



EU Local Councillors

Visit to Brussels from Latvian members

26/11/2024



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EU Local Councillors network

The first structured alliance between the EU
and the local governance in the Member
states



EUROPE'S CHOICE

POLITICAL GUIDELINES
FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN COMMISSION
2024–2029

Ursula von der Leyen
Candidate for the European Commission President

Strasbourg
18 July 2024

"We will also work with local councillors on citizen engagement to get a better understanding of how Europe impacts everyday life. Together with the Committee of the Regions, we should strengthen this network over the next five years."

President-elect Ursula von der
Leyen





Our objectives

Working together to:

- **Reinforce and extend the alliance** between the local and the EU level of governance
- **Provide tailored services and products about the EU** to help EU Local Councillors communicate the EU at local level
- **Encourage EU Local Councillors to take part in communication activities, fostering** debate on EU matters in their local communities, etc
- **Facilitate networking**, knowledge & experiences sharing between all EU Local Councillors
- **Listen & collect** feedback, ideas, proposals from the EU Local Councillors

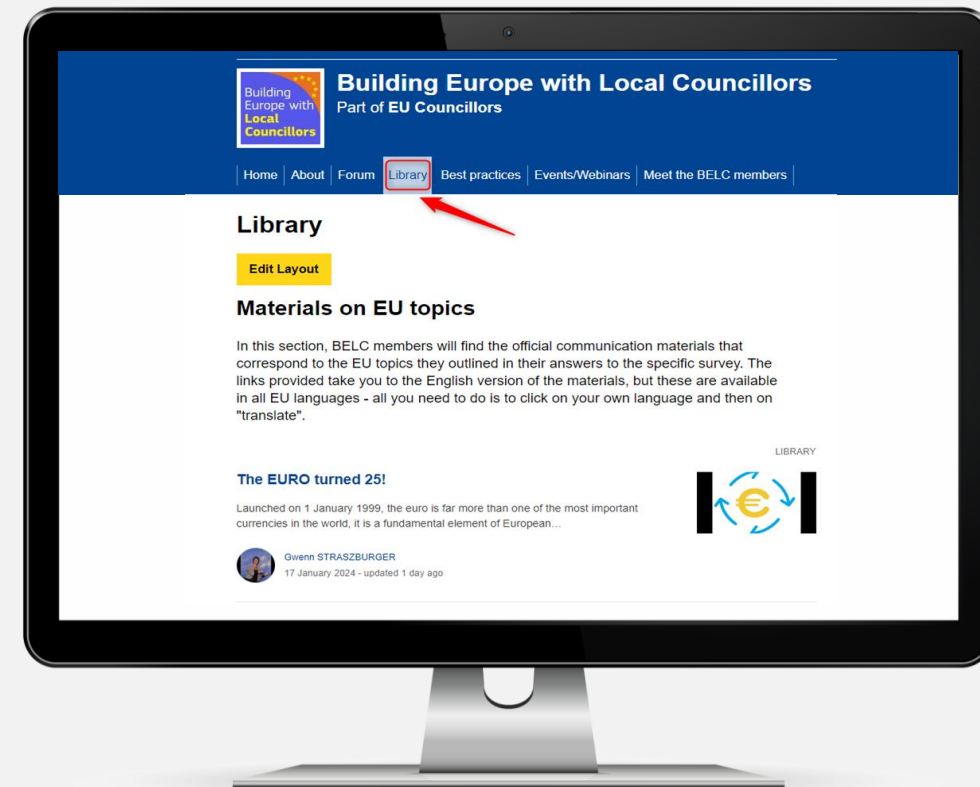


Privileged access to:

- **Information services and products** (i.e. e-newsletters, Info flash)
- **Timely materials on EU topics** - from your answers to dedicated survey
- **Point of contact/assistance in your language**
- **Webinars and specific trainings** on EU topics, social media, disinformation, etc.
- **Study visits to Brussels, the EU institutions**
- **A network of EU networks throughout the EU**

EU communication materials on your topics of interest- in all EU languages

-  Borders & migration
-  Culture & tourism
-  Digital
-  Economy
-  Education and training
-  Employment and social affairs
-  Emergency response
-  Environment, climate
-  Energy
-  Maritime affairs and fisheries
-  EU funds and regional policies
-  Justice and fundamental rights
-  Democracy and public participation
-  Transport
-  Research and innovation
-  Public health
-  EU neighborhood & external policy



Webinars on EU topics

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NOV

2023

Discover the European Citizens' Initiative

Dear BELC members, You are invited to a webinar organised by the European Commission about European Citizens' Initiative. It will take place on 21...

