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Cooperation within the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network

ANNEX TO THE COMMON ACTION PLAN

of

The Committee of the Regions

and

The Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

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Having regard to their Common Action Plan 2008-2009, that has been prolonged indefinitely by mutual agreement.

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Are convinced of the need to reinforce the democratic legitimacy of the European Union;

Are conscious of the need to strengthen the institutional role of the regions in the European Union;

Wish to make full use of the new institutional provisions of the Lisbon Treaty and this to the benefit of EU citizens;

Wish to guarantee respect of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Wish to build on fruitful cooperation, already existing, and express their desire to develop it further with regard to monitoring respect of the principle of subsidiarity in the EU decision-making process.

1. The CoR and CALRE are determined to:

- Promote and encourage a common culture of subsidiarity;
- Support the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network (SMN) as one of the instruments allowing local and regional authorities to participate in designing and implementing EU policy;
- Cooperate more closely in the EU pre-legislative phase via participation in territorial impact assessments carried out in cooperation with the European Commission;
- Support and facilitate the performance of subsidiarity analysis by those regional parliaments which are involved in the Early Warning System (EWS) of the Lisbon Treaty according to their respective national arrangements;
- Support and encourage the exchange of information and best practice between regional parliaments on the implementation phase of EU legislation.

2. Are committed to:

- Fostering the participation of CALRE and its members in the SMN's activities, and encouraging the use of the CoR Subsidiarity Assessment Grid to perform subsidiarity analyses;
- Organising joint meetings in cooperation with the European Commission and the European Parliament on the implementation of EU legislation, in accordance with the overall political objectives of the CoR;
- Launching and participating in REGPEX, a database aimed at regions with legislative powers, to be found on the SMN website and providing access to relevant information with regard to the EWS, which includes in particular:
 - o For the CoR: to set up and maintain the database and offer CALRE members access to tailor-made files containing all available information related to a number of issues identified as particularly relevant to the EWS;
 - o For CALRE and its members: to forward their opinions on EU draft legislation to the CoR by uploading them to REGPEX.

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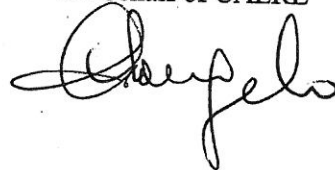
On behalf of the Committee of the Regions



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Appendix: REGPEX: an EU information exchange for regional parliaments
