

Four Motors for Europe

How to strengthen its role in achieving the 2030 Agenda and the European Green Deal?

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Throughout the network's thirty-year existence, the Four Motors for Europe have remained firmly committed to a close and continuous cooperation that will benefit the citizens living in their territories. Against a backdrop of European integration Baden-Württemberg, Lombardy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Catalonia have long aspired to be at the forefront of European development in a range of fields including innovation, creativity and culture, while at the same time maintaining their commitment to global challenges.

In the framework of the Catalan rotating presidency, the Four Motors for Europe, together with the collaboration of CIDOB, organizes a working session with think tanks and institutional participation from the four regions. The session will address global challenges, regional cooperation and the role of regions in the development of the 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the European Green Deal.

10.00 – 10.15 **Opening**

Antoni Segura, Chairman of the Board, CIDOB

Institutional Welcome

Alan Christian Rizzi, Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Lombardy Region

Yannick Neuder, Vice-president in charge of Higher education, Research, Innovation and European Funds, Government of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

Theresa Schopper, State Minister, responsible for policy coordination. Government of Baden-Württemberg

Bernat Solé, Ministry for Foreign Action, Institutional Relations and Transparency. Government of Catalonia

10.15 – 11.30 **Regional cooperation in the European Union: how to improve the participation of regions in the face of current global challenges?**

Moderator

Héctor Sánchez Margalef, Researcher, CIDOB

Hannah Abdullah, Research Fellow, CIDOB, (Catalonia)

Denis Cocconcelli, Director, CIRIDD, (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)

Armando De Crinito, Scientific Director, Deputy General Manager, PoliS-Lombardia (Lombardy)

Andreas Pyka, Chair of Innovation Economics, University of Hohenheim, (Baden-Württemberg)



11.30 – 12.45 **The role of the regions in achieving the European Green Deal and the 2030 Agenda**

Moderator **Arnau Queralt**, Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) and chair of the EEAC Network
Cécile Bernard, Head of Programming and Studies Service, Department of Environment and Energy, Government of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
Raffaele Cattaneo, Minister for Environment and Climate of the Lombardy Region
Sibylle Hepting-Hug, Director of Policy, Sustainability, Climate Protection, Resource Efficiency, Circular Economy at the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector. Government of Baden-Württemberg
Mercè Rius Serra, Director General for Environmental Quality and Climate Change, Ministry of Territory and Sustainability, Government of Catalonia

12.45 – 13.00 **Closure**
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB