CEMR

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions is the united voice of Europe’s local and regional governments federated through 62 national associations.

CEMR is the European section of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), through which it represents European local and regional governments at international level.

Our mission

We promote the construction of a united, peaceful and democratic Europe founded upon local self-government and respect for the principle of subsidiarity.

Founded in 1951

62 member associations

41 countries

130,000 local and regional governments

CEMR member associations

Albania SHISH
Austria GEMEINDEBUNDE STAEDTEBUNDE
Belgium BRULOCALIS UCVW VPOG
Bosnia and Herzegovina SAGABH ALVRS
Bulgaria NAMRB
Croatia HRVZZ
Cyprus UCM
Czech Republic SMD CR
Denmark KL REGIONER
Estonia AECM
Finland AFLRA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ZELS
France APCCRE AMP*
Georgia NALAG
Germany HGRG DSGB LANDKREISTAG STAEDTETAG
Greece MEG
Hungary TOOSZ/MOSZ KOOSZ
Iceland SAMBAND
Ireland LGMA*
Israel MASHAM
Italy AICCRE
Kosovo AKK*
Latvia LPS
Lithuania LSA
Luxembourg SUVEGL
Malta LCA
Moldova CALM
Montenegro UOJA
Netherlands VNG
IPF
Norway KS
Poland ZMP
ZPP
Portugal ANMP
Romania ACOR AMR AOR UNICIR
Serbia SGGO
Slovakia ZMOS
Slovenia SOS ZMOS
Spain FEMP EUDEL
Sweden SKL
Turkey TIB
Ukraine AUE UAOR
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Shaping policy in Europe

We advocate on behalf of local and regional governments to make sure their voice is heard in Europe, shifting the focus to local democracy and autonomy. This advocacy work stands on our member associations’ experience and expertise.

16 committees & expert groups

Providing a forum for exchange

Through our large network, we facilitate exchanges and feed the debate between towns and regions, their associations, partners and stakeholders. We allow them to cooperate on issues that affect the day-to-day lives of Europeans.

Our projects:

- **PLATFORMA RFSC**
  - Citizens’ Dialogues
  - Localising the European Semester
  - Covenant of Mayors

Making a difference in 5 areas

- Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- International engagement and cooperation
- Environment, climate and energy
- Local and regional public services
- Governance, democracy and citizenship

Meet our leadership

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