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Webinar in EN 26/01/24 at 14.30 CET: "Information you can trust: From a societal need to EU law and EU publications" from OP for BELC members

26 January 2024, 14.30 – 16.00 CET – Log-in details below On 26/01, the Publications Office of the European Union will highlight during an...

EVENT

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2024

Webinar by the European Commission about the European elections 2024- interpretation in EN-EL-DA-FI-SV-HU-SL-BG-RO

Dear BELC members, We are happy to invite you to our second edition of the webinar about the European elections 2024- how they can benefit the...

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2024

Webinaire en français sur le thème « Développement urbain durable et inclusif : comment l'Europe peut-elle vous accompagner ? » – Jeudi 18 Janvier 2024 (14h-15h)

Dans sa série de webinaires thématiques, la Représentation de la Commission européenne en France s'intéresse cette fois-ci à l'aide que peut apporter...

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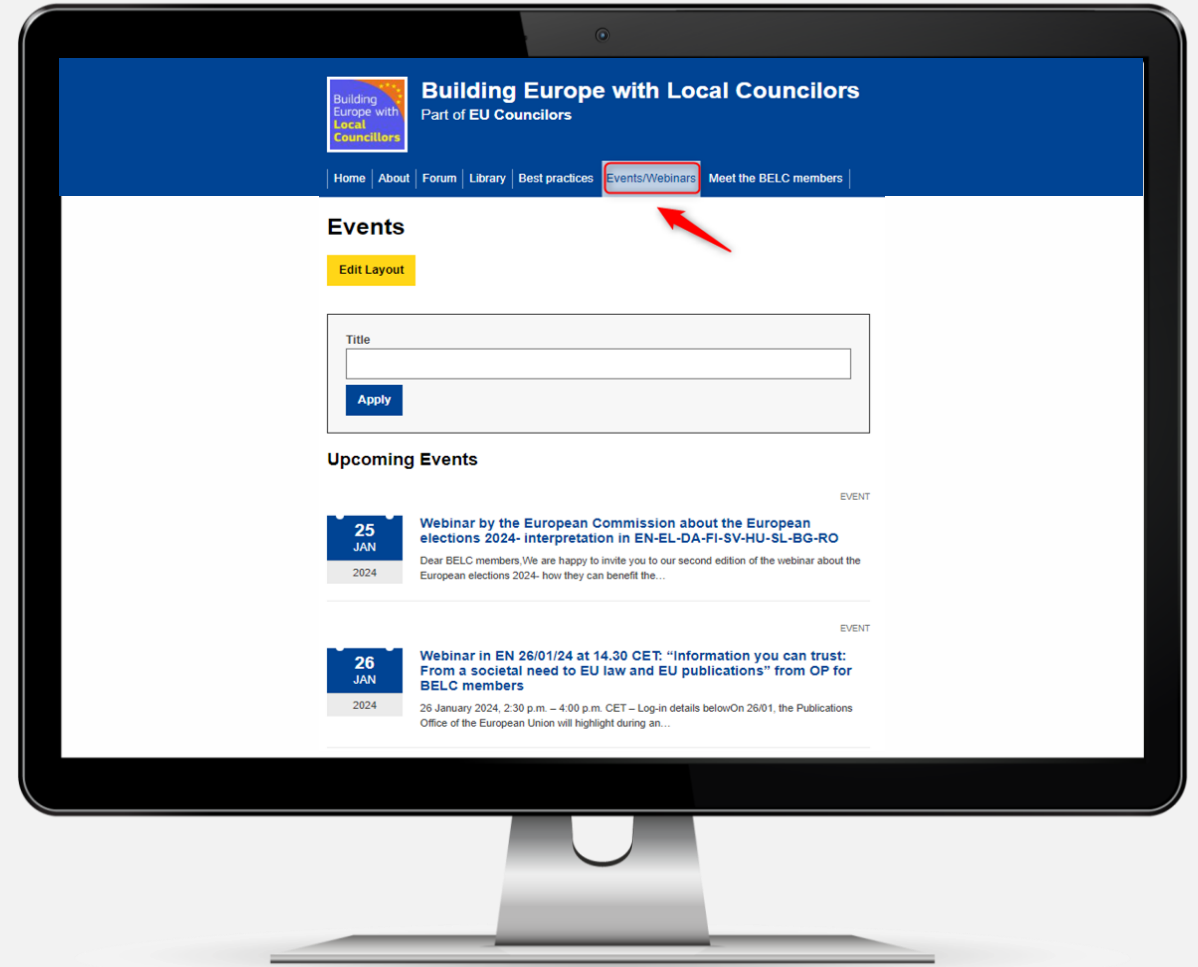
2023

