

## CONTRIBUTION: POLITICAL PRIORITIES CoR 2015-2020

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The Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) asks the Committee of the Regions to:

*On the future of Europe, Subsidiarity Principle, and Multi-level Governance*

Ensure that regional and local bodies, notably the **assemblies with legislative powers**, can strengthen at European level the monitoring and assessment of European law, from the pre-legislative phase, to ensure the compliance with the principle of subsidiarity by the EU institutions.

Contribute to the implementation of real and effective **multilevel governance**. To this end, the Committee of the Regions has to establish closer ties with more representative territorial associations at European level, as a key partner representing regional interests at European level which enables smooth exchange of information on the monitoring of the subsidiarity principle. In this regard, the Committee of the Regions has to remain working on giving a greater representation to these associations within its internal functioning.

Strengthen the legitimacy of European actions, based on the defense of the proximity and proportionality principles, to achieve fixed outcomes in a democratic system.

Improve access to the Court of Justice of the European Union in defense of the **principle of subsidiarity**, based on the Lisbon Treaty, to increase the opportunities for participation of regional parliaments in the European legislative space. This process is still being implemented and is unremarkably used. The consolidation of this principle and its proper implementation involve a parameter of the EU competencies against the invasive nature of the EU legislation at regional level. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the regional and local entities representation within EU institutions and thus give voice to the European citizens in a democratic Europe.

Contribute to strengthening the European public space where people's participation fits and bring Europe closer to its citizens, in an effective and real way.