

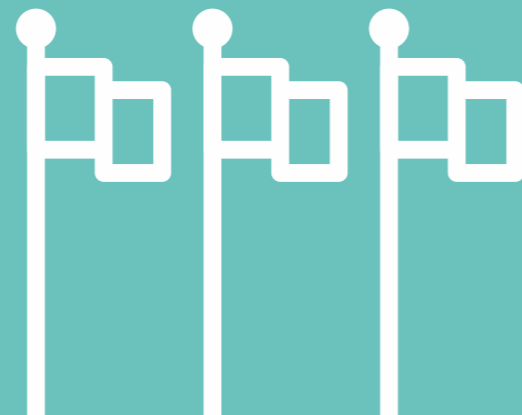
Science Meets Regions

Conference

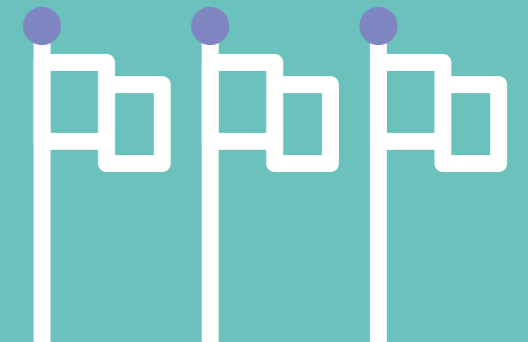
REGIONS AND CITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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European Commission – Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Pilot project: Science meets Parliaments / Science meets Regions



A total of up to 27 events have been selected by the European Commission's Joint Research Center (JRC) under the pilot project "Science meets Parliaments and Regions", supported by the European Parliament (EP). The initiative aims to promote this concept not only at EU level but also at national, regional and local level. It seeks to actively bring together scientists, politicians and citizens to explore relevant local issues with the help of scientific evidence and facts.

The events are organized on the initiative of local stakeholders and are designed to show how science can contribute to policy making, even at a local and very specific level, with an impact on people's daily lives. Events cover a wide range of topics and the main theme of all events will be "science for politics". The first meeting took place in Poland in December 2018, the rest will take place during 2019.

By implementing the conference, the national level will gain a better overview of existing capacities in the scientific community in the Košice region. The regional and local level will gain high-quality information and knowledge that can be used to create their own solutions. It will also provide a good opportunity to get acquainted with solutions, experts and possible tools to help them implement local solutions on this agenda. The general public will be able to realize and better understand the link between energy consumption, energy production and climate change, which citizens themselves can influence.

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Overall conference goals and objectives

The conference "Regions and cities in the context of sustainable energy and climate change" aims to involve a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of local, regional and national government, private companies and scientific community, when **considering a broader approach to climate change solutions at regional level.**

It is widely recognized that climate change is an urgent global challenge and that **regions and cities around the world must be at the forefront of addressing this challenge.** Understanding and managing climate change risks on a regional and urban scale requires developing a common vision among key stakeholders about likely future scenarios and risks of climate change and ensuring that these stakeholders are involved in achieving a common set of risk management objectives. Providing meaningful information at regional and local level requires sufficient scientific and technical expertise as well as local knowledge on how the region and city can evolve in response to changing climate conditions.

The conference will focus on addressing the following issues:

- Exploring what measures for adaptation to climate change and for climate change mitigation influence and contribute to efforts to maintain competitiveness in the global and local economy. In particular, what are the **trade-offs** and possible **synergies between the achievement of climate protection objectives and other objectives which are central element of regional and local development** (economic development, employment, social well-being, lifestyle, etc.);
- **Identifying obstacles to the effective implementation of climate change policies** at regional and local level and existing regional and local governance mechanisms that allow the implementation of integration strategies of regional and local policy;
- Assessing the key institutional challenges for multilevel governance in the area of climate change and **how local, regional and national institutions and other stakeholders could work together most effectively in implementing climate policy measures;**
- Providing a unique opportunity for city mayors, regional leaders and government representatives to **present their ideas on the above mentioned issues and to outline the concept of a common political agenda.**

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