Santander, May 2017**
**ES – Santiago De Compostela, May/September 2017**
**ES – Seville, September 2017**
**FI – Oulu, April 2017**
**FI – Pori, July 2016**
**FR – Chinon, March 2016**
**FR – Dijon, November 2017**
**FR – Montpellier, June 2016**
**FR – Nice, November 2017**
**FR – Ouistreham, September 2017**
**FR – Paris, April 2016**
**FR – Poligny, September 2016**
**FR – Puget Théniers, Paca October 2016**
**FR – Quimper, October 2017**

**FR – Rouillon, May 2016**
**FR – Saint-Malo, June 2016**
**FR – Saint-Nazaire, November 2017**
**FR – Valence, June 2016**
**FR –Beaumesnil, June 2016**
**HR – Dubrovnik, October 2016**
**HU – Féjer Megye, August 2016**
**HU – Heves County, October 2016**
**IE – Cork, November 2016**
**IT – Barletta, May 2017**
**IT – Bolzano, March 2017**
**IT – Cagliari, October 2016**
**IT – Catanzaro, September 2017**
**IT – Cerro Al Volturno, October 2017**
**IT – Cogollo Del Cengio, September 2017**
**IT – Copertino, June 2017**
**IT – Cosenza, May 2017**
**IT – Florence, June 2016**
**IT – Florence, September 2017**
**IT – Latina, October 2017**
**IT – Marcellina, October 2017**
**IT – Marzabotto, October 2017**
**IT – Nuoro, July 2017**
**IT – Pistoia, June 2017**
**IT – Praiano, October 2017**
**IT - Reggio Calabria, May 2017**
**IT – Rome, November 2017**
**IT - Rota Greca, June 2017**
**IT – Salerno, March 2017**
**IT – Salerno, September 2017**
**IT – San Polo Dei Cavalieri, September 2017**
**IT – Santa Croce Di Magliano, October 2017**
**IT – Sassari, September 2017**
**IT – Tivoli, October 2017**
**IT – Trecate, October 2017**
**IT – Turin, October 2017**
**IT – Valdengo, October 2017**
**IT – Vicovaro, October 2017**

**IT – Villa d'Almè, October 2017**
**IT – Vittorio Veneto, May 2017**
**LT – Vilnius, June 2017**
**MT – Valetta, February 2017**
**NL – Amsterdam, May 2016**
**PL – Gdansk, July 2017**
**PL – Gdynia, June 2017**
**PL – Jasionka, February 2017**
**PL – Poznan, December 2016**
**PL – Wielkoposka Region, April-June 2017**
**PT – Maia, May 2017**
**PT – Viana Do Castelo, April 2017**
**RO – Cluj Napoca, June 2017**
**EU – EWRC, September-December 2017**

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