

EUROPEAN DAYS OF LOCAL SOLIDARITY

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How to join the European Days of Local Solidarity 2018?

The campaign

Cities and regions are leading the way towards global sustainable development! How? Thanks to their **international cooperation projects with cities and regions across the planet** and their day-to-day solution-oriented management of the challenges related to sustainability.

The European Days of Local Solidarity (EDLS) call European cities and regions to **raise their citizens' awareness on the challenges of global sustainable development and on the need to take action.**

Don't miss the 2018 edition, taking place from 5 to 18 November 2018 across Europe.

Key messages

European cities and regions strengthen citizens' knowledge on global sustainable development issues.



ACTION!

Organise or promote public events aimed to **inform and discuss about the challenges of global sustainable development** and the importance of solidarity **underlining the city's experience in international cooperation projects.**

European cities and regions support and promote development education and active citizenship initiatives with great local impact.



ACTION!

Collaborate with local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), groups of citizens or educational centres to **organise and support awareness campaigns, public events or training initiatives** that strongly contribute to citizens' active commitment and sense of solidarity.

European cities and regions promote political engagement at the national, European and global scale in favour of sustainable development.



ACTION!

Foster the dialogue between mayors and local representatives across Europe, and promote the exchanges with national and global decision makers on **the positive impacts of solidarity and "decentralised" cooperation** in local and global sustainable development.



Make your city or region part of the initiative!

Plan your EDLS activity between 5 and 18 November 2018.

An EDLS activity is:

- (Co-)organised by a European town or region, or by an association of local and regional governments
- An opportunity for citizens, local or regional elected or officials, CSOs and other local players to learn, exchange, discuss and celebrate
- Focused on European cities and regions' contribution to global sustainable development, with particular attention to their international cooperation and city-to-city partnerships

Some hints about the EDLS 2018 Programme

Human Rights, social economy, cross-border cultural exchanges, gender equality in decentralised cooperation... the EDLS 2018 Programme includes many different initiatives promoted by European cities and regions and built upon their collaboration with local NGOs and partner countries.



Check the programme on www.localsolidaritydays.eu



Contact us at platforma@ccre-cemr.org

Join the campaign!

- **Use the EDLS campaign toolkit** or add the EDLS logo to your own material to boost your initiative and strengthen its key messages. It will also be promoted through the EDLS website (localsolidaritydays.eu) and the Twitter campaign ([#localsolidaritydays](https://twitter.com/localsolidaritydays)).
- **Sign the EDLS Charter to formalize your city's engagement** with the common values of democracy, solidarity, co-responsibility and partnership. The support of your European counterparts can also enhance further political and social recognition of your city's engagement for global sustainable development.
- **Become part of a community of European cities and regions** that exchange, learn and discuss on a regular basis about awareness raising tools, development education and sustainable development from a local perspective.

In 2017



The City Council of Paris welcomed the festive opening of the Festsol, the French solidarity festival that englobes thousands of activities all over the country. The Council held an informative stand on its current international cooperation projects.



The Province of Barcelona gathered mayors and local officials to discuss concrete innovative tools to raise citizens' awareness on global sustainable development. The conclusions of the discussion were captured by a drawing artist.



The Italian Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions partnered with local businesses in Venice to set up a public exhibition of local initiatives on fair trade and social economy as part of the local market.

The EDLS are organised by PLATFORMA, the pan-European coalition of town and regions and their associations involved in town-to-town and region-to-region development cooperation. This initiative is developed in the framework of the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between CEMR-PLATFORMA and the European Commission. It is co-financed by the European Union.



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