Post-COP25: a local governments’ perspective

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Outline

1. The European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

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1. The European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

- CoR voices regions and in the EU policy making process
- 350 members - local or regionally elected politicians from all EU countries (grouped by political party and headed by the President)

Members of the European Committee of the Regions

- Opinions and Resolutions -> 70% of all EU legislation implemented by LRAs
2. CoR at the UNFCCC COP25

- ~15 CoR members (including Vice-President)
- 20 speaking slots for the extended delegation
- More than 15 bilateral meetings
- 1 high-level briefing with EVP Timmermans
- 1 welcome briefing on site
- 1 delegation meeting + briefing
- 1 press point - participating and reacting to EVP press conference

Figure - The official CoR communication overview from the 1st till the 10th of December.

The pie chart shows the percentage of articles related to the Green Deal and CoP on a total of 952 articles for the CoR as a whole.
3. COP25 main outcomes

- COP25 Side events: bottom up approach, vertical integration, multilevel governance

- International consensus on the role of subnational governments

- Not reflected into “Conclusions of COP25”

- Call for increased climate ambition and action by national governments by LGMA
4. Towards UNFCCC COP26

On the road to Glasgow, six key priorities:

1. Raise the climate ambition of local and regional governments;

2. Ensure NDC vertical integration and transparency;

3. Localize climate finance;

4. Take a balanced approach to mitigation and adaptation;

5. Link climate to circular economy and nature;

6. Amplify global climate action.
Thank you!

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