



**REPORT OF CONCLUSIONS OF CALRE  
WORKING ON e- DEMOCRACY 2014  
AND PROPOSALS FOR 2015**

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## 1.- INTRODUCTION

For the purpose that the parliaments of CALRE continue advancing in e-Democracy, the Working Group on e-Democracy, coordinated by President Manuel Gracia Navarro, President of the Parliament of Andalusia, has worked intensively during the years 2013 and 2014. After this second year of coordinating the group which began in the last Plenary Assembly CALRE held in Brussels on 20, 21 and October 22, 2013, now is the time to evaluate the work done by the working Group e - Democracy this year and present proposals for next year 2015.

Before continuing this report is essential to thank the trust placed by the 74 parliaments of CALRE in the Parliament of Andalusia and its President, Manuel Gracia Navarro to coordinate the Group e-Democracy. In a special way, thank you for your participation, work and contributions to the 18 members of the group. Also, thanks to the 21 parliaments who completed the questionnaire on best practices in e-democracy, allowing to reach a broad representation of the results and parliaments participating in the Meeting of the Working Group held in the Parliament of Andalusia on 12 and June 13, 2014 in Seville.

The technical conclusions of the working group e-democracy can be found in the **Report of best practices and innovative projects on e-Democracy and Transparency in the parliaments of CALRE**. These conclusions are summarized in the evaluation analysis very positive progress has been made in all phases of the e-Democracy during these two years of hard work of the group. The Attract Youth Policy section presents the overall success of evolution with high values. In order that all the parliaments continue to improve, we have proposed a **System of e-Democracy** at the parliaments

of CALRE comprises 32 initiatives with valuations of the own parliaments participants.

Therefore, this document of conclusions include the assessment of **compliance with objectives of the work plan of e-Democracy Group in 2014** and some **proposals** with the intention to continue working together in **2015** towards improving the e-Democracy of the whole parliaments that are members of CALRE.

## **2.- EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OBJECTIVES OF CALRE WORKING GROUP ON e-DEMOCRACY 2014**

The assessment of compliance with each of the objectives of the working plan for 2014 of the e-Democracy Group will be undertaken in response to the activities and specific lines of action that were included in the plan to achieve the objectives that have been established and indeed developed by our group.

The goals we set at the workgroup e-democracy during the period 2014 and its evaluation are:

- 1. Share good practice proposals on e-democracy to move towards a more participatory and modern democracy that responds to the demands of citizens.*
- 2. Continue to deepen the knowledge of the development of e-Democracy in the Legislative Assemblies of the CALRE.*

3. *Further analysis tools and new channels of communication and participation of citizens with parliaments of European regions of CALRE.*
4. *Increase knowledge on innovative projects that establish links between parliaments and citizens interact to increase public confidence in the institutions.*

To achieve these four objectives we designed the questionnaire on best practices in e-Democracy at of CALRE the parliaments in order to know the evolution of e-Democracy by parliaments of CALRE. The questionnaire was completed by 21 parliaments, which has given an update on the state of the matter which is reflected in a detailed report with the results obtained.

5. *Propose strategies based on e-democracy to all members of CALRE to attract young people to the interest by Public, Social issues and Politics.*

Regarding the aim of attracting young people to the public interest and as an experience aimed at advancing this goal, besides the conference The Challenges of EU 2013, in 2014 may be mentioned holding the seat of the Parliament of Andalusia **the fourth edition of Scientific Youth Parliament**. The Scientific Youth Parliament is a program in which 60 students from 15 Andalusians schools have been participating. The activity is organized by Foundation Descubre and the Andalusian Society for the Promotion of Science and this year the topics discussed were solar, biomass, nuclear and fracking energy.

On the other hand, the February 14, 2014 in the Parliament of Andalusia a child plenary session in which 116 students of eight Andalusian centers became "Deputies for a Day" at a sitting at the initiative of SOS occurred within its educational program "Embrace your values", which annually invites students to reflect, from a critical thinking on different values. This year the program revolves around the value of the family.

All events and meetings are broadcast online and using social networks Twitter, Facebook and Youtube channel for dissemination among youth. We continue to work to advance this goal, especially those related to promoting revolution and spread of new technologies of communication channels.

6. *Foster relationships with research groups on participatory democracy from the Universities of CALRE regions' members.*
7. *Increase the transparency and accountability of parliamentary activity.*
8. *To share practices of "Open Parliament" between regional legislative assemblies of CALRE.*

For the analysis and preparation of proposals in these three sections, we celebrate the Seminar of the Working Group e-Democracy in the Parliament of Andalusia, in Sevilla, on 12 and 13 June 2014.

For this seminar we contacted professors of Andalusian and Spanish Universities for conducting a conference on e-Democracy and transparency as an instrument of social progress and democracy. Other conference was by the Councillor to the Presidency, Manuel Jiménez Barrios, about the approved Law on Public Transparency of Andalusia. After these lectures,

an interesting debate among all the Presidents and members representing their regional parliaments participating in the meeting was held.

*9. Propose commitments CALRE all members to implement e-democracy in our parliaments.*

In this last objective we have made good progress with the establishment of a **System of e-Democracy** exposes the report of best practices and innovative projects on e-Democracy and Transparency in the parliaments of CALRE and we intend to continue to move forward in the coming year 2015.

Therefore, we can say that thanks to the work of the Group and the broad participation of parliaments of CALRE in the action lines of the Working Plan have made significant progress on the objectives that the Group of e-work Democracy was marked for 2014.

### **3.-PROPOSALS FOR WORK CONTINUATION OF THE WORKING GROUP E-DEMOCRACY 2015**

The proposals we make to the Working Group e-Democracy 2015 are:

- **Implementation of the System of e-Democracy** with actions and measurable programs in Parliaments, to move from general goals to specific objectives in each of the four phases of e-Democracy: Information, e-consultation, e-Participation and e-vote. By 2015 we will set specific goals to the two initiatives with the most points of Parliaments in the ranking of initiatives each phase. If a Parliament has already developed

these initiatives will elect two other initiatives of the listing of each phase. Further progress in e-democracy in the marked specific goals, we will conduct a coordinated and working closely with parliaments among participants exchange experiences and tips by email. Also establish evaluation sheets of progress and fulfillment of objectives to be completed by each participant Parliament to measure progress in the field of e-Democracy.

- **Seminar on e-Democracy 2015 in which the parliaments expose progress and lectures by experts in the field. At the same we will conduct a follow-up and dissemination of experiences on good practices in e-Democracy** in the Parliaments of the European regions with progress.