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Why a CALRE Award

CALRE AWARD "Stars of Europe": the best Regional Councils initiatives

The CALRE Award **celebrates CALRE members' best practices and initiatives**, which are the most inspiring, effective and far-sighted and are delivered through an impactful, authoritative and engaging manner. The award looks to challenge the European Regional Assemblies and encourage them to put as much effort as possible into concretely **improving an aspect or sector of the economic, cultural and social life of their territories** and communities, while underlining the **positive impact of the European Institutions** in regional realities.

The Award has been launched by the CALRE First Standing Committee, with a call for application closing at the end of June, 2016. The Second Standing Committee in July, 2016 evaluated the Regional Parliaments' projects that have been presented. The awarding ceremony for the best initiatives took place on the occasion of the CALRE Plenary Assembly in November, 2016.

For the first edition of the CALRE Award all projects referring to the period 2014 – 2015 have been taken into account, but a specific issue will be chosen every year for the next editions in order to enhance successful experiences, able to positively emphasize the relations of the Regional Parliaments with the European Institutions.

During the first edition a free topic has been chosen, thus allowing each single Parliament to evaluate and select the experiences that best fit the CALRE Award "Starts of Europe" original vision.

For the First edition of CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” **14 projects** have been **presented** by following Regional Parliaments:

Parlement de Wallonie, Belgium	Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy
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Parlement de Wallonie, Belgium	Emilia Romagna Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy
Abruzzo Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores and Galician Parliament, Spain and Portugal
Andalusian Parliament, Spain	Galician Parliament, Spain
Parlamento de Canarias, Spain	Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of Autonomous Provinces, Italy
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Lombardy Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy

Selection Criteria

Who? The CALRE award is addressed to the Regional Legislative Assemblies, members of the Conference of the European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE).

What? Regional laws or administrative acts and any best practice involving Regional Parliaments at the European level: not only legislative initiatives, but also projects showing the participation of local and regional assemblies to the ascendant and descendant phase of the policy-making cycle of the European law, as well as the use of innovative participation tools.

Projects presented by the Legislative Assemblies

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Walloon Parliament, Belgium	Bi monthly table of the European issues
Abruzzo Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Best practice
Andalusian Parliament, Spain	Regional law: Law 1/2004 of 24 of June, Public Transparency in Andalucia
Parlamento de Canarias, Spain	First Meeting of Female Parliamentarians Canary Islands - Africa
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Regional Law of December 9, 2015, no. 31, “Rules for social integration of foreign migrants”: Widespread reception system
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Participation of the Regional Assembly in the building of EU law (so called “ascending phase”) in policy dialogue of the EU institutions and in advisory activities of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR)
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Valorisation of minority languages in Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region through Friulan - Italian simultaneous translation during meetings of Regional Assembly and through a specific initiative for the promotion of linguistic diversity
Emilia Romagna Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Assembly in Europe

Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores and Galician Parliament, Spain and Portugal	**Cultural heritage project**
Galician Parliament, Spain	The Galician Parliament with Youth and Europe
Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of Autonomous Provinces, Italy	Document for a collaboration (Protocol of Understanding) between the Commission on EU policies of the Senate of the Italian Republic and the Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces
Lombardy Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Establishment of 33 scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy

Award winners 2016

Walloon Parliament, Belgium	Brochure about the results of the negotiations on the TTIP made by the Walloon Parliament
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Regional Law of December 9, 2015, no. 31, “Rules for social integration of foreign migrants”: Widespread reception system
Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores and Galician Parliament, Spain and Portugal	Cultural heritage project

Brochure about the results of the negotiations on the TTIP made by the Walloon Parliament

Presented by: Walloon Parliament

Abstract: Published on July 2015 for the first time, it allows citizens and companies to see the whole work made by the Walloon Parliament on the TTIP (background European documents, auditions, adopted resolutions, etc.). This brochure contains some QR codes, its content can be easily consulted with a smartphone for example.

