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Dear Mr. Brand,

We are pleased to invite you to the **Forum 2019 Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation**, to take place in **Brussels on 4-5 February 2019**.

The Forum, co-organised by the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions, continues the long tradition of the *Assises of Decentralised Cooperation* that took place regularly since 2008.

This event aims at inspiring a meaningful dialogue on policies and practices on sustainable urban development among local and regional governments from the European Union and its partner countries.

Sub-national authorities will have the opportunity to issue to the EU institutions strategic policy recommendations in the field of sustainable urban development and to discuss their follow up.

We will be delighted to count on your active participation at the Forum that we hope will offer a good platform to create new partnerships among Local Authorities of the EU and those of your country.

You are kindly requested to register by not later than **15 December 2018** via the following link www.RegioCitiesConf2019.eu. We will be regularly updating the website with background documents, session outlines and other useful information.

All costs related to your participation will be covered by the European Commission. The event coordination team will contact you to facilitate all logistic aspects soon after your registration.

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Counting on your participation and cooperation to jointly make this event a success, we look forward to meeting you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed: Draft Agenda.