CONCLUSIONS OF CALRE WG e-DEMOCRACY MEETING 2014

In the Working Group e-Democracy we continue to advance in the action lines of the Working Plan designed for 2014. The Working Group is composed of the following 18 parliaments of CALRE: Andalusia, Galicia, Asturias, Extremadura, Murcia, Region of Brussels-Capital, French Federation of Wallonia-Brussels, Parliament Walloon, Flemish Parliament, Styria, Salzburg, Aland Islands, Regional Council of Molise, Regional Council of Valle de Aosta, Regional Council of Umbria, Regional Council of Veneto, Assembly Legislative of the Autonomous Region of Azores and National Assembly of Wales.

On 12 and 13 June the meeting of the Working Group on e-Democracy 2014 took place in the Parliament of Andalusia, located in Seville. In this meeting participated the **President of the CALRE, Ms. Pilar Rojo, and Presidents and delegations from 11 parliaments of the Group e -Democracy of CALRE:** Galicia, Azores, Asturias, Salzburg, Wallonia, Flemish Parliament, Extremadura, Murcia, Molise, Wales and Andalusia.

At the meeting, **the Regional Minister of the Presidency of the Government of Andalusia**, **Mr. Manuel Jiménez Barrios**, made a presentation on the contents of the already approved **Law on Public Transparency of Andalusia**. Also, we had the speeches of experts on e-Democracy, as University professor **Mr. Manuel Villoria** and the experience of the Member of Parliament of Andalusia,

Mr. Enrique Benitez, who created a web platform of transparency about their parliamentary work and a place for direct interaction with citizens. We also have **presentations of experiences on innovative projects of the National Assembly of Wales,** presented by Deputy **Mr. Peter Black**, and the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores by its General Secretary, **Mrs. Sandra Costa.** There was an interesting discussion of the participants also.

The conclusions of the Report 2014 of the 21 participating Parliaments presented at the meeting, on the analysis of the evolution of the different phases of e-Democracy in the parliaments of CALRE, the System on e-Democracy and Best practices are:

1. **After two years of excellent work done by all the Parliaments who are member of this Working Group on e-Democracy, very positive progress has been made in all phases of e-Democracy.**

2. **The first Phase of the e-Democracy: Information, presents positive upward trend in most parliaments with the highest percentage values of all phases, and also in the four blocks** in General Information, Parliamentary Debates, Members of Parliament and Legislation and committees information.

3. **In relation to the second phase of e-Democracy, e-Consultation, high comparative growth of 2013-2014 is observed. Indicators showing higher growth in its evolution are as follows:**

   ➢ **RSS subscriptions**
   ➢ **Creation of a web space of citizen questions.**

   We should continue advancing with determination by all parliaments in e-Consultation.

4. **The third phase of e-Democracy, e-Participation**, presents a significant growth in most indicators, reaching significantly higher values than in 2013.

5. **La Fourth Phase of e-Democracy, e-Vote, is the one with lower values, but is understandable since it is the last phase of what level of development is concerned. Two indicators are increased:**
   ➢ **Popular Legislative Initiative**
   ➢ **Popular Legislative Initiative web spaces**

6. Heading to **Attract Youth to Politics** has generally good results of evolution with high values.

7. As a result of the analysis in these two years of hard work and with the aim of all the parliaments continue to improve, we propose the following **System of e-Democracy of parliaments of CALRE which comprises 32 initiatives sorted by valuations of own parliaments participants,** included in the **Report of Best Practices 2014.**

8. **Best practices of parliaments participating in this study are really vanguard on electronic democracy and give light on the way forward the e-Democracy of all parliaments CALRE, in determining and union for a better regional and European Democracy.**

The President of the Parliament of Andalusia, Mr. Manuel Gracia Navarro, made the outcome of the meeting in which he explained the work done and stressed the need for further progress in e-democracy.

Finally the President of the CALRE, Mrs. Pilar Rojo Noguera closed the Group meeting.