Role of the regional Assembly: Walloon Parliament has been a pioneer in the follow-up of the negotiations on the TTIP in 2015 and it's going on working on it. To notice for example the visit of Mrs. Malmstrom, European Commissioner for Trade in January 2016.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: The brochure allows citizens and companies to see the whole work made by the Walloon Parliament on the TTIP, thus making citizens more engaged in the whole process of dealing with important European topics.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

Walloon Parliament's project about the results of the negotiations on the TTIP was assigned CALRE award "Stars of Europe" on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 for being an excellent model of the participation of a Regional Legislative Assembly in the European decision making process.

The award was assigned also taking into consideration the meaningful enhancement of the role of the Regional Parliament as an active participant in the process that takes place before the signing of an agreement between the State and the European Union, and as a preferential connection between citizens and European or National Parliaments.

Walloon Parliament's project was moreover recognized for its use of technology as a tool that promotes and simplifies the engagement and participation.

REGIONE AUTONOMA FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA
CONSIGLIO REGIONALE

Regional Law of December 9, 2015, no. 31, "Rules for social integration of foreign migrants": Widespread reception system

Presented by: Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Assembly

Abstract: For the first time in the history of the Region, this law establishes the conditions for integration of migrants, with the so-called "widespread reception system", namely a system for the reception of migrants shared with communities.

Recipients of assistance provided by the law are the citizens of States outside the European Union, asylum seekers and refugees, beneficiaries of humanitarian protection, stateless persons residing legally or domiciled in the territory of the Region, as well as daughters and sons born in Italy by such persons.

The Region, within its competence, promotes the exercise of the right of asylum, the reception and social integration of asylum seekers, refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection within the Region, with a focus on the most vulnerable situations, as stated in Article 17 of Legislative Decree 18 August 2015, n. 142 (Implementation of Directive 2013/33 / EU laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection). To this end, the Region together with the Ministry of the Interior, Local Authorities, the Regional health Authorities and the

associations and the third sector, helps to create a system for spatial reception shared with the communities, for cultural mediation services and protection of asylum seekers and refugees against trafficking and all forms of slavery.

For this purpose FVG Region creates a three-year plan of interventions and annual programs.

The Region, on the basis of the annual Program, supports and implements integration projects, in order to promote the integration of people in the local community, the guidance and the access to services of the country and for their inclusion in programs of public benefit activities, also paying the costs of human resources, materials and insurance to provide integration for the people received in the host community.

To implement the National law (Article 40 of Legislative Decree 286/1998) and on the basis of the Regional legislation in the sector, the Region, through the Annual Program, is authorized to promote in favor of foreign migrants different forms of intervention, such as supporting management of temporary host structures; supporting agencies, for the implementation of measures to encourage and guide the access to an adequate housing solution; supporting management of social housing in collective form; providing subsidies to local authorities, associations and social organizations, for the maintenance of the facilities or their furniture, or for the payment of rents.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Regional Assembly has created the legal framework that allows social inclusion, housing and employment initiatives for immigrants. The Region with its own plans and programs keeps the direction of the forms of intervention in respect of the involved subjects and prepares the necessary contribution measures.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: The widespread reception system allows the integration of migrants on the territories of the Regions. Experience has shown that building insurance forms for Labour of migrants and their integration in local welfare and employment contexts determines their inclusion in the social context too and prevents marginalization, also leading people away from crime. This experience would be exported in various territories of the European Regions in order to better manage the crisis of migration, which takes on huge dimensions if not properly channeled.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

Friuli Venezia Giulia's Regional Law "Rules for social integration of foreign migrants" was assigned CALRE award "Stars of Europe" on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 for being an **excellent example of a Regional Law applied to a current and urgent European challenge**.

The award gives value to the **cooperation** established between the Region and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Local Authorities, the Regional Health Authorities, the associations of the third sector.

The award was given also taking into consideration the **meaningful positive impact on the territory**, because integration and inclusion of migrants in the local social and welfare context prevent their marginalization and reduce criminality as a consequence.

Finally, it was awarded for the potential positive European implications, because the model of migrants' reception and social integration adopted by Friuli Venezia Giulia Region **can be applied also to several territories throughout European Regions in order to better manage the migrant crisis**.