EU Week of Regions and Cities- Workshop for EU councillors

This workshop is part of a rich programme within the EU Week of Regions and cities, taking place on 9-12 October. Building a network of EU local...



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Cooperation opportunities with EDs in the regions

EUROPE DIRECT centres play a crucial role in bringing the European Union closer to people on the ground and facilitating their participation in debates on the future of the EU.



EUROPE DIRECT centres are a key partner for EU local councillors, prepared to cooperate with members, provide information on EU policies and programmes.





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State of the network: the case of Latvia

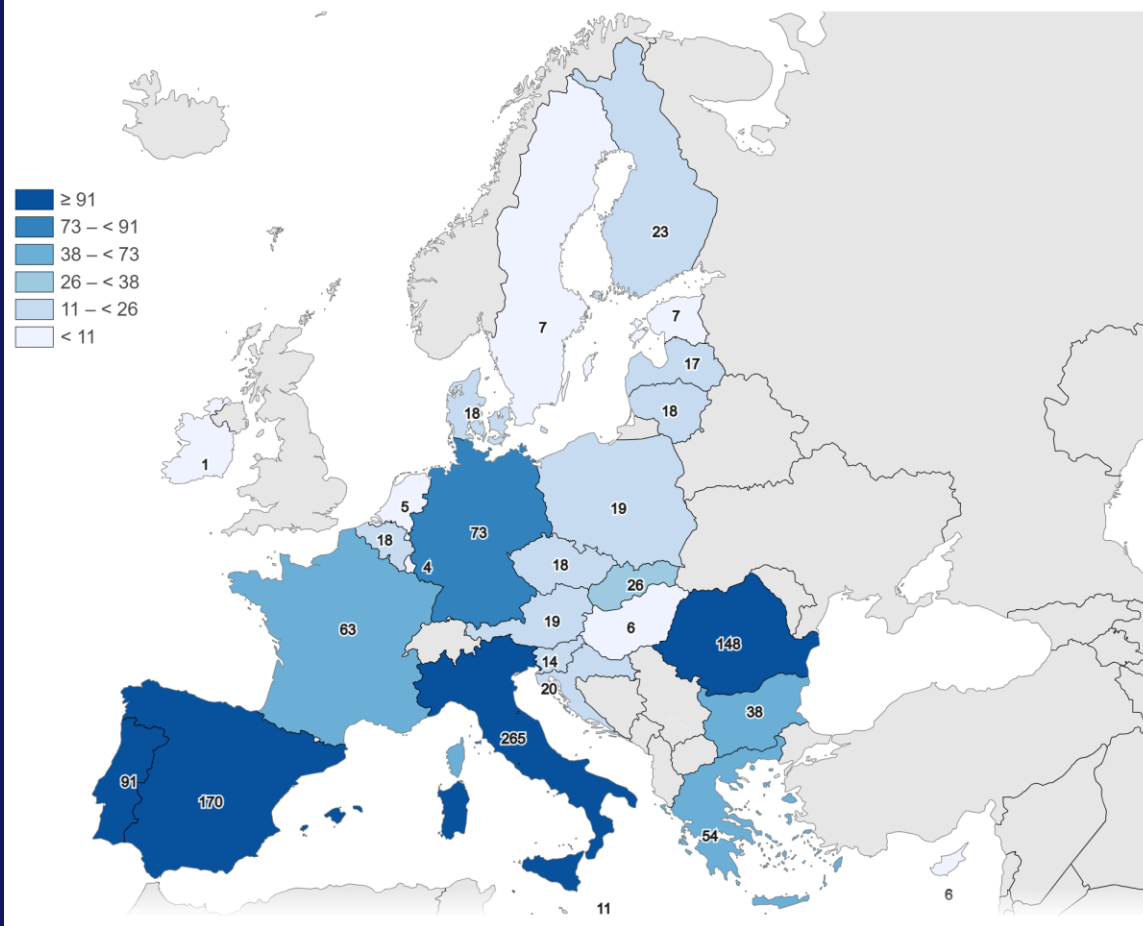


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BELC Members Nov 2024



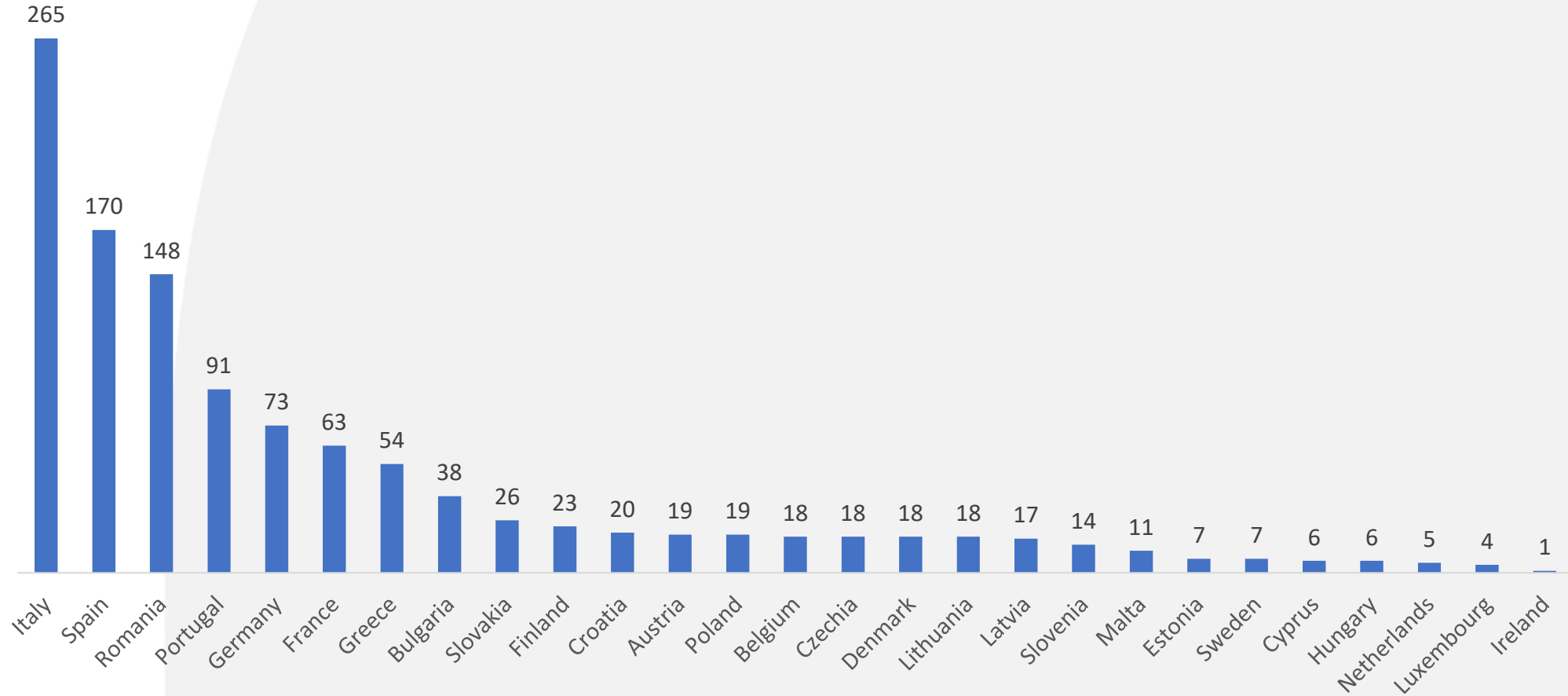
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State of play – BELC Members in the EU

