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Subject: Invitation to the 10th European Summit of Regions and Cities co-organised by the European Committee of the Regions and the Walloon Region on 18th and 19th March 2024 in Mons (Belgium)

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the European Committee of the Regions and the Walloon Region (Belgium), we are pleased to invite you to the [10th European Summit of Regions and Cities](#), which will take place on 18th and 19th March 2024 in Mons, Belgium, in the context of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Summit, the largest gathering of local and regional representatives in Europe, will be a unique opportunity for cities and regions and their partners to have their say on the future of Europe. Local and regional leaders from all over Europe and beyond, will be able to join lively debates to share their experience and exchange views on common challenges. The higher level of trust placed in local and regional representatives is a first step in building common answers.

For its 10th edition, the Summit will take place in the city of Mons, in the Walloon Region of Belgium. Located at the very heart of Europe and within easy reach of Brussels, Mons is a former European capital of Culture, hosting a vibrant cultural scene with a unique history and traditions. The Walloon Region, a fully-fledged regional entity with legislative powers, is fully committed to the European project. It showcases benefits from the support of the European Union to achieve territorial, social and economic cohesion, transforming a city and equipping it for the challenges of the green and digital transition.

The 2024 Summit, which coincides with the 30th anniversary of the European Committee of the Regions, will be structured around issues at the heart of local and regional authorities' concerns such as democracy, sustainable development, the future of Europe and its enlargement, the need to ensure social, economic and territorial cohesion as well as dealing with the consequences of the war against Ukraine. Global challenges will be addressed by bringing together different perspectives from across the world.

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We would like to invite you to our plenary session, " The future of public investments in Europe's territories, with cohesion policy at the heart: regions and cities for a fair transition" which will be held on March 18, 2024 from 15.45 until 17.00, in your capacity as Minister of Finance of the Republic of Estonia.

Your contribution would be the most valuable to enrich our debates and also contribute significantly to the success of the Summit.

The Summit team (SummitMons2024@cor.europa.eu) will reach out soon to your office and is at your disposal to provide you with all the details concerning your intervention in order to facilitate your participation in this summit.

We look forward to welcoming you in Mons.

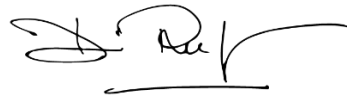
Yours sincerely,

Vasco Alves Cordeiro



**President of the European Committee
of the Regions**

Elio Di Rupo



**Minister-President
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