

# Mobilizing multilevel actors towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:

## Key takeaways of the 2023 SDG summit

Wednesday  
11th of October  
11:00 – 13:00

Espai Catalunya Europa  
Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU  
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat, 227 – 1040 Brussels

*Inclusive SDGs:  
Leaving no one behind*

September 2023 marks a turning point in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to the UN, local and regional governments will carry out 65% of the implementation of the SDGs. Coordination between different levels of government will therefore be a key factor in defining and implementing SDG strategies.

In this regard, the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU will provide a forum for discussion on the lessons learnt after the SDG Summit and the challenges and opportunities linked to the SDG implementation. We will discuss the different areas of innovation in relation to a successful SDG Implementation with the perspectives of the United Nations, the European Institutions and regional and local networks, along with a discussion on the first ever Voluntary Local Review (VLR) of the Government of Catalonia.

### PROGRAMME

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#### 11:00 Welcome speech

- Ignasi Centelles, Representative of the Government of Catalonia to the EU

#### 11:05 Keynote speech (also part of the panel)

- Laia Pinós-Mataró, Deputy head of Unit European Green Deal, General Secretariat of the European Commission

#### 11:20 Panel

- Eeva Furman, Member of the Advisory Council of ESDN and Secretary General of the Finnish Commission for Sustainable Development
- Ricardo Rio\*, Rapporteur of the ECON Commission of the European Committee of the Regions
- Arnau Queralt-Bassa, President of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils Network (EEAC) and Director of the Sustainable Development Advisory Council of Catalonia
- Emilia Saiz\*, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

#### Moderation:

- Stefano Marta\*, Coordinator “A Territorial Approach to the SDGs” at OECD

#### 12:40 Closing

- Camilla Brückner, Director of UNDP and the UN System Office to the EU Institutions

#### 13:00 Networking opportunity



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