



Cooperation agreement between The Assembly of Europeans Regions (AER) and the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

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Wishing to support the reinforcement of regional democracy, self-government and devolution in Europe with a view to promoting democracy, the rule of law and human right ;

Considering that the participation of citizens in political life at regional level is a fundamental component of democracy ;

Conscious of the need to strengthen the institutional role of regions in Europe ;

Wishing to ensure the respect of regional competences by national and European authorities ;

Wishing to combine their forces for more effective initiatives of regional authorities in Europe ;

1. Have decided to :

- Establish co-operation on a regular basis and develop their contacts on issues of shared interest ;
- Take into account the counterpart's activities when carrying out their own activities ;
- Identify measures likely to increase complementarities between their activities.

2. With a view to achieving these objectives :

- The president of AER and CALRE shall meet whenever necessary and at least once a year ;
- The committees of AER and the working groups of CALRE will be encouraged to :

1. identify issues which might serve as a basis for joint activities ;
 2. exchange information concerning their work programmes and other documents of shared interest so that account of these can be taken in their respective documents and activities ;
 3. cooperate more closely so as to coordinate their activities ;
 4. promote the participation of the European regions to the legislative process in the framework of national Parliaments and European institutions ;
 5. promote the institutional model of regions with legislative powers in institution building projects.
- AER and CALRE shall invite one another to send representatives to conferences, seminars and other events of shared interest, and in particular, to their annual conferences;
 - High-level meetings between the secretariats shall be held at regular intervals whenever necessary

The present agreement has no financial implication other than those that could be taken individually by undersigned organisations, according to their respective internal rules.

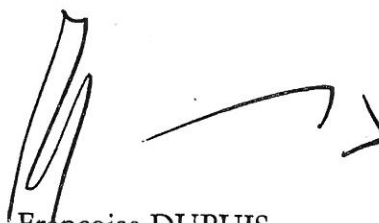
Done in Brussels, the 2nd of December 2013.

On behalf of AER



Hande ÖZSAN BOZATLI,
President

On behalf of CALRE,



Françoise DUPUIS,
President