



## Bridging the Gap: How Multilevel Governance Can Accelerate Climate Solutions

Date: 14.05.2025 – 12:15-16:30

Location: COMET Luise, Brussels

Organisers: Covenant of Mayors, Regio1st project, European Committee of the Regions, Service Public Wallonne

Registration Link: [EUSurvey - Survey](#)

### Concept note

Multilevel Governance (MLG) is a collaborative approach that engages national, regional, and local governments and agencies as equal partners to efficiently plan and implement measures, addressing complex challenges such as climate change and energy efficiency.

Well-structured MLG practices ensure that financial resources are used effectively to meet local needs and priorities while aligning with broader national and regional objectives. By fostering collaboration across different levels of governance, MLG practices can ensure that funds are used effectively and that local needs are met.

The primary objective of this event is to explore how MLG practices can enhance the efficient use of European structural funds, as well as regional funds, to support cities and other local stakeholders. Additionally, the event will discuss how MLG can facilitate local authorities in implementing energy efficiency measures and ensure that energy efficiency considerations are included as first and core principle in all strategies across all sectors of our society.

To do so, we will first showcase the POLLEC programme of the Walloon Region, Belgium, also talking with beneficiary cities of the programme, to understand the added value of MLG practices at the regional level, as well as the challenges in running the programme.

We will then move to a panel discussion with key actors and facilitators of MLG practices in Europe.

This event aims to bring together national and regional authorities and agencies to share best practices, identify challenges, and propose solutions for improving MLG in the context of fund utilization and energy efficiency.

## Agenda

Time	Session	Panellists
12:00 – 13:15	Registration and networking lunch	
13:15 – 13:45	The crucial role of effective MLG practices to achieve EU climate and energy goals	Tadhg O'Briain, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission  Josko Klisovic, Rapporteur on MLG, Member of the Committee of Regions
13:45 – 14:45	Focus on POLLEC programme: lesson learnt and challenges ahead	François Lejeune, POLLEC Territorial Coordinator, InBW  Marie Spaey, Municipality of Rixensart, Belgium  Grégory Phillipart, Municipality of Ramillies, Belgium (tbc)
14:45 – 16:00	Triggering Local Energy Efficiency Initiatives Through Effective Multilevel Governance  Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can local authorities be supported in implementing energy efficiency measures through MLG?</li> <li>• What role do national and regional governments and agencies play in facilitating energy efficiency initiatives at the local level?</li> <li>• How can MLG be leveraged for a better use of regional and structural funds?</li> </ul>	Roman Kekec, Deputy Director of Local Energy Agency of Spodnje Podravje, Slovenia  Miljenko Sedlar, Head of Climate, REGEA, Croatia  Sara Piccirilli, Service Public Wallonie, Belgium  Piergabriele Andreoli, Director, AESS, Italy (tbc)
16:00 – 17:00	Networking coffee & closure of the event	