



20 years of the Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean

The Euroregion, a major player in territorial cooperation in Europe and in the Mediterranean, acting on behalf of its citizens

Thursday 7th November 2024 | Palau de Pedralbes – Barcelona

The Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean will celebrate its 20th anniversary on November 7, 2024.

Over these 20 years, institutional cooperation between **the Occitania Region, the Government of the Balearic Islands and the Government of Catalonia** has advanced significantly, building bonds between the inhabitants of these territories, united by a long common history and a territory heavily influenced by the Mediterranean.

Its founders, who shared a political vision of a Europe of regions close to its citizens, propelled it forward, enabling it to evolve, strengthen and transform over the past 20 years.

The Euroregion has also become an interregional and transnational institution in the field of territorial cooperation recognised at the European level. It became a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) in 2009 and was one of the first European public organisations of its kind, based in the place Salvador Dalí considered the centre of the world, Perpignan.

More broadly, the Euroregion has succeeded in using its road map (Building a Resilient Future by 2030) to bring together all the drivers of innovation, higher education, research, culture, the environment and tourism, with the aim of developing ambitious projects with a European dimension.

This celebration is a chance for us to take stock of its actions and view its results, its specific impact on the territory and its essential role in Europe, and particularly the Mediterranean, always at the service of its citizens. It is also an opportunity to bring together on the same day the member institutions, young people and civil society through the economic and social committees (ESCs) of the three territories, to present their vision and what they see as the prospects for the Euroregion.





Program: morning sessions, November 7, 2024

Location: Palau de Pedralbes, Barcelona

○ **8:45–9:30 a.m. | Reception and registration of participants.**

○ **9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | The Euroregion and the youth (Sala Gran)**

Young people have a central role to play in the Euroregion roadmap and must help it to more closely orient its action to meet the challenges they consider important for them and society. This series of round tables will provide an opportunity to learn about their vision and hear their proposals to our members.

➤ **9:30– 11 a.m. | Young people talk about Europe**

Presentation of the results of the European project Youth 4 Green ERF and debate.

Moderation: Samuel Touron, a representative of Young European Federalists

Speakers:

- Emilie Tamo, representative of the Euroregional Youth Assembly
- Naima Domenech Bellver, young participant in the project, CNO Girona (Figueres)
- Sergio Marín Zapata, ADRET (EUROPE DIRECT Pyrénées), Y4Green ERF partner
- Tomás Amer, Director of the Youth Balearic Institute, member of the Euroregion's Youth group
- Jean Pierre Halkin, Head of Unit - Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders, European Commission
- Nadia Pellefigue, Vice president of the Region Occitanie, representative of the Euroregion

➤ **11–11h30 a.m. | Coffee break**

➤ **11:30 a.m. –1 p.m. | Youth and culture in the Euroregion**

- **11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | Cultural cooperation as a link between the young people and Europe**

Moderation: Francesc Vilaró, representative of culture among the members of the Euroregion

Speakers:

- Delphine Peres, member of the Euroregional Youth Assembly (EYA)
- Bartolomé Agudo López, General Director of the Catalan Youth Agency, member of the Youth Euroregional commission
- Marie HEGUY-URAIN, Euroregion New Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre (NAEN)
- Marcos Callejo, movie producer, CIDAP stakeholder, beneficiary of the Euroregional cultural call
- Rémy Farré Salvatella, communicator and philologist, participant in the RESSONA project, beneficiary of the "APC" (CAT / OCC)





➤ **12:15–1 p.m. | Cooperation and Euroregional languages: toward a Europe of languages**

Moderator: Llorenç Perelló Rosselló, director of the Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics.

Speakers:

- Zep Armentaro, País Invisible, Aranese project, winner of the first edition of the Euroregion's language competition
- Mònica Sarti, teacher at La Ribera secondary school (IB), winner of the Euroregion's language competition (19–30 years old)
- Delphine Peres, member of the EYA
- Vicente Vázquez Vidal, young representative from the Euroregion Norte Portugal-Galizia
- Gabrièu Pellison (OCC), winner of the first Euroregion's language competition

➤ **9:30 – 1 p.m. | The Euroregion and civil society (Sala Música)**

The Euroregion is committed to supporting the socio-economic actors of its territory, through the members of the Economic and Social Committees of the respective territories. The Euroregion supports their action by enabling them to consolidate their exchanges and express their shared vision on the challenges of the future for the Euroregion and its inhabitants.

➤ **9:30–9:45 a.m. | Welcome to the day and the session**

- Toni Mora Núñez, president of the Labour, Economic and Social Council of Catalonia (CTESC)

➤ **9:30–9:45 a.m. | Round table: “Working and traveling in the Euroregion: what are the issues for workers, populations and what impact on the economy?”**

Moderator: Toni Mora Núñez, president of the Labour, Economic and Social Council of Catalonia (CTESC)

Speakers:

- José Luis García, Secretary General workers Commissions (CCOO), Balearics' islands expert
- Amanda Alonso Toresano, responsible for Catalan Worker Union branch international department CCOO
- Leyre Azcona Sanz de Galdeano, responsible of territorial cooperation, Euroregion New Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre (NAEN)

➤ **11:00–11:30 a.m. | Coffee break**





- **11:30–11:35 a.m. | Welcome to the second session**
 - Toni Mora Núñez, CTESC president

