



**CONSIGLIO REGIONALE DEL VENETO**



CALRE

Working Group "Cohesion Policy"

Working Program 2014

The Working Group "Financial Federalism", which the Regional Council of the Veneto Region has coordinated for seven years, took over in 2014 the new name "Cohesion Policy", thus denoting a renewed interest in the objectives of the actions of the European institutions aimed at removing inequalities of development, increase opportunities for growth and social inclusion of citizens and promote economic cohesion between the territories.

For the issues addressed and the proposals formulated, the activity of the Working Group will arise in substantial continuity with its previous initiatives, in line with the documents presented and discussed so far in the course of former meetings of the Working Group "Financial Federalism"<sup>1</sup>.

In light of the results achieved, the Regional Council intends to renew in the first place, his effort to deepen some aspects related to the financial federalism as a key lever to build and affirm the Europe of the Regions.

In addition, as advocated by the new President of the Calre, Pilar Rojo, on the occasion of his election to the General Assembly in October, 2013, the Regional Council of Veneto aims to contribute to the strengthening of cooperation with the European institutions, in particular with the Committee of the Regions, the European Commission and the European Parliament, as well as between members of the CALRE itself.

The Working Group will then operate to give new impetus to pre-programmed initiatives, involving all the parties with a federalist European-inspired spirit.

Therefore, it is proposed to continue in the realization of the following actions:

1. create a network between the members of the European Parliament who are elected in the European regions with legislative assemblies, involving them in the activities of CALRE and urging them to act more effectively within the European Parliament;
2. start stable dealings with the standing Committees of the European Parliament, thanks to the work of the MEPs who are dealing with the issues addressed by CALRE.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Final Reports presented by the Working Group "Financial federalism" among 2008 and 2013 at the CALRE Plenary Assembly<sup>7</sup> meetings.

3. establish a network of contacts with technical and financial experts, who are reported by the member regions taking part to CALRE, with the aim to develop the exchange of data and metadata at the regional level concerning the financial flows between the different levels of government.
4. promote a seminar in the first week of July, for further study and discussion on the strategies needed to increase efficiency in the management of public resources and promote the development of the territories.

Finally, the WG suggests to seize the opportunity of the new European Parliament to promote the instances of regional assemblies at the candidates for the next European consultations 2014.

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