Information Guide

Regions in Europe

A guide to information sources on the Regions of Europe, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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Information sources in the ESO database

- Regional and local issues in Europe
- EU Regional and Cohesion Policies
  See also:
  ESO: Information Guide: Committee of the Regions
  ESO: Information Guide: Structural Policy

EU Institutions

- **European Commission**
  - Secretariat General
    - Communication … A framework for target-based tripartite contracts and agreements between the Community, the States and regional and local authorities (COM (2002)709)
    - Communication … Dialogue with associations of regional and local authorities on the formulation of European Union policy (COM (2003)811)
  - DG Regional Policy (REGIO)
    - Regional Policy – InfoRegio
      - Macro-Regional strategies
        - The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (2009)
        - The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (2010)
        - The EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (2014)
        - The EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (2015)

  - Eurostat (ESTAT)
    - Regions & Cities: a single access point to all Eurostat's sub-national statistics
    - Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics: The NUTS classification is a hierarchical system for dividing up the economic territory of the EU for the analysis of regions, the collection of statistics and the framing of EU regional policy

- **European Parliament**
  - Committee on Regional Development (REGI)

- **Committee of the Regions**
  - Multilevel governance
  - European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
  - Subsidiarity monitoring
  - Structured Dialogue
  - Contact details for regional offices in Brussels
  - CoR online MOOC: Regions and Cities Matter (Autumn 2015)

- **European Ombudsman**
  - Regional Ombudsman

Other international organisations

- **Council of Europe**
  - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)
    - European Charter of Local Self-Government
    - Thematic index of adopted texts

Pan-European stakeholder organisations

- Assembly of European Regions (AER)
- Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)
- Conference of European regions with legislative power (REGLEG)
- Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)
- EUROCITIES
- European Federation of Local Government Chief Executives (UDiTE)
- European Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Regions (FEDRE)
- Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE)
- Norden (Nordic Council)
- Baltic Assembly
- Benelux
- Visegrad
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- Central European Free Trade Association (CEFTA)
- GUAM Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development
- Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Regional associations

- Alps-Adriatic Alliance Working Community (ALPEADRIA)
- Arco Latino
- Assembly of the European Regions producing Fruit, Vegetables and Plants (AREFLH)
- Assembly of European Wine Regions (AREV)
- Association of the Alpine States (ARGEALP)
- Association of Border Regions (AEBR)
- Atlantic Arc Commission
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)
- Euromontana
- European Network of Wine Cities (RECEVIN)
- Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)
- Danube Region (ARGE DONAULÄNDER)
- European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES)
- Four Motors for Europe
- Mediterranean Commission
- Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)
- North Sea Region
- SaarLorLux
- Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)
- Working Community of the Pyrenees (CTP)

Regions in European countries

Links to the websites of regional governments and authorities in all European countries (where such authorities exist) can be found in the ESO Country Information Guides:

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
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- Belarus
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- Macedonia [Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, FYROM]
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- Russian Federation
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- Slovak Republic / Slovakia
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- Switzerland
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- United Kingdom
- Vatican

Miscellaneous

- Wikipedia: [Regions of Europe](#)
- Cardiff EDC: Info Sheet: [Regionalism and separatism in the European Union](#)
- ESO: Current issues relating to regions in Europe
  - [The regions of Europe / Regional issues in Europe](#)
  - [Scotland: Referendum 2014 and subsequent developments](#)
  - [Catalonia: Calls for independence](#)
  - [Scotland: Brexit (and calls for second referendum)](#)
  - [Northern Ireland and Brexit](#)
  - [Wales and Brexit](#)
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  - [Catalonian election 2015](#)
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  - [European Centre for Minority Issues](#)

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