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9 OCTOBER 2024

Brussels — 11.00 AM - 5 PM

Dear Members,

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) are pleased to invite you to the public conference “**Managing the Future for Environmental Resilience**”, which will be organised on **October 9th, in Brussels**.

Why participate?

The conference will be a chance to exchange in an interactive way on how to **overcome short-termism** when it comes to **local management of climate change-related phenomena**, and planning for the future for more **prepared and participatory environmental governance**, starting by introducing the new European funded project **FOSTER** - Future oriented Solutions Toward Environmental Resilience.



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What is it about?

In the morning session, following a keynote speech from the **European Environment Agency**, the conference foresees a panel debate titled "**Local and regional policy making for sustainable future**" with relevant and **institutional speakers** framing the state of the art of European cities' challenges in addressing climate change and introducing new and innovative approaches.

The afternoon session will be articulated in an **experts' talk** to exchange on **insights and experiences on strategic foresight**, as well as on **transversal elements** which are crucial for effective and future oriented climate change policies (such as: decentralized and multi-stakeholder cooperation, participatory policy-making, positive framing, non formal education etc.).

Please find a draft agenda of the conference attached and click here for registration:

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We hope our invitation is in your interest and we look forward to receiving your reply.

Best regards,

Fabrizio Rossi, CEMR Secretary General

Antonella Valmorbida, ALDA Secretary General

AGENDA

11.00 Arrival and registration

11.30 Keynote speech & Presentation of the FOSTER project

12.00 Panel debate “Local and Regional Policy Making for Sustainable Future”

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 FOSTER experts’ talk and peer exchange: key aspects in strategic foresight

16.00 Closing remarks and evaluation

16.30 Networking Aperitif

The conference is organised within the **FOSTER - Future oriented Solutions Toward Environmental Resilience**, a two years project funded by the CERV - Citizens Equality Rights and Values programme of the European Union. The project aims to contribute to the **development of governance frameworks** that can effectively and inclusively address future environmental challenges at local level, by fostering **strategic foresight** and **preventative local management** of climate change-related phenomena. Started in September 2024, during the project, participants **build capacity for foreseeing and analysing future socio-economic needs** as consequences of climate change at local level; as well as, **co-designing potential solutions** bringing together all relevant stakeholders and community representatives at public and private level. Finally, **international online networks** are created to share best practices, materials and widely raise the debate on future oriented environmental governance.



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