



## Memorandum of Understanding

between

**The Committee of the Regions**

and The

**Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies**

### **The Committee of the Regions (CoR) and The Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)**

- Affirm that local and regional authorities are fundamental for the European democratic representation, since they represent and value the peculiarities of each territory in the elaboration and implementation of European policies;
- Underline the added value of their involvement in the European decision-making process and in the monitoring activities on the subsidiarity principle that could bring Europe closer to the people;
- Are convinced of the need of continuing with their cooperation in order to strengthen the role of regional authorities at the European level;
- Wish to contribute to the implementation of multilevel governance;

Considering THAT:

- On May 14 2002, the CoR Bureau has decided to reinforce the cooperation between the CoR and the European associations that represent local and regional authorities through common structural actions;
- On July 22 2011, an agreement between CoR and CALRE has been signed;

**Are committed to:**

#### **1. Strengthening cooperation and promoting the participation to mutual activities.**

**In particular:**

- The possibility of inviting the President of CALRE to the important Bureau meeting of CoR at the beginning of the year, in order to present the strategic priorities of CALRE and to get informed about CoR's priorities, in terms of subsidiarity control and evaluation of territorial impact;
- The exchange of information between CoR and CALRE during the elaboration and implementation of their respective working programs on subsidiarity and the effective

- use of existing means of cooperation in this context, like the CoR intergroup of regions with legislative power and the CoR Group of experts on subsidiarity;
- The possibility of inviting CoR's officials to the working group of CALRE on subsidiarity and other working groups.

**2. Strengthening the participation in the European legislative process by increasing the instruments provided by the Lisbon Treaty:**

- The use of REGPEX by the members of CALRE as a tool for a more efficient involvement of regional parliaments in the early warning mechanism on subsidiarity;
- The participation of the members of CALRE in the CoR's consultations related to subsidiarity;
- The identification of measures in order to raise awareness of regional parliaments on the importance of monitoring the principle of subsidiarity in general, and to inform them about the monitoring instruments of the CoR in particular.

**3. Promoting the development of joint activities in order to increase public awareness about the work carried out by Regional authorities within the European context:**

- The identification of some 'decentralized' events or publications to disseminate best practices on subsidiarity and on the involvement of regional authorities in the European pre-legislative and legislative stages;
- Facilitating the organization of the meetings of CALRE within the CoR, in compliance with CoR's financial, technical and regulatory resources.

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Signatures (in duplicate)

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