

## SAVE THE DATE - Online Workshop 14.10.2021 - 11.30-13.00 Citizens at the forefront of the development of cross-border living areas

If citizens' engagement has always been important in order to build up coherent public policies, it has become unavoidable. Especially in cross-border territories, where the freedom of movement has been severely restricted since March 2020, citizens want to be involved. It is about rebuilding trust, rethinking cross-border living spaces and opening new possibilities for citizens and workers.

But how can engagement work efficiently in this new context? Our workshop will firstly show the impact of the crisis on citizens in cross-border areas in Europe. Engagement projects will then be presented and innovative methods highlighted. Because engagement has also to be target oriented, we will reflect in a third step on citizens' engagement while planning cross-border services. Finally, the role of the Committee of the Regions and the one of the European cross-border citizens' alliance in this context will be pointed out. Thanks also to the discussions with the audience, the workshop will discuss and gather practical tools to be implemented in cross-border regions by citizens or organisations who supports them.

