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Making EU funds work for **affordable housing:** lessons from Regions and Cities

EVENT PROGRAMME



12 OCTOBER – CLOSE TO YOU 2026 – 20 DECEMBER

Wednesday 18 November 2026
Office of the Presidency
of the Sicilian Region
12 Rue Belliard | Brussels

EUROPEAN WEEK of Regions & Cities

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Side event #EURegionsWeek Close to you

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Brussels Office of the Presidency of the Sicilian Region | *12, Rue Belliard - 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium*
18 November 2026 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

9:00 - 9:30 | Registration and Welcome Coffee

- Participant registration
- Distribution of information and promotional materials

Event moderation by **Angela Antinoro**, *Head of the Communication Service of the Department for Programming of the Presidency of the Sicilian Region - FESR Sicilia Communication Manager*

9:30 - 9:45 | Institutional Greetings

- **Filippo Nasca**, *Director General, Regional Department for Extra-Regional Affairs - Brussels Office of the Presidency of the Sicilian Region*
- **Alessandro Aricò**, *Councillor for Infrastructure and Mobility, Sicilian Region*

INTRODUCTION TO THE SESSION

Vincenzo Falgares, *Director General, Regional Department for Programming - Presidency of the Sicilian Region*

9:55 - 10:10 | The European Affordable Housing Plan: strategic priorities and European Commission initiatives

- **Francesco Amodeo**, *Policy Officer, HOUSING Task Force (DG ENER), European Commission*

10:10 - 10:25 | Cohesion Policy and Affordable Housing: opportunities and tools for implementing interventions

- **Nicola De Michelis**, *Director for Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation (DG REGIO), European Commission*

10:25 - 10:40 | The role of Regions and Social Housing in tackling Europe's housing crisis

- **Alice Pittini**, *Research Director at Housing Europe (European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing)*

10:40 - 10:55 | The Dutch Social Housing model: governance, tools and good practices

- **Tim Wolters**, *European Public Affairs, AEDES (Dutch Federation of Social Housing Associations)*

10:55 - 12:00 | Regional policies for Affordable Housing: experiences and implementation prospects in Italy

- **ABRUZZO REGION | Carmine Cipollone**, *Head of the Single Managing Authority for the ERDF-ESF Programmes*
- **CAMPANIA REGION | Donata Vizzino**, *Head of the Territorial Governance Department*
- **SICILIAN REGION | Ornella Pagano**, *Department of Programming, Presidency of the Sicilian Region*

The invitation has been extended to MEPs elected in the Insular Italy constituency (Sicily-Sardinia)

Interactive session with the audience

Q&A

CONCLUSION

1:00 | Networking lunch