PARLAMENTO DE GALICIA

Cultural heritage project

Presented by: Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores and Galician Parliament

Abstract: Common project launched by the Galician Parliament and the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores based on two common activities. Firstly, the inauguration of the Galician Parliament exhibition "The Galician Literature through 54 Authors" at the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores premises. Secondly, presentation of the Facsimile edition, of Galician translations, of two Azoreans poets, Antero de Quental and Teófilo Braga, which undertook many studies on the Galician culture and therefore influenced the Galician political and autonomous thought. Both activities are taking place at the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores premises. The Galician Parliament took the opportunity of the celebration of the 40 anniversary of the Azores regional autonomy, to bring together an exhibition created two years ago on the occasion of the 50 anniversary of the Galician literacy day. This exhibition was formerly exhibited across Galicia as well as in Brussels at the premises of the Committee of the Regions. The aim of moving to Açores this exhibition was to strength the roots of the Lusophony as both languages, the Galician and the Portuguese, share a common origin in the frame of the European cultural heritage as well as promoting the regional autonomy of Açores and minority languages as the Galician language (protected by the Council of Europe Charter for Regional languages across Europe). To this extent, it should be noted the Galician Parliament

passed a bill which includes the learning of Portuguese language in Galician schools as a foreign language, boosting the knowledge of Portuguese language and the Lusophone culture.

Role of the regional Assembly: It should be highlighted that it is a common project between two CALRE members, the Galician Parliament and the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores, joined together through the links created within this network. This common project was undertook and managed by both Assemblies.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: Relaunch of cooperation between the two assemblies of CALRE at the cultural level, subordinated to the European motto "United in Diversity" due to the similarities of its languages, the Galician and the Portuguese, strengthening common historical ties. Giving known at European level the regional autonomy of CALRE members and its culture. Creating links about our European common grassroots "united into diversity" and the importance of the regional level in order to promote the European common values.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Azores and Galician Parliament's cultural heritage project was assigned CALRE award "Stars of Europe" on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 for the fruitful **cooperation between two CALRE members at a cultural level**, according to the European motto "United in Diversity".

The award was given also because through the promotion of the shared cultural and linguistic heritage the project shows the **importance of the regional level in fostering the European common roots and values**.

Honorable Mentions 2016

The Galician Parliament	The Galician Parliament with Youth and Europe
Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces	Document for a collaboration (Protocol of Understanding) between the Commission on EU policies of the Senate of the Italian Republic and the Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces
Parliament of the Canary Island	First Meeting of Female Parliamentarians Canary Islands - Africa

The Galician Parliament with Youth and Europe

PARLAMENTO DE GALICIA

Presented by: The Galician Parliament

Abstract: This initiative is composed by different parliamentary activities addressed to youth, our future, within an European framework. Promoting Youth taking part in European institutions open competitions, making youth plenary sessions, workshops focused on the future of Europe and vindicating the importance of the Europe day with European volunteers in order to promote a participatory democracy in diverse societies, from the local and regional level to the European level. The Galicia Regional Parliament main aim is to involve youth students from primary school to university degree with the regional parliament life, not only at regional level but also at European level, in order to raise awareness on the importance of an European participatory democracy, to defend their rights and needs. The goal is to show youth and all Galician citizens the importance of Europe, through free participation in activities and publication in the media of news related to the events undertaken by the Galician Parliament.

Role of the regional Assembly: Promote the Parliamentary democracy at European level within youth.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: Youth of all over the Galicia region are involved in the regional parliament system acknowledging the importance of its belonging to a European democratic system and its functioning. In conclusion, the main target is to raise awareness within all Galician citizens on the importance of Europe.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

The Galician Parliament's project about youth and Europe was assigned CALRE honorable mention on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 as an **excellent example of engagement of youth on European issues.**

The mention was given also for the **key role played by the Regional Parliaments in raising the awareness and promoting the confidence in European institutions.**

Document for a collaboration (Protocol of Understanding) between the Commission on EU policies of the Senate of the Italian Republic and the Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces.

Presented by: Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces.

