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## COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS 2009 DOCTORAL THESIS COMPETITION

### Local and regional authorities in the European Union

The Committee of the Regions of the European Union (CoR) is organising an annual doctoral thesis competition on Local and regional authorities in the European Union.

The purpose of the competition is to reward doctoral theses defended at a university in an EU Member State. The candidate must have obtained his or her doctorate in 2007 or 2008.

The theses, **to be submitted in duplicate** (one paper copy and one electronic version), must be written in one of the EU's official languages. They must be accompanied by an abstract setting out the main arguments of the thesis (maximum 3 pages), written in English or French, together with a curriculum vitae in English or French and a certificate confirming that the doctorate has been awarded. An independent selection board has been set up comprising university professors and/or lecturers and at least one CoR member or alternate). The selection board's decisions are final. The winner of the first prize will receive EUR 6 000 (six thousand euro). The selection board may also award up to four merit prizes of EUR 2 000 (two thousand euro). The official presentation ceremony will take place during a CoR plenary session, to which the prizewinners will be invited.

Applications to be sent to the following address: **Committee of the Regions, Directorate for Consultative Work** (VMA 833), 101 rue Belliard, B – 1040 Brussels.

Closing date for applications: candidates must send their file in one package, postmarked 25 May 2009 at the latest.

N.B. The competition rules are available at the following address:

<http://www.cor.europa.eu> (documents/studies/thesis competitions)