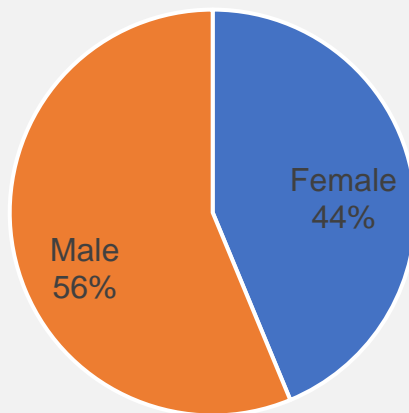
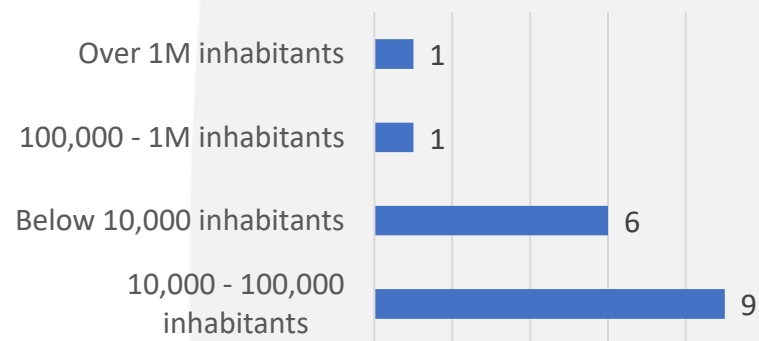
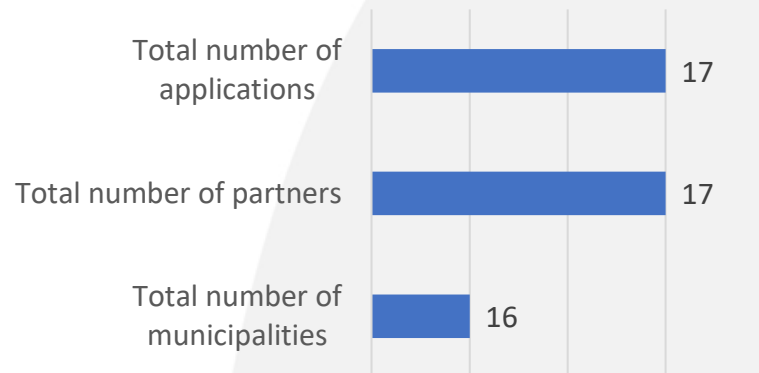
BELC members per country



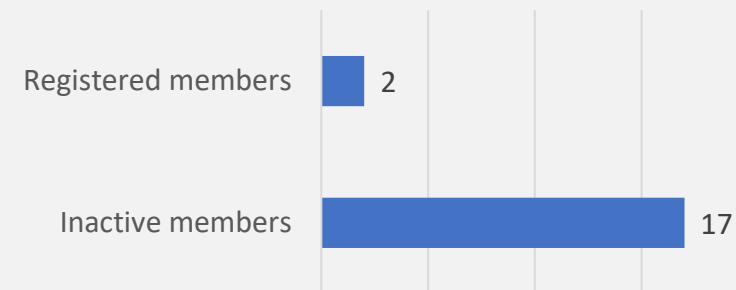
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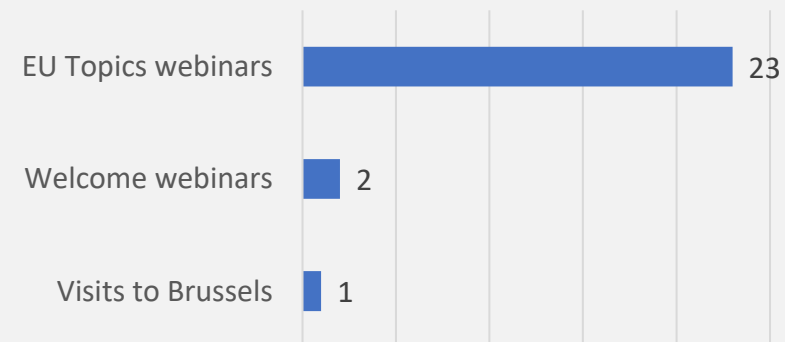
Latvia – Summary of members



