



European Commission

The Knowledge Exchange Platform 2.0

Boosting the European Research Area in European cities and regions



“Regions and cities play an essential role in achieving our green and digital transitions. The Joint Action Plan and the relaunched Knowledge Exchange Platform work plan are the building blocks of our European Knowledge strategy and focus on concrete solutions to improve citizens’ lives.”

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth



“European citizens hugely benefit from the results achieved in innovation and research, thanks to EU programmes such as Horizon 2020 (...). In the same way, our people and local communities benefit from EU funds and policies, which aim to reduce disparities, even in the field of innovation and research.”

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions



What is the Knowledge Exchange Platform 2.0?

The Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP) is a cooperation mechanism existing since 2015 that allows for a strategic and operational dialogue with European regions and cities on research and innovation. **KEP brings together scientists, policy makers and citizens to discuss the major challenges our society is facing and work towards Europe’s recovery and the green and digital transition.**



Research and Innovation



The new Knowledge Exchange Platform work plan (KEP 2.0) was adopted by the European Committee of the Regions on 25 November 2020 and is fully aligned and instrumental to the achievements of the new European Research Area priorities:

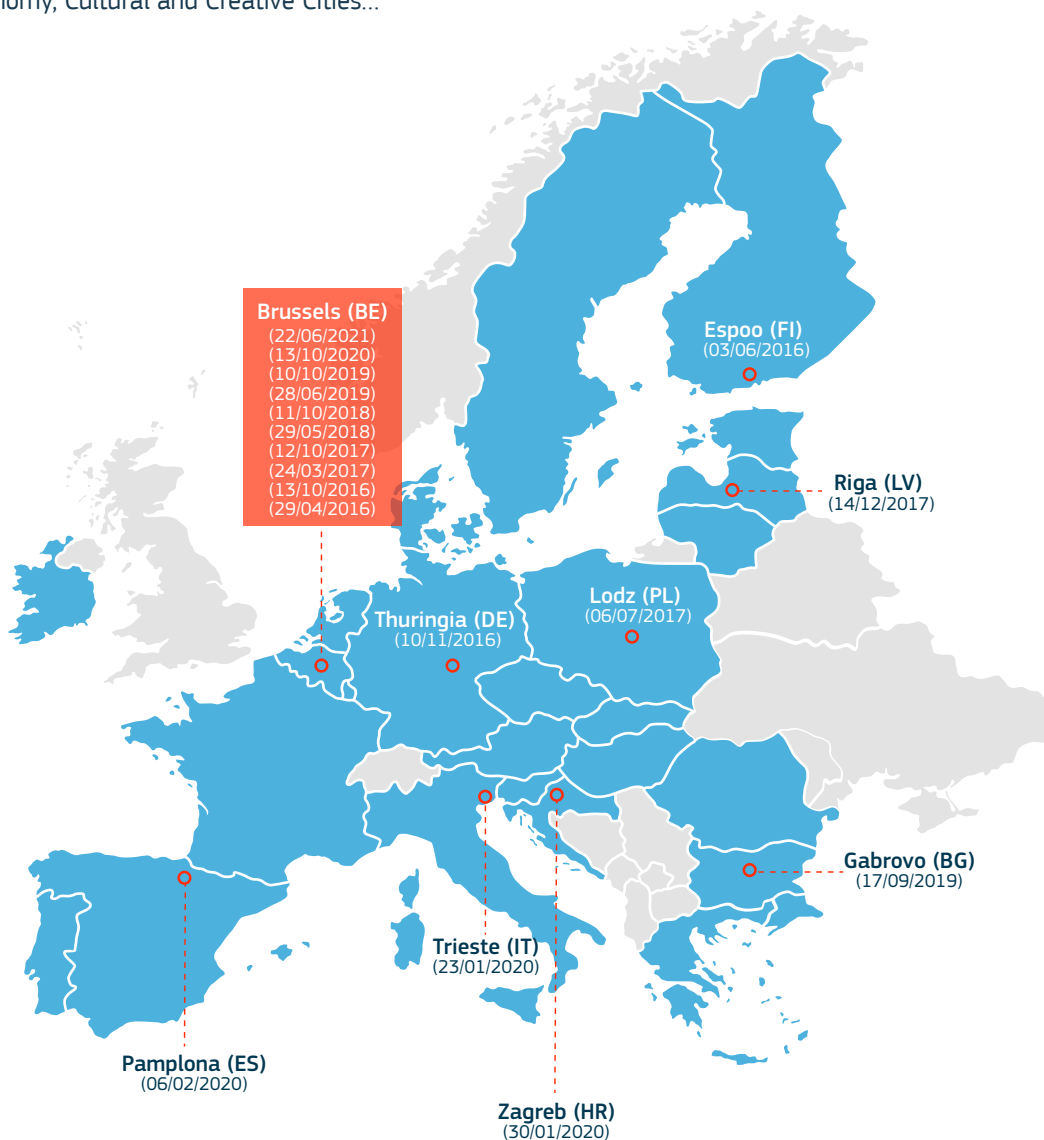
- Efficient mobilisation, consultation and dialogue of European regions and cities on issues related to research and innovation
- Effective knowledge sharing between the European Commission services to the European Committee of the Regions and its members.

Since 2015, the Knowledge Exchange Platform has organized important events on Research and Innovation topics in Brussels and several regions and cities across Europe.

KEP 2.0 is part of the Joint Action Plan linking science, innovation, education and culture across the European Union. Its aim is to reduce and bridge existing gaps in research, innovation and education in EU regions and cities.

KEP events in European regions and cities

Some examples from past topics: Social Innovation, Industry 4.0, Bio economy, Cultural and Creative Cities...





Overview of Knowledge Exchange Platform actions

Main actions	Achievements
Strategic seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bringing the main concepts and messages of the European Research Area closer to citizens and multiplying its outreach Two seminars/year, attracting 100-150 participants, organised in Brussels
Peer-to-peer events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving the opportunity to regional and local actors to promote their R&I activities and competences in a specific field of the European Research Area; maximum four/year, organised at local level Collaboration with Science meets Regions aiming at stimulating policy makers to make use of best available policy, to foster dialogue, to discuss local and regional policy issues and involve citizens. Regions can apply to host an Innovation Camp giving citizens the opportunity to make their voices heard on Research and Innovation issues, which affect them in their everyday lives.
Showcasing events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcasing of on-going EU-funded research and innovation projects related to the topic of the strategic seminars Organised by KEP partners in Brussels or at local level

At least once a year, a political dialogue takes place to take stock of the strategic cooperation between the Committee of the Regions and the European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation.

How to get involved in KEP:



Get involved

Do you want to participate to a KEP seminar, held twice a year in Brussels?

Please check the webpage for any upcoming meeting and registration.

<https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/knowledge-exchange-platform.aspx>

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/era/knowledge-exchange-platform-kep_en

Are you a local or regional stakeholder, and do you want to host a peer-to-peer event?

Contact [your representative](#) at the Committee of the Regions. They could submit an application to the next call for expression of interest. Members of the Committee of the Regions can volunteer to host such events in their region.

Do you want to have your 'showcase' event linked to the KEP?

Contact [your local/regional representative at the Committee of the Regions](#).



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#EURResearch4Regions

More information at

[Knowledge Exchange Platform \(KEP\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Science meets Parliaments - Background | EU Science Hub \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Joint Action Plan | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

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