

Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development



The OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE),
the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

are pleased to invite you to:

Launch event: Localising the SDGs in a changing landscape

20 March 2024 | 13:00 – 14:30 (CET) | Virtual event

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How can regions and cities drive progress on the SDGs in an environment of increasing cost-of-living, high energy prices and precarious food security? We are delighted to launch the OECD-SDSN policy paper on localising the SDGs in a changing landscape, drawing on the results of a global survey jointly conducted by the OECD, the SDSN and the CoR. Join us to find out more!

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WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

The Covid-19 pandemic, persistent inflation, soaring energy prices and a projected slowdown in GDP growth have placed roadblocks on the path to achieving the SDGs. Progress is falling short on almost 50% of the SDG targets, and 37% of SDG targets are either stagnating or regressing, including on key targets such as those related to poverty alleviation, hunger eradication and climate action.

As part of the OECD Programme A Territorial Approach to the SDGs, this webinar will take stock of major strides that cities and regions have achieved to localise the SDGs. Delving into key policy areas affected by recent crises, the discussion will explore how the SDGs can serve as a powerful tool to counteract the adverse impacts on the cost-of-living, energy affordability and food security.

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AGENDA

Moderation: **Stefano Marta**, Head of Smart and Sustainable Cities Unit, CFE, OECD

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13:00 – 13:15: **Opening**

- **Aziza Akhmouch**, Head of the Cities, Urban Policy and Sustainable Development Division, CFE, OECD

- **Guillaume Lafortune**, Vice-President and Head of Paris Office, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- **Ricardo Rio**, Mayor of Braga, Portugal, CoR Rapporteur on SDGs

13:15 – 13:35: **Spotlight on key findings from the OECD-SDSN-CoR survey**

- **Lorenz Gross**, Policy Analyst, CFE, OECD
- **Eamon Drumm**, Senior Programm Officer, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

13:35 – 14:05: **Panel discussion**

- **Juliana Cardoso**, Deputy State Secretary of Economic Development, State of São Paulo, Brazil (tbc)
- **Mara Cossu**, Sustainable Development Strategy Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Italy
- **Shipra Narang-Suri**, Chief, Urban Policies Branch, UN-Habitat
- **Mauricio Rodas**, SDSN Global Commission for SDG Urban Finance and University of Pennsylvania, United States

14:05 – 14:20: **Q&A**

14:20 – 14:30: **Closing remarks**

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