Futurium participation



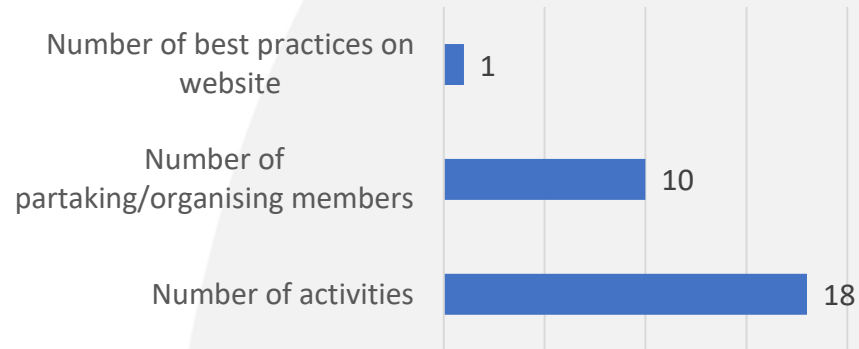
Events and webinars



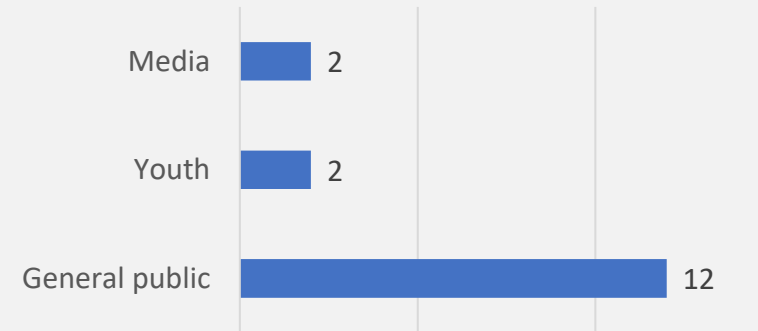


Latvia – Best practices

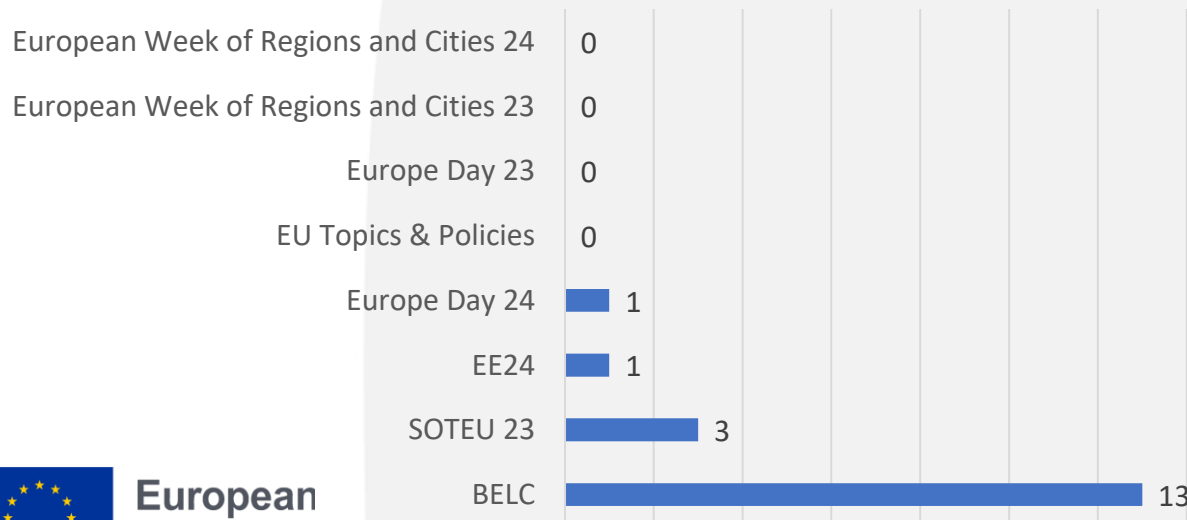
Members' activities



Audience



Theme



Type





Latvia – Best practices



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From your needs to privileged access to EC communication services and products

