



## EUROCITIES webinar: EU financial support to fight coronavirus and its socio-economic impact

Wednesday 1 April, 11h00 CET, via Skype for Business

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### Objective

This webinar will bring representatives from cities in direct dialogue with the European Commission to discuss what financial support the EU is making available to fight coronavirus and the socio-economic impact, and how cities can access and use this EU funding.

This is the first in a series of online events organised by EUROCITIES to inform, connect cities and facilitate city-to-city dialogue and mutual learning on how to prepare, respond and adapt to COVID-19 as well as plan to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the outbreak.

### Context

In the context of the rapidly spreading coronavirus (COVID-19), the European Commission proposed the [Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative \(CRII\)](#) to direct €37 billion under cohesion policy to provide immediate support in the most affected sectors, including:

- Healthcare (including hospital equipment and infrastructure, inhalators, masks, etc.)
- Support to working capital of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Short-term employment schemes
- Community-based services

The CRII provides for non-recovery of unused structural funds due in 2020 and makes COVID-19 related expenditure eligible as from 1 February. It aims to give member states quick access to this EU funding, with maximum flexibility and minimum administrative work.

The European Commission has set up a Task Force as a one-stop shop to answer questions, give advice and assistance on how to use the CRII. The Task Force is supported by country teams led by DG REGIO and DG EMPL directors.

### Questions for discussion

- How is the CRII relevant for cities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak?
- How can cities access EU funding under the CRII? How can cities contact the Task Force?
- How can cities use EU funding under the CRII to address the urgent needs at local level?

### Agenda

11.00 - 11.10	Welcome and introduction by <b>EUROCITIES</b>
11.10 - 11.40	Presentation of the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII) by <b>Adriana Sukova</b> , Deputy Director General of DG EMPL, European Commission
11.40 - 12.10	Q&A / online discussion with city representatives - moderated by <b>EUROCITIES</b>
12.10 - 12.20	Final remarks by <b>Adriana Sukova</b>
12.20 - 12.30	Concluding remarks by <b>EUROCITIES</b>

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