



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

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Moderator of the webinar

- **Bianca Faragau, EUROCITIES senior policy advisor**

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Agenda

- 11.00 - 11.10 **Welcome and introduction to webinar**
- 11.10 - 11.40 **Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative**
- 11.40 - 12.10 **Q & A / online discussion**
- 12.10 - 12.20 **Final remarks by the speaker**
- 12.20 - 12.30 **Concluding remarks by EUROCITIES**

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Welcome to our webinar

200 participants from over
70 cities in **20** EU countries



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Introductory remarks

- **Silvia Ganzerla, EUROCITIES policy director**

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EU response to COVID-19



- Mobilising EU budget:
 - €37 bln from Cohesion Policy funds (ERDF, ESF) - CRII
 - €800 million from EU Solidarity Fund
 - €179 mil from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
 - €47.5million from Horizon 2020 for boosting research
- Mobilising financing **€40 bln** from EIB to help SMEs
- Flexibility in the application of EU rules on:
 - Derogation from State aid rules until December 2020
 - Temporary suspending Stability and Growth Pact to accommodate exceptional spending

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Presentation of the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII)

**Adriana Sukova, Deputy Director General of
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion,
European Commission**

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EU funding support

Coronavirus
Response
Investment
Initiative



- €37 billion unspent from cohesion policy funds



- Individual funding support for each member state detailed in the letters from the Commissioners
- Eligible costs: healthcare system, support to SMEs working capital, short-term employment schemes
- Flexible application of cohesion funding rules
- Task Force made of DG REGIO and DG EMPL country teams to provide support and advice

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Question and Answer session



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Final remarks

**Adriana Sukova, Deputy Director General of
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion,
European Commission**

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Concluding remarks

Silvia Ganzerla, EUROCITIES policy director

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EUROCITIES response to COVID-19



- EUROCITIES **statement** on COVID-19
- We set up <https://covidnews.eurocities.eu/>
 - Live updates from cities
 - EU updates
 - Calendar of postponed events and online meetings
- Online **city dialogues** to share know-how among cities on emergency measures to coronavirus crisis

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Upcoming EUROCITIES webinars



2 April @11h00 **City Dialogue on Corona Response**
- for city contact officers -

7 April @11h00 **City Dialogue on ESF+**
- for city funding officers -

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