## #EURegionsWeek 2020

## Workshop Citizen engagement and regional policies

Thursday 8, October 2020 14:30 - 16:00

Edgeryders is organizing, together with the European Commission, the workshop "Citizen engagement and regional policies" which will be held on the 8th of October 2020, as part of the 18th European Week of Regions and Cities. The session will discuss the challenges of citizen engagement, the role of data for and about collective intelligence and will also present concrete examples of good practice to support discussion. The workshop will encourage Europe's regions to experiment with different economic models and show a data approach to collective intelligence which is the magic dust that can propel regional cohesion if people are enabled to act, not just talk.

This year, the European Week of Regions and Cities, the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy, will spread over three consecutive weeks in October, each dedicated to one timely topic. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related health and safety measures, the majority of the 500 sessions will be in fully digital format. Our session will be supported by the digital platform Zoom and it will be organised remotely.

## AGENDA:

14:30 – 14:40 Welcome and introduction, Alberto Cottica, Director, Edgeryders

14:40 – 15:25 Panel discussion on Citizen engagement and regional policies;

Stefan Appel, Head of Unit of the Competence Centre for Administrative Capacity Building and the EU Solidarity Fund, DG REGIO

Alessandro Bellantoni, Head of the Open Government Unit, OECD

Nadia El-Imam, Director, Edgeryders, Royal Society of Arts

Giacomo Pinaffo, Project manager, Fondazione di Comunità di Messina

15:25 - 15:30 Break

15:30 - 16:00 Q&A and Open discussion, moderated by Alberto Cottica

Please find below an overview of our session's details:

Session organiser: Edgeryders

Speakers:

Stefan Appel, DG REGIO

Alessandro Bellantoni, OECD

Nadia El-Imam, Edgeryders, Royal Society of Arts

Giacomo Pinaffo, Fondazione di Comunità di Messina

Moderator: Alberto Cottica (Edgeryders)

Session code: 8WS1121

Thematic cluster: Empowering citizens

Format: Workshop

Session title: Citizen engagement and regional policies

Date: 08/10/2020

Time from: 2:30:00 PM

Time to: 4:00:00 PM

Partner: European Commission

Language: english (en)

Venue: Zoom - Our session will be supported by the digital platform Zoom

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Registration Information: Registration for the 18th European Week of Regions and Cities opens on Thursday 27 August 2020 via the event website – <a href="https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/">https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/</a> – and closes on Sunday 27 September 2020.

Registration for all events at the European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels is free of charge and available exclusively via the event website, using the EU login.

\* This time slot is confirmed, but subject to change or cancellation closer to the date of the event, according to the COVID security measures and the sanitary situation.