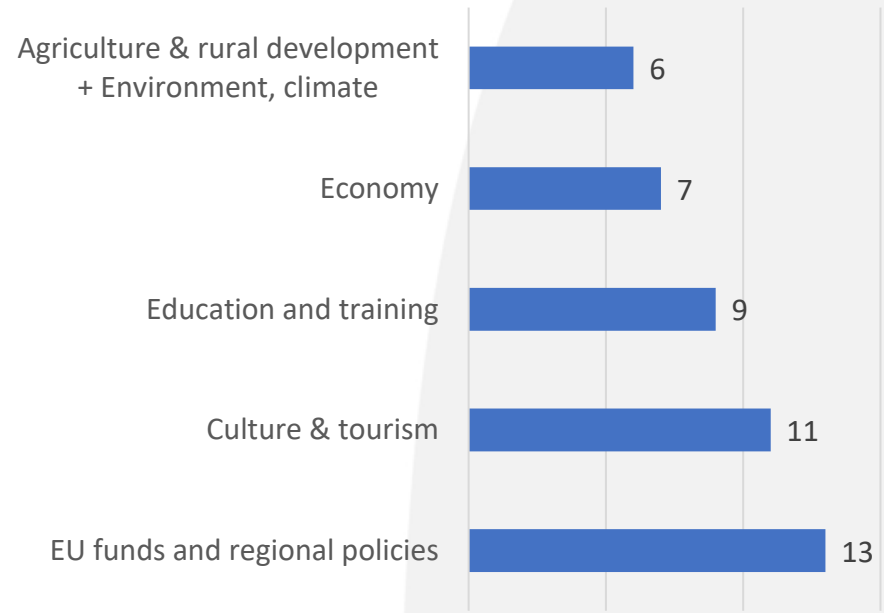


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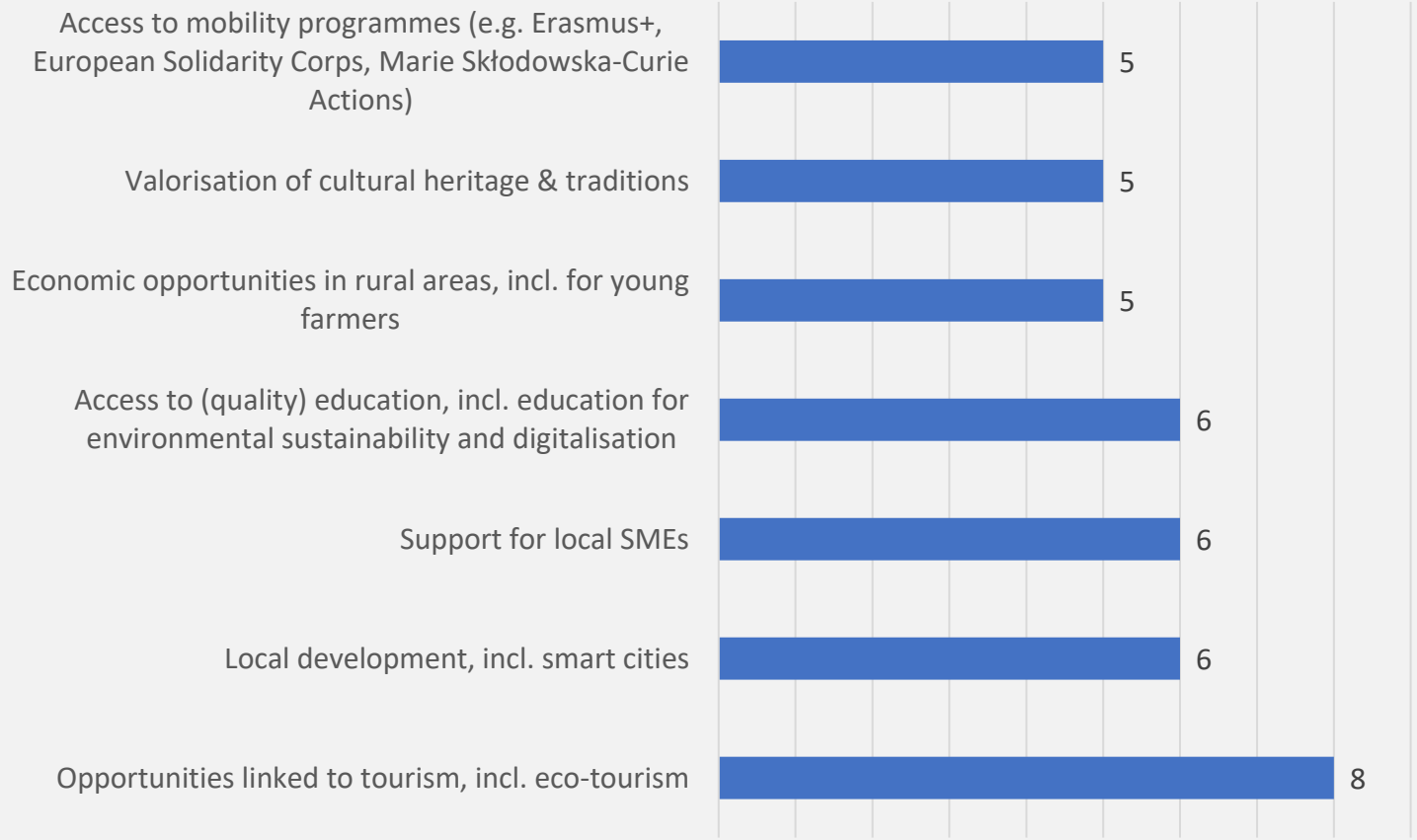