Abstract: In September 2014 an agreement has been made between the Commission on EU policies of the Senate of the Italian Republic and the Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces in order to create a shared framework for a cooperation in the area of EU policies among all the Legislative Assemblies represented by the Conference with the Senate. This initiative is unique, as it establishes a privileged inter-institutional collaboration between the Senate and the Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies, anticipating in part the new role of connection with the territories that the future Senate could have if the popular referendum on the adoption of the Constitutional Law text C. 2613-D will approve this new text.

Role of the regional Assembly: Institutional Partner - All the represented Legislative Assemblies are involved in the process and can affirm their observations to the Commission on EU policies of the Italian Senate, thus expressing their territorial and regional needs and priorities, which will be taken into account thanks to this Document for Collaboration.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: In the scope of the memorandum of understanding, under article 2, par.1, are specified the analysis of the topics and of the joint work in order to deepen the Legislative Assemblies participation path towards both the policy making process of the European Union and its implementation and uniform application. As a consequence, a strengthening of the regional positions has been achieved, because thanks to this framework for collaboration the Senate takes into account territorial and regional positions in the Commission on EU policies works.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

The Document for a collaboration (Protocol of Understanding) between the Commission on EU policies of the Senate of the Italian Republic and the Conference of Presidents of the Regional Legislative Assemblies and of the autonomous provinces was assigned CALRE honorable mention on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 for **fostering a more efficient participation** of Legislative Assemblies and of the different territorial levels to the European decision making process.

First Meeting of Female Parliamentarians Canary Islands - Africa

Presented by: Parliament of the Canary Island

Abstract: The First Meeting of Female Parliamentarians Canary Islands-Africa, held on 16th- 18th of May in Santa Cruz de Tenerife and in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canary Islands, Spain), has been a fruitful space for sharing experiences of leadership and reflections on the difficulties and challenges facing women in parliamentary work and their common struggle for gender equality. During three days, about 50 parliamentarians from Africa and the Canary Islands, plus four special guests, debated on issues of common interest for Europe and Africa, specially related to women and their social, politic and economic roles. In this first contact, we have started the development of networks between European and African female parliamentarians with the intention, in a near future, of establishing new meetings for facing transnational, common and specific problems (gender violence, human trafficking, genital mutilation, child and female malnutrition...).The participants came from different countries of North and West Africa.

Role of the regional Assembly: This initiative might enable the creation of intercontinental network between parliamentarian women, especially Africans, so we can subsequently organize thematic meetings in which the participants would discuss about transnational issues of the whole region. The Canary Islands are considered as a geostrategical bridge that links Africa to Europe is called to help African women with

initiatives directed to the fight against gender violence, women trafficking, female genital mutilation, and all the other problems that affect women only for being women. The action we started is the start line of the cooperation mentioned above and it encompasses not only the African women who live in their birth continent, but also those who migrate into Europe and became helpless in strange countries.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: The Parliament of the Canary Islands organized and developed this meeting in collaboration with two entities: the Women for Africa Foundation an organization focused on the commitment to economic and social development, human rights, peace, justice and dignity for people and especially for women and girls and Casa Africa in Africa institution that forms part of the Spanish Government's foreign policy and works with the aim of promoting good understanding and trust between Spain and Africa.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JURY

The First Meeting of Female Parliamentarians Canary Islands – Africa was assigned CALRE honorable mention on the occasion of the CALRE 2016 Plenary Assembly on November, 25 2016 for the establishment of a **cooperation and exchange among the Women** in European and African Parliaments.

The mention was given also because the project highlights the **importance of the regional dimension** in addressing transnational issues.

