



European Committee of the Regions

National Structures at the regional local level

	NUTS2		NUTS3		LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS
	Bundesländer	9	Gruppen von Gemeinden	35	Gemeinden 2098
	Provincies / Provinces	11	Arrondissementen / Arrondissements	44	Gemeenten / Communes 589
	Райони	6	Области	28	Общини 265
	Regija	2	Županija	21	Gradovi i općine 556
	-	-	-	-	Δήμοι, Κοινότητες (Dimoi, koinotites) 615
	Regiony soudržnosti	8	Kraje	14	Obce 6 258
	Regioner	5	Landsdele	11	Kommuner 99
	-	-	Maakondade grupid	5	Linn, vald 79
	Suuralueet / Storområden	5	Maakunnat / Landskap	19	Kunnat / Kommuner 311
	Régions + DOM	27	Départements + DOM	101	Communes 35 358
	Regierungsbezirke	38	Kreise	401	Gemeinden 11130
	Περιφέρειες	13	Ομάδες Περιφερειακών Ενότητων	52	Δημοτικές / Τοπικές Κοινότητες 6 133
	Tervezési-statisztikai régiók	8	Megyeék + Budapest	20	Települések 3 155
	Regions	3	Regional Authority Regions	8	Electoral Districts 3 441
	Regioni	21	Provinciae	110	Comuni 7 960
	-	-	Statistiskie reģioni	6	Republikas pilsētas, novadi 119
	Regionai	2	Apskritis	10	Savivaldybės 60
	-	-	-	-	Communes 102
	-	-	Reġjuni	2	Lokaltajiet 68
	Regiony	17	Podregiony	73	Gminy 2 478
	Grupos de Entidades Intermunicipais + Regiões Autónomas	7	Entidades Intermunicipais + Regiões Autónomas	25	Freguesias 3 400
	Regiuni	8	Judet + Bucuresti	42	Comuni + Municipiu + Orase 3 181
	Oblasti	4	Kraje	8	Obce 2 926
	Kohezijske regije	2	Statistične regije	12	Občine 212
	Comunidades y ciudades Autónomas	19	Provincias + islas + Ceuta, Melilla	59	Municipios 8 124
	Riksområden	8	Län	21	Kommuner 290
	Provincies	12	COROP regio's	40	Gemeenten 380
	Counties	41	Upper tier authorities or groups of lower tier authorities	179	Lower tier authorities or individual unitary authorities; Individual unitary authorities or LECs Districts 400

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Who are we?

The **European People's Party (EPP) Group** is the largest political group in the **European Committee of the Regions (CoR)**. The CoR is the European Union's political assembly of regional and local representatives.

The EPP-CoR Group has around 250 full and alternate members who are **locally and regionally elected politicians** (Mayors, regional Presidents, local and regional councillors and representatives) belonging to the centre-right national parties within the European People's Party.



DR. MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
EPP-CoR Group President

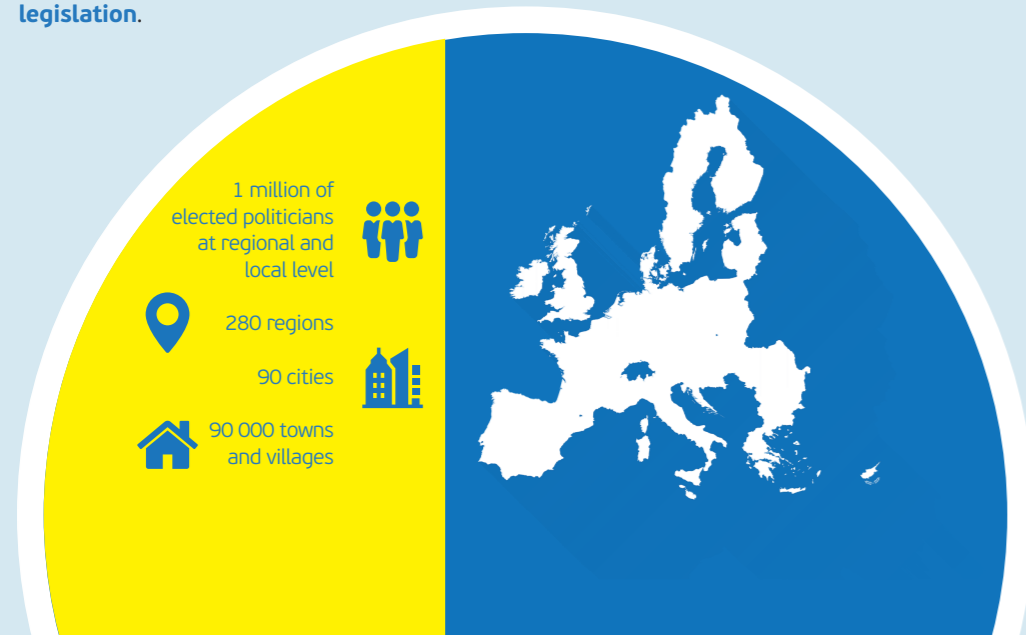
Led by its President, **Michael Schneider** from the State of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, the EPP-CoR Group strives for a **European Union that takes decisions closest to its citizens** based on the **principle of subsidiarity**.

