



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is currently drafting an opinion entitled " Effectively engaging local and regional authorities in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes for the 2021-2027 period". The rapporteur for this opinion is Mr Juraj Droba (SK/ECR), Chairman of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region.

The involvement of local and regional authorities in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes, in line with the principles of partnership and multilevel governance, is a key prerequisite to ensure a place-based approach in cohesion policy programming.

Taking into account the evidence brought forward by the [CoR study](#) on the matter, the opinion aims at assessing and politically commenting on the involvement of local and regional authorities in the ongoing programming exercise for the 2021-2027 period, and at putting forward recommendations for enhancing their engagement.

With this survey, the COTER Commission of the European Committee of the Regions, which is in charge of consultative works on cohesion policy, aims to obtain further information on the involvement of local and regional authorities in the preparation of the programming documents for the 2021-2027 period.

Who should respond to the survey?

This survey is targeted at representatives of local and regional authorities (officials, politicians or other), managing authorities of Structural Funds Operational Programmes, as well as to other stakeholders at local and regional level who are involved in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements or Operational Programmes.

How will the survey results be used?

The results of this survey will feed into the preparation of the draft opinion. The survey will be open until **14 June 2021** midnight.

It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete it.

All responses will be kept confidential.

For more information, please contact coter@cor.europa.eu.

Section 1 – Details of the respondent

*(Questions with * are mandatory)*

* *First name*

* *Last name*

* *Email*

* *Function/position*

* *Organisation*

* *Country in which the organisation is based:*

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* *Are you replying to this questionnaire on behalf of:*

- ☐ A CoR member or other public authorities at regional and local level
- ☐ A Managing Authority of ESIF (included delegated entities)
- ☐ Other informed stakeholders

Please specify:

Section 2 – Involvement of LRA in the programming exercise

Q2.1 - Are you satisfied with the level of involvement of local and regional authorities in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes in your country?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If not, where do you see the main obstacles or challenges?

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Q2.2 - Do you see an improvement in involving local and regional authorities in comparison to the previous programming period?

- ☐ Yes, the involvement of LRA has improved.

- ☐ No, the involvement has deteriorated.
- ☐ There are no changes.
- ☐ Don't know.

Q 2.3 - In your opinion, are there any stakeholders that are underrepresented or should be involved more in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q2.5 - In which stages of the preparation are you involved?

- ☐ I am actively involved in the DRAFTING of the document, i.e. writing texts for the programme.
- ☐ I am actively involved in the DISCUSSION AND REVIEW of the document, i.e. through the involvement in the "Programming Committee".
- ☐ I am actively involved in the PUBLIC CONSULTATION process, e.g. through the provision of written inputs or the participation in public consultation events.
- ☐ I just RECEIVE INFORMATION about the document, but did not actively participate in the development or discussion of the Programme.
- ☐ I do NOT actively participate.

Q 2.7 - Which channels of communication are used for the meetings/consultations between the stakeholders involved in the preparation of the strategic documents?

Please specify the channels of communication (e.g. public hearings, webinars, bilateral meetings, working groups, etc.):

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Disclaimer

The data collected in the survey will be treated by the European Committee of the Regions. The information collected in the survey will serve only for the purpose of the above-mentioned goal. For further details, please refer to the information given on the first page of the survey.

By filling out and submitting your answer(s) to this survey, you give your consent to the European Committee of the Regions for collecting and processing the answer(s) and personal data it contains, and for transferring the answer(s) and personal data to third parties involved in the analysis and dissemination of the survey results. The purpose thereof is to serve the aims of the COTER commission, including the drafting of a memo that will be published and shared with relevant EU institutions as well as European, national, regional and local political representatives, administrations and stakeholders that are relevant for the topic covered by the survey.

The personal data is collected and processed according to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. The follow-up of the survey requires that your personal data be processed in a file, which will be kept for a maximum period of 5 years. You have the right to access that file and the right to correct any inaccurate or incomplete personal data or to request the deletion of your personal data by sending an email to coter-survey-cor@cor.eu.

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The requests will be processed without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. Any queries concerning the processing of the personal data can be addressed to the same e-mail, which is the first level contact for complaints and irregularities. The Data Protection Officer of the European Committee of the Regions can be contacted at data.protection@cor.europa.eu. You have the right to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor: edps@edps.europa.eu.

☐ I have read and accepted the [privacy statement](#).

What are your suggestions for improvement?

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What works better in comparison to the previous programming period?

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What works worse in comparison to the previous programming period?

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If yes, could you please explain?

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Q 2.4 - Is there an effective collaboration mechanism in your country that would allow for a reflection of territorial or local development strategies (such as integrated territorial investments or community-led local development) in the operational programmes?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, could you please explain?

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Q 2.6 - How often do you meet/consult on the preparation of the new programming period with other stakeholders involved in the process?

- ☐ weekly
- ☐ monthly
- ☐ occasionally
- ☐ once
- ☐ never

Please precise the authorities and/or stakeholders that you are meeting (e.g. national authorities, regional authorities, local authorities, socio-economic partners, etc.)

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Any final comments:

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Thank you very much for the participation in the survey.

Q 2.8 - Do you have any suggestions to improve the cooperation and communication between the stakeholders involved in the preparation of the strategic documents?

Please specify:

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