The other outstanding projects

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Parlement de Wallonie, Belgium	Bi monthly table of the European issues
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Andalusian Parliament, Spain	Regional law: Law 1/2004 of 24 of June, Public Transparency in Andalucia
Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Participation of the Regional Assembly in the building of EU law (so called “ascending phase”) in policy dialogue of the EU institutions and in advisory activities of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR)
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Emilia Romagna Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Assembly in Europe
Lombardy Regional Legislative Assembly, Italy	Establishment of 33 scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy

The new portal «Your opinion» on the website of the Walloon Parliament

Presented by: Walloon Parliament

Abstract: The Walloon Parliament started in September 2015 a new portal «Your opinion» on its website aiming to get citizens closer to the work of the Parliament. This portal allows citizens to give their opinions on each new initiative coming either from the Government or from the Walloon Parliament. These initiatives regard European issues since more than 80% of the national law is the result of decisions made by the European Institutions. Citizens can also deposit on line some petitions or get in touch with the elected. Finally also institutions and associations can also ask to be invited to introduce their activities before the Parliament.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Parliament started this project on its website aiming to get citizens closer to the work of the Parliament.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: The new portal allows citizens to give their opinions on each new initiative coming either from the Government or from the Walloon Parliament. This fosters the interest and the engagement of the citizens in the European issues since more than 80% of the national law is the result of decisions made by the European Institutions.

PARLEMENT DE WALLONIE

Bi monthly table of the European issues

Presented by: Walloon Parliament

Abstract: This table contains the legislative propositions submitted to the principle of subsidiarity check, the consultations of the European Commission, some information referring to the European current events and a schedule of the next meeting of the European Council of Ministers.

This table, started in 2010, represents a useful tool for our deputies who receive it every two weeks before each plenary session.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Regional Assembly gives its deputies an additional tool to deal with European issues with reference to subsidiarity.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: This useful tool supports the subsidiarity check, thus implementing at regional level the process subject to the principle of subsidiarity toward EU legislative work.

REGIONE ABRUZZO
CONSIGLIO REGIONALE

Best practice

Presented by: Abruzzo Legislative Assembly

Abstract: The application relates to a best practice that has been achieved through different types of acts:

1. the rules governing the procedures for notifications and opinions to the European Commission;

2. the application to the IMI platform of the Regional Executive Board and the Regional Council;

3. the technical evaluation of the regional draft laws referring to the service activities;

4. the notification of a draft regional law (first notification in Italy);

5. the translation, the analysis of the reports received from the other Member States and the submission of the Abruzzo Region observations through the IMI system. This activity was performed in 2015 in collaboration with the University of Teramo;

6. the participation of the Region in the public consultation introduced by the European Commission on the proposal of the reform of the procedure that allows the Member States to notify the new regulatory requirements to those who provide the services.

Role of the regional Assembly: The experience of the Abruzzo Region in the implementation of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market regarding in particular:

A) the application of articles 15 and 16 which require that public institutions which want to introduce by legislation or regulation new requirements suitable to prevent or limit the provision of the services activities, to notify the European Commission through the IMI platform such requirements and also justifying them with the profiles of non-discrimination, necessity and proportionality;

B) the application of article 39 of the directive which provides each member to express their observations about the notifications received from the other states (mutual evaluation between states).

It's a best practice realized since the last months of 2013 and which has been consolidated over the years 2014-2015 and carried out in 2016.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: The experience described had the effect of producing in the regional political class raising awareness on the issues of free movement of service activities or the freedom to provide temporary regime by way of establishment and on the need of protection under this profile of Abruzzo providers.

Regional law: Law 1/2004 of 24 of June, Public Transparency in Andalucia

Presented by: Andalusian Parliament

Abstract: After the approval of state Law of 19/2013, of 9 December, on transparency, accessto public information and good governance, the passage of the future Law on Public Transparency in Andalusia started in the Andalusian Parliament. This initiative was registered in the Regional Parliament as a Bill on 19 February 2014 at the proposal of the Governing Council of the Andalusian Regional Government. The purpose of the current law is to increase the transparency of the public authorities' actions, as a means of achieving a more real and effective democracy. This must not be reduced to a mere regular exercise of the right to vote. Our legal system requires the strengthening of "the mechanisms which enable citizens to know better the actions of the public authorities, the reasons for such actions, the results and to evaluate them".

