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2026 Access City Awards: meet the finalists

The European Commission has announced the five finalists for the <u>2026 Access City Award</u>: Piacenza (Italy), Rennes (France), Salzburg (Austria), Valencia (Spain) and Zaragoza (Spain). These cities stand out for long-term efforts to make everyday urban life more accessible for persons with disabilities. From barrier-free public spaces and transport to inclusive digital services and information, the finalists have put in place innovative ways of making their cities livable for all. For local communities across Europe, this shows how ambitious accessibility policies can improve independence, safety and participation for everyone, including older people, families with children and people with temporary impairments. The winners will be revealed on 5 December at the <u>European Day of Persons with Disabilities conference</u> in Brussels.

College meeting in Strasbourg: EU bioeconomy strategy and autumn priorities

At its recent meeting in Strasbourg, held alongside the European Parliament's November plenary, the College of Commissioners focused on key files that will shape the EU's local life. On the agenda was the new <u>EU Bioeconomy Strategy</u>, designed to support jobs and innovation based on renewable biological resources. The new strategy focuses on harnessing advances in biotechnology, promoting circular and sustainable production, and helping farmers, foresters, businesses – especially SMEs and start-ups in rural and coastal areas – to innovate, create green jobs and reduce dependence on fossil resources. Additionally, the <u>European Semester autumn package</u> set out economic and social priorities for member States. For you, these discussions signal upcoming opportunities in areas such as sustainable agriculture, circular bio-based industries and investment in skills and public services that will be reflected in future EU funding programmes and national reform plans.

DigitalJustice@2030: Modernising justice systems across Europe

A new <u>Digital Justice package 2030</u> seeks to modernise justice systems in all Member States by promoting secure electronic communication with courts, better access to case information and more shared digital tools across borders. This strategy is multidimensional but primarily includes promoting the exchange of best practices among Member States of digital tools used by legal practitioners across the EU, hosted on the <u>European e-Justice Portal</u>. For citizens, this should mean faster procedures, clearer information online and easier handling of cross-border cases such as family law or consumer disputes. Many national initiatives funded under this agenda should arise in your country and citizens will be interested in knowing how they can already use digital services offered by courts and public authorities.

Spotlight on resources

Your Career Takes You Places: Join the EURES Campaign

The European Labour Authority is launching 'Your career takes you places', a EURES campaign helping young Europeans discover cross-border job and learning opportunities. Targeting students, graduates, and NEETs aged 18-35, the initiative sheds light over traineeships, apprenticeships, and entry-level jobs across 31 countries, while strengthening partnerships with universities, vocational institutions, and Erasmus+. Many young Europeans face barriers to employment abroad: precarious work, limited experience, high costs, and scarce guidance. EURES bridges these gaps through information, counselling, and concrete cross-border opportunities.

To maximise the campaign's impact across EURES countries, you are kindly invited you to collaborate. Your support would greatly help reach young people at a local level. You could help raise awareness about the campaign via your social media channels, by accessing <u>ready-made content and visuals</u> on the landing page, using #WithEURES, and following EURES on <u>Instagram, Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>. For any questions, please contact: <u>eurescommunications@ela.europa.eu</u>.