In the European Union, there are **over one million** local and regional elected representatives in approximately **90 000 towns and villages, 900 cities and 280 regions**. All **politicians elected at local and regional level** are ideally placed to establish and maintain close links with citizens. Through their work at the CoR, local and regional politicians can share information on the EU's direct impact on the ground, and on the many benefits it provides for people's everyday lives.

Working for a Europe rooted in our villages, cities and regions

Approximately two-thirds of EU legislation is implemented by local and regional authorities. Cities and regions represent half of public employment, a third of public spending and two-thirds of public investment in Europe.

Regional and local leaders rely on the **highest level of people's trust** so that they can solve **local problems with European solutions** in fields such as economic policy, energy, mobility, climate change, health and digitalisation, migration, security, education, employment and regional development. Local and regional authorities are **responsible for a great number of essential policies**, which are closely interlinked with the objectives pursued at European level. It is important that their voices are heard when **decisions are made on EU policies and legislation**.



The EPP-CoR Group supports better governance at all levels of administration in EU Member States. It defends **stronger regions** that have the necessary competences, financial means and resources to **deliver results as closely as possible to the people**.

Shaping European policies in the CoR

The European CoR allows cities, regions and municipalities to influence European policy-making by giving them a voice on the EU stage, so that European legislation can be adapted to the reality on the ground. It expresses and formulates opinions, resolutions and declarations as part of the EU decision-making process on issues of importance at local and regional level in accordance with the EU treaties.

EPP-CoR Group members work actively in the CoR Commissions which elaborate **Europe's cities' and regions' opinions on key EU policies and legislation**. Up to six times a year, members gather at the **CoR's Plenary Sessions** in Brussels to vote on opinions, holding high-level debates with representatives from EU Institutions on topics of great interest to local and regional authorities.

Each year, the EPP-CoR Group also organises extraordinary meetings and seminars outside of Brussels in order to exchange views on important EU affairs with representatives of regions that are directly affected.

The wider EPP family

The European People's Party, led by its President **Joseph Daul**, counts on its national and regional member parties, as well as its Groups in the European CoR and the European Parliament to defend and promote its values of democracy, transparency, solidarity and putting citizens first.

The EPP-CoR Group is an active pillar of the EPP family and contributes to its work at its Bureau meetings and Congress. Thanks to the Group's active role, **the EPP promotes regions and cities as key actors in the EU based on the subsidiarity principle**. It supports subsidiarity and a strong and efficient cohesion policy which provides viable opportunities in every region by investing in jobs, sustainable growth, mobility, digitalisation, news skills and other areas to boost our regions' competitiveness and increase the quality of life and the welfare our citizens across the continent.

Following the results of the 2019 EU elections, the EPP-CoR Group is committed to working closely with the members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament led by **Manfred Weber** and **Ursula von der Leyen** President of the European Commission.



JOSEPH DAUL
President of the EPP



MANFRED WEBER
Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament



URSULA VON DER LEYEN
President of the European Commission

EPP Local Dialogues

As part of the **EPP Grassroots Engagement in view of the 2019 EU elections**, members of the EPP-CoR Group hosted a series of **EPP Local Dialogues** across the EU, discussing European policies of particular interest to their city or region and tackling topics at the centre of the debates on the future of Europe during the new EU mandate from 2019-2024. With flagship events in Bulgaria, Finland, Austria and Romania, this initiative sent a strong signal for a bottom-up, united and value-based Europe, closer to its people.

The **Summit of EPP regional and local leaders** in Bucharest adopted the EPP Regional and Local Manifesto in view of the EU elections in the presence of the EPP Spitzenkandidat and around 4000 local and regional leaders across Europe. The **political commitment** of so many people on the ground for **strong cities and regions** as the **foundation of our European Union** is now a clear political objective in the EPP Manifesto for the new political mandate.

EPP Local Dialogues have become a permanent tool for EPP politicians at all levels of administration to connect with their citizens and listen to their needs.

This ultimately helps us create a Europe that meets people's expectations – a Europe with the people and for the people.