State of play – Members' EU topics of interest

Top 5 Topics of Concern



Top Sub-Topics of Concern





So, how to make the most of your membership

- Get in touch with your closest **Europe Direct center** for the organisation of events, request for speakers, etc.
- Contact your country **Communication Manager** to discuss opportunities to showcase your communication actions and best practices.
- Make use of the communication materials available on **Futurium** and the BELC visuals available on the **BELC website**
- Contact your **National Facilitator** for any administrative changes in your status or additional support



Membership process- what 's new

- **One unique application process** - application form + signed declaration by the local authority and the appointed member
- **Elegibility** - Regional and local elected politicians with active political mandate
- **Info on political affiliation**

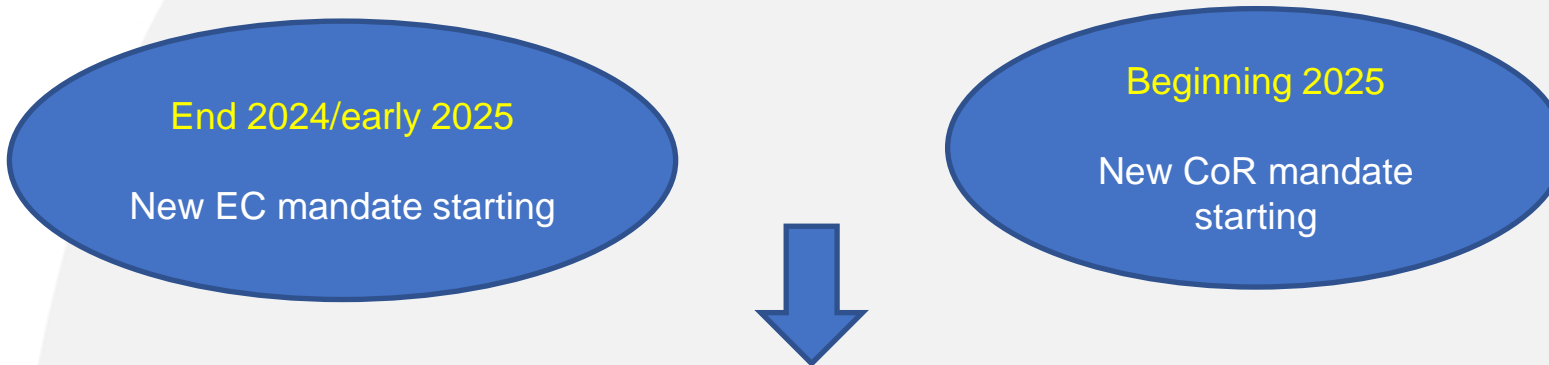


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Timeline



October- December 2024 – transition- testing phase

Early 2025 – full deployment of the joint network

Thank You

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A network of EU local councillors, working together to communicate on EU issues

Contact: info@eu-councillors.eu



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