

**2020 CEMR Congress**  
***“Local Action. Global Shift: Living the Sustainable Development Goals”***

**Call for participation**

Local and regional politicians and staff of LRGs are invited to gather at the Innsbruck congress centre in Austria from **06 to 08 May 2020** for the **CEMR Congress** – hosted by the city of Innsbruck, the Austrian Association of Municipalities and Towns and the Austrian Association of cities.

We aim to organise a forum that brings together a wide range of local and regional elected representatives and those working in local and regional administrations, as well as representatives from private sector and civil society, to share experiences and develop ideas on the role of the sustainable development goals in promoting an alternative model of development for Europe and the world.

The Congress builds on the core belief that participation, action, cooperation and empowerment are keys to achieve the sustainable development goals and implement real change. In this regard, we hereby launch a call to identify potential speakers, table moderators for the different sessions and “respondents”. Several formats are proposed for the congress sessions: debates, masterclass sessions, world cafés/brainstorming sessions and workshops. Each session will be designed with tangible objectives and outcomes aligned with the Congress theme and will be clustered around selected topics, each positioned to further understanding and awareness, build practical and solving skills, implement concrete actions and get inspired by SDG leaders.

This invitation is addressed to national associations of local and regional government (CEMR members) and their members. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, we invite you to read carefully the requirements and benefits associated to the following profiles:

	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Speaker	Take part actively in a panel discussion and give a talk for a certain amount of time around a specific topic. Speakers should be able to speak at least one of the 3 main Congress languages (EN/FR/DE)	Free entrance to the Congress but travel and accommodation not covered by CEMR
Table facilitator	Play an active role in the session by moderating a table, facilitating the group conversation, reporting back to a bigger group of participants etc. Table facilitators should be able to speak at least one of the 3 main Congress languages (EN/FR/DE).	Entrance fees, travel and accommodation are not covered by CEMR
“Respondent”	Guaranteed to be provided an early opportunity to contribute to the debate from the floor; This will provide the chance to highlight specific questions, examples or experiences related to the topic. Respondents should be able to speak at least one of the 3 main Congress languages (EN/FR/DE)	Entrance fees, travel and accommodation are not covered by CEMR

Applications will be accepted in either **English** or **French**

Due to limited slots, not all received proposals can be accepted. In addition to this, proposals for speakers will be considered and reviewed by the CEMR Secretariat based on the following criteria:

- Expertise and knowledge of the speaker(s)
- Relevance of the proposal
- We reserve the right to make selections based on gender, geographical and age balance.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 31 January 2020**

**We invite you to circulate this call in your network and look forward to hearing from you**

For any questions regarding the call for participation and the 2020 Innsbruck congress, please contact **Redouan Boudiba**, CEMR Event Officer (+32 2 842 45 58), [redouan.boudiba@ccre-cemr.org](mailto:redouan.boudiba@ccre-cemr.org)).