- **11:35–12:50 a.m. | Round table: “Sustainable tourism in the framework of the Euroregion”**

Moderator: Rafel Ballester Salvà, President of the Economic and Social Council of the Balearic Islands (CESIB)

Speakers:

 - Jaume Roselló, PhD Balearic Islands University,
 - Rosa Ma. Fraguell Director of the Department of Geography University of Girona

- **12:50–1:00 p.m. | Closing of the day**
 - Toni Mora Núñez, CTESC president
 - Rafel Ballester Salvà, CESIB President

- **9:30 – 1:00 p.m. | Meetings of the Euroregion's thematic commissions (members only) (Sala Biblioteca)**
 - 9.30 – 11 a.m. | Environment Commission
 - 11.30–13p.m. | Inter-commission on Innovation and Higher Education/Research

- **1–2 p.m. | Lunch (Sala de Quadres i Tapissos, i Rotonda)**

Presentation of the action of the Tourism Commission of the Euroregion by Cristina Lagé Manich, Directora General de Turisme de Catalunya. Departament d’ Empresa i Treball de la Generalitat de Catalunya.

Presentation of Catalonia World Region for Gastronomy in 2025 by Dèlia Perpiñà, coordinator

- **2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | The Euroregion is Culture**, Cultural performance (Sala de Quadres i Tapissos, Sala Biblioteca i rotonda)



Program: afternoon sessions, November 7, 2024

Location : Palau de Pedralbes, Barcelona

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | 20 years of Euroregional and European projects (Sala Gran)

Since its creation, the Euroregion has supported cooperation between socio-economic and cultural stakeholders in the three territories through its own funding & numerous calls for projects and aid for student mobility within the Euroregion's universities. In total, **over 20 years, the Euroregion has funded more than 5 million euros in aid for 2,100 beneficiaries.**

The Euroregion also involves participation in **16 European projects**, including 11 as leader, more than 100 partners involved from all over Europe, 9 different European programs mobilized, for more than **25 million of European funding** obtained, including 22 million for the territory.

These two round tables will provide a cross-vision of beneficiaries of Euroregional funds and partners of European projects in which the Euroregion has participated.

➤ 3:00 – 3:20 p.m. | Institutional welcoming by:

- **Jaume Duch i Guillot**, Catalan Minister of European Union and exteriors affairs, Generalitat of Catalonia
- **Antònia Maria Estarellas**, Regional Minister of the Presidency and Public Administrations of the Balearic Islands
- **Nadia Pellefigue**, Vice-president of the Occitanie Region, in charge of Higher Education, Research, Europe and International Relations

➤ 3:20 – 4:50 p.m. | Wrap up of the Euroregional morning sessions

- **Toni Mora Nuñez**, President of the CTESC, CES's euroregional representative.
- **Emilie Tamo**, Euroregional Youth Assembly's President

➤ 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Euroregional Youth language awards

- **Francesc Xavier Vila Moreno**, Regional Minister for Language Policy of the Generalitat de Catalunya
- **Nadia Pellefigue**, Vice-President of the Occitanie Region, responsible for Higher Education, Research, Europe and International Relations
- **Antònia Maria Estarellas**, Regional Minister for the Presidency and Public Administration of the Balearic Islands





- **4:00 – 4:45 p.m. | The Euroregion as seen by its territorial stakeholders and partners:**
its role as a lever for cooperation and positioning at European level.
Speakers:
 - **Pere Joan Planas**, Director, Touristic Agency of the Balearic Islands (AETIB)
 - **Nicolas Nguyen**, Director of Europe and international action, ASOI Cluster
 - **Franck Lartaud**, Vice director, Banyuls Oceanographic Observatory
 - **Laia Casanova Manonelles**, Manager Network of Creation and Production Spaces of Catalonia (Xarxaprod)
 - **Joan Sansaloni**, responsible for Industrial and Intellectual Property, Catalan Innovation Agency, ACCIÓ

- **4:45 – 5:25 p.m. | The Euroregion as seen by European-scale stakeholders:**
Its key role in the Mediterranean and in building a Europe close to its citizens
Speakers:
 - **Jean Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit, DG Regio, European Commission
 - **Pavel Branda**, Committee of the Regions, rapporteur for the opinion on removing cross-border obstacles for the Committee of the Regions
 - **Arola Urdangarin**, Director, Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Euskadi, Navarre
 - **Davide Strangis**, Deputy Secretary General, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) member of MedCoopAlliance

- **5:25 – 5:35 p.m. | Institutional speeches**
 - **Xavier Bernard-Sans**, Secretary General, Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean
 - **Manuela Szapiro**, European Commissions representative in Barcelona

- **5:35 – 5:40 | 20th anniversary video**

- **5:40 – 5:50 p.m. | Vision of the territorial cooperation by the new European Parliament**
Younous Omarjee, European Parliament Vice-President

- **5:50 – 5:55 p.m. | Signing of the declaration: “The Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean: strategic partner of the cohesion policy”**

- **5:55 – 6:10 p.m. | Final speech by Salvador Illa i Roca**, President of the Generalitat of Catalonia and the Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean

- **6:10-7:30 p.m. | Musical performance & Cocktail**