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Draft agenda

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Join us for CEMR's third "Green Day" on April 10 (a.m.) in CEMR's premises! This hybrid event will convene CEMR associations along with various stakeholders to explore pressing sustainability issues for Europe's regions and municipalities. The day will feature two sessions: a political discussion open to all participants, delving into the future of the green transition in Europe and beyond, and an expert group meeting exclusively for CEMR members focusing on long-term climate targets and water resilience. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in critical discussions and shape CEMR's advocacy around the future of sustainability!

The European Green Deal has ushered in a wave of regulations across climate, energy, mobility, biodiversity, and circular economy domains. Local and Regional Governments (LRG) play a crucial role in implementing this ambitious transition towards sustainability. While the focus has been on emission mitigation, the next phase of the green transition is expected to prioritize climate resilience and water management.

The OECD's report, "A Territorial Approach to Climate Action and Resilience," presents a framework for addressing climate challenges and forthcoming regulations at the local or regional level, including best practices and practical guidance for policymakers at both national and local levels. By adopting territorial approaches, decision-makers can implement tailored strategies for effective emission mitigation, climate adaptation, and vulnerability reduction.

Ahead of the upcoming EU elections and the appointment of the new college of Commission this year, CEMR would like to put forward some recommendations on the future green transition and its challenges and opportunities within territories.

During the debate, panelists and the audience will reflect on key findings and best practices from the OECD's report. Together, they will discuss measures to enhance synergies between

government tiers and stakeholders, exploring concrete steps to empower Europe's regions and municipalities in climate resilience and water governance.

Agenda

Time	Context – Action – responsible
9:00	Welcome coffee
9:30-10:45	Political discussion: The future of the green transition in Europe and beyond The panel will exchange on the OECD's last findings and recommendations for local policy-making related to climate action and environmental resilience. Thereby, bringing together local and European elected representatives, CEMR members as well as additional stakeholders. <i>Moderator: Federica Bordelot, Director policy and impact, CEMR</i> <i>Panel:</i> • Tadashi Matsumoto, Head of the National Urban Policy and Climate Resilience Unit, OECD • Lucian Pârvulescu, Policy Coordinator, Green Deal Unit at the Secretary-General of the European Commission, TBC • Pedro Dias, Policy Director, Solar Heat Europe • Patrick Princen, First Alderman, City of Mechelen, Belgium • Michaël Quernez, Mayor of Quimperlé, First Vice-Président of Brittany regional Council, AFCCRE Secretary General France (online) • Marianne Overton, Councillor, Lincolnshire County Council, UK and CEMR spokesperson for Climate (online)
10:45-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	Joint Green Expert Group meeting (for CEMR members only) • Short report from the chairs of the green expert groups (10') • Water resilience (45')

	The Water Resilience Initiative, expected to be published by the European Commission in March, was meant to be the EU's overarching water strategy, dealing with issues like sustainable use of water and resilience against climate change. While it has been recently removed from the Commission's agenda, the expert group will discuss the impact and priorities of local and regional governments on this topic. - o Discussion with Luca Perez, Deputy Head of Unit for Sustainable Fresh Water Management in DG Environment - o Exchange among CEMR members on future regulation and shaping CEMR key messages. • Long-term Climate targets (45') The Recommendation on 2040 emissions reduction targets published by the Commission on 6 February is meant to pave the way for a further implementation of the Green Deal and its targets. In this way, the expert group will discuss the impact and priorities of local and regional governments on this topic. - o Discussion with Vicky Pollard, Head of Unit for Foresight, Economic Analysis & Modelling in DG CLIMA - o Exchange among CEMR members on future regulation • CEMR's green transition report: articulate key messages (30') In the advent of the EU and various national elections, CEMR is preparing a report on the green transition to draw lessons from the implementation process, including recommendations and good practices that may help local and regional governments to continue in their transition in the upcoming years. The report will be published in autumn 2024. - o Presentation of the context and preliminary research results - o Discussion on key messages towards new MEPs & Commission & national governments
13:10	End of the Green Day