Pledge on Intergenerational Fairness

We, the elected representatives of local and regional authorities across Europe, declare herewith our commitment to intergenerational fairness as a guiding principle for decision- and law-making at the local and regional level.

We recognise the need to adopt a long-term perspective and ensure that the decisions we make today safeguard the well-being, opportunities and resilience of both present and future generations.

We acknowledge that advantages and disadvantages accumulate over the life course and are transmitted across generations. Early action and prevention help break cycles of intergenerational disadvantage while building the foundations for future generations to thrive.

We therefore commit, to the best of our abilities and within our respective competences and responsibilities, to:

1. Adopt a **LONG-TERM** future-oriented perspective in policymaking, taking into account the territorial context and drawing on evidence and foresight tools, measuring economic, social, and environmental progress 'beyond GDP' and systematically assessing the impact of new policies on future generations;
2. Prioritise **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** and action to address **CLIMATE** and **ENVIRONMENT** challenges promoting resilience and preparedness;
3. Amplify the voices of **CHILDREN** and **YOUNG PEOPLE** in decision-making through structured consultation processes and networks and by supporting youth-led organisations;
4. Create opportunities for **CITIZENS** and **CIVIL SOCIETY** to participate effectively in public policymaking processes;
5. Promote equitable sharing of resources**,** sustainable procurement and participatory budgeting, enabling all generations to have a say on **PUBLIC SPENDING**;
6. Encourage fair and age-inclusive **EMPLOYMENT** practices, intergenerational collaboration, mentoring and knowledge-sharing;
7. Invest in quality, inclusive and accessible public **SERVICES**, **SPACES** and **INFRASTRUCTURE** that bring generations together, creating more cohesive and supportive local communities and ensuring that people have an effective 'right to stay' in the place they call home;
8. Improve access to more affordable and adapted **HOUSING** by supporting innovative housing models such as co-living spaces and intergenerational living;
9. Support all generations in navigating the **DIGITAL** transformation by ensuring that public services remain inclusive and accessible to everyone, whether online or offline;

10. Accelerate the **CLEAN ENERGY** transition by supporting renewable energy and the decarbonisation of local economies, strengthening Europe's leadership in clean energy, reducing energy costs today and enhancing energy autonomy for future generations;
11. Advocate for **MOBILITY** that is inclusive, accessible, affordable, and sustainable for all generations;
12. Promote accessible, quality **EDUCATION** and invest in **HUMAN CAPITAL**, opportunities for lifelong learning, for improving basic skills, futures and digital literacy, by supporting intergenerational transfer of knowledge and skills;
13. Advance equitable **HEALTHCARE** by strengthening preventive, primary and mental health services for all generations, and ensure accessible community-based **LONG-TERM CARE**;
14. Expand access to **SPORT** infrastructure and activities to enable all generations to pursue active lifestyles;
15. Advance **SUSTAINABLE TOURISM** that balances economic development with the long-term wellbeing of future generations;
16. Strengthen **CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE**, promote **CULTURAL HERITAGE** and ensure access and participation of all generations in affordable, meaningful and inclusive cultural activities.

By endorsing this pledge, we reaffirm our determination to leave to future generations a stronger, fairer and more sustainable Europe, while improving the quality of life of those living in our communities today.