



The Secretary General

Council of European Municipalities and Regions
European Section of United Cities and Local Governments

CIRCULAR LETTER N° 1

To the Secretaries General and Directors of the
national associations and observer members

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Re: Call for applications – Terms of Reference of the CEMR 2026 Congress

Dear colleagues,

As part of our ongoing commitment to empowering Local and Regional Governments and their national associations in protecting European values and addressing citizens' needs, we are pleased to announce the opening of the Terms of Reference for the CEMR Congress 2026.

The Terms of Reference were presented and approved during the CEMR Policy Committee meeting on 9 December 2024 in Karlsruhe. These Terms outline the Congress's key objectives and provide host authorities with comprehensive guidance on preparing and submitting their applications. In response to requests from member associations and to ensure that all stakeholders have sufficient time to review and act, we are pleased to extend the application deadline to **5th March 2025**. It is essential that host authorities thoroughly review and adhere to the guidelines to ensure a successful application.

Detailed information regarding this call and the submission requirements can be found on the CEMR website. The Policy Committee will approve the host city in Oslo on 23 June 2025.

The CEMR Secretariat remains at your disposal for any additional information, and in particular Ayben Okkali Aktas Officer – Statutory Affairs (ayben.okkali@ccre-cemr.org).

Yours sincerely,

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