

## Regions4SDGs European Community of Practice Session

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
British Embassy in Berlin and Online  
14:00 – 15:30 (CET)

### CONCEPT NOTE

Regions4 is proud to announce that the Welsh Government will host the kick-off session of the European Community of Practice Regions4SDGs on 4 March to be held in-person and online.

The Community of Practice is a collective and participatory project to support SDGs localization in regional governments. Based on peer-review, it will act as a platform for the exchange of experiences, mutual support, capacity building, and alignment of statements both at technical and political levels. It aims to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and strengthen territorial approaches, scaling-up regional pathways from isolated good practices to collective modalities of implementation, ultimately influencing more ambitious results in the national, European, and international frameworks.

The first session will explore innovative governance and legislation modalities implemented in Wales. The meeting aims to serve as food for thought to the SDGs implementation in regional governments' territories.

It is expected that attendees prepare for the discussion by reading the material beforehand (see link below), reflecting on how their region's experience differs from the chosen case and bringing questions and comments.

Join us with ideas, questions, challenges and different approaches to be shared in a safe space with government officials. Your perspective will collaborate to the set of recommendations participants will produce as a concrete outcome to be presented in future political events.

At the end of the meeting, we will discuss the next session of the community of practice with an initial proposal from Wales for this to focus on assessing the carbon impact of policy options and government budgets.

### Session outline

- 14:00 Introduction to the session (Ivy Moraes, Programme Manager, Regions4).
- 14:05 Responding to Agenda2030 through legislation – the experience of Wales (Andrew Charles, Head of Futures, Welsh Government).

In this session, you will hear about the response from Government and Civil society in Wales to the sustainable development agenda and how the lever of legislation was used to develop a comprehensive approach. It will cover:

- The essential features of the Welsh approach
  - The legislative process – from Government commitment to the new law (2011-2015)
  - Lessons for other regions and sub-national governments
  - Lessons in implementation 5 years on.
- 14.35 Discussion: ideas, questions and challenges
  - 15:15 Scoping a future Regions4SDGs Community of Practice: Assessing the carbon impact of the Government budget.
  - 15.30 Close

### Joining instructions

Please contact [info@regions4.org](mailto:info@regions4.org), cc to [imoraes@regions4.org](mailto:imoraes@regions4.org) to register for the event. Please submit the participant's full name, position, regional government, email, and if attending in person or online. Registered attendees will receive the instructions on how to connect.

Please note the event will be held in English.

**Pre-reading material** Wales and the Sustainable Development Goals (2019). Available at: <https://gov.wales/uk-voluntary-national-review-welsh-supplementary-report-2019>

### Output

A write up of the session and key learning points will be produced between the Welsh Government and Regions4.