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Regions 2030+:

**Building Resilient, Competitive,
and Investment-Ready Communities**

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Regions of the future need a different development framework, built on new forms of development leadership, stronger cooperation between the public and private sectors, new competencies, and the ability to create development partnerships and investment opportunities. Such a shift will also be crucial for successfully capitalising on the opportunities offered by the European Union's new financial perspective for the 2028–2034 period.

Accessibility is becoming the new development infrastructure: access to knowledge, talent, funding, investment, partnerships, and a high quality of life. A resilient region of the future is built on strong local value chains and openness to the international development environment. **How can regions, by bringing together municipalities, businesses, educational institutions, the financial sector, and civil society, create the conditions for new investment, joint development, and long-term resilience and success under the new financial perspective?**

Development Framework, New Leadership, Collaboration, and Opportunities for Creating New Business and Project Initiatives.

The event brings together representatives of European institutions, public administration, businesses, financial institutions, universities, development organisations, and civil society to open a discussion on new development models and demonstrate how public-private partnerships, supported by international cooperation, the exchange of good practices, and access to new sources of funding, can become a key competitive advantage for the regions of the future.

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PROGRAMME

23 September 2026

7.00 PM–8.30 PM

Cultural Evening

DANUBE DANCE ALLIANCE: Artistic Dance Performance and Screening of Dancescapes 360°

24 September 2026

9.00 AM–9.30 AM

REGISTRATION

9.30 AM–11.00 AM

Panel discussion

Looking Ahead: THE NEW FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE, THE NEW RULES OF DEVELOPMENT

European Commission • New European Bauhaus • Public Institutions • Business • Innovative Companies • Civil Society

The discussion will bring together diverse perspectives on how development approaches, opportunities, and forms of collaboration will evolve under the new financial perspective.

11.30 AM–12.30 PM

Panel discussion

From Strategy to Action: HOW ARE THE BEST GETTING FUTURE-READY?

Success Stories • Real-World Experience • New Approaches • A Look Ahead

The discussion will create a space for sharing practical experiences, approaches, and solutions from those already driving change today.

12.30 PM–1.30 PM

LUNCH of Opportunities and New Partnerships

1.30 PM–3.00 PM

Workshop

Co-Creating Solutions: TURNING DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES INTO BREAKTHROUGH PROJECT

Interactive collaboration, active participation, exchange of ideas, and the co-creation of projects.

Topics:

- Accessibility and accessible tourism
- Culture and cultural heritage
- New Governance for New Development
- Healthcare and Quality of Life

3.00 PM–3.30 PM

IMPACT & NEXT STEPS

Join us at the event. REGISTER NOW.

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Participation in the event is free of charge, but registration is required. Registration is open until Wednesday, 16 September 2026. The event will be held in Slovenian and English, with simultaneous interpretation.

Support:



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