In this regard, the regulation aims to facilitate public knowledge of the actions of the administrations and private bodies that manage or are financed by public funds, based on the two core principles of public transparency: active publicity and the right to access public information. The regulation provides, among other notable measures, for the compulsory creation of transparency portals or spaces on the websites of all public administration bodies, the creation of a Council on Transparency and Data Protection in Andalusia, and the establishment of a system of penalties applicable to infringements of the provisions of the Law.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Andalusian Parliament, under its legislative function, exercises its legislative powers through the drafting and enactment of laws. Thus, after the registration of the proposed Law 9-14/PL-000001, on Public Transparency in Andalusia, the relevant parliamentary procedure2 started through the Commission of the Presidency and the Plenary Assembly of the Parliament. Among the most significant formalities of the process, we should highlight the debate on the whole project (27/03/2014), the appearance of the social agents before the Commission to make their contribution to the text (22/04/2014), the Report on the Presentation of the Bill, the approval of the Law at the Plenary Session (11/06/2014) and the publication of the Law in the Official Gazette of the Andalusian Parliament (17/06/2014). Law 1/2004, of 24 June, on Public Transparency in Andalusia, was unanimously passed with the support of all the parliamentary groups represented in the Chamber during the IX Legislature (2012-2015).

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: Due to its recent entry into force, it is still too early to evaluate the consequences and impact of the implementation of Law 1/2004, of 24 June, on Public Transparency in Andalusia, apart from statistical data on the interest raised among the public. In this respect, for example, until May 2016, the Transparency Portal of the Regional Government of Andalusia had registered 2.7 million page views and resolved 971 requests for access to public information out of 1.140 made. In this regard, the Law aims at improving the transparency of the action of public authorities, which is seen as one of the instruments that will enable democracy to become more real and effective, and which should not be reduced to the mere regular exercise of the right to vote.

REGIONE AUTONOMA FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA
CONSIGLIO REGIONALE

Participation of the Regional Assembly in the building of EU law (so called "ascending phase") in policy dialogue of the EU institutions and in advisory activities of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Presented by: Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Assembly

Abstract: Both articles 170 and 170 bis of the internal rules of Regional Chamber state the way in which the Regional Assembly monitors the compliance of European legislative acts with the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality, with regard to fields of regional competence, as well as promotes the dialogue with the national institutions and European level on issues pertaining to regional territory.

The EU draft laws, as well as their preparatory documents and their amendments, transmitted by the Government in accordance with the Italian national law, are immediately made electronically available to Regional Councilors. The President of the Regional Council, on the recommendation of each councilor or on his own initiative, assigns to the relevant regional Committee the examination of EU acts. The Committee, before giving an opinion, hear, if necessary, the relevant Regional Minister and the regional stakeholders representing social and economic groups.

The opinion of the competent Committee is transmitted to the Standing Committee, with responsibility for European Affairs, that will approve the final resolution. The results of the subsidiarity and proportionality check, approved by resolution shall be communicated to the national Parliament in time for parliamentary scrutiny, as well as to the Italian Conference of Presidents of the Legislative Assemblies of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces, to the EU Committee of the Regions and the CALRE. In the same way all the Regional Council's resolutions related to European affairs are extended to such authorities. In addition, at the initiative of the President of the Regional Assembly, all the CoR draft opinions are extended to Regional Councilors, in time to collect observations, which, evaluated by the responsible Committee and duly accepted, shall be sent to the CoR as amendment proposals.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Regional Assembly has an extreme important role in relaying to the European institutions local opinions and observations, that refer the needs of the region. The Regional Council, as a political assembly, facilitates the building of the EU legal system as a democratic order process, following the logic of subsidiarity and multilevel governance, since the Regional chamber collects the needs closest to citizens and brings them to the attention of the European Institutions.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: If the territories' instances will be brought to the European level, it will be possible to build a truly democratic common system, in which all citizens of European Regions will feel recognized and represented, realising the cohesion process.

REGIONE AUTONOMA FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA
CONSIGLIO REGIONALE

Valorisation of minority languages in Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region through Friulan - Italian simultaneous translation during meetings of Regional Assembly and through a specific initiative for the promotion of linguistic diversity.

Presented by: Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Assembly

Abstract: The Regional Administration, in cooperation with the Regional Agency for the promotion of Friulan language, has promoted both initiatives described below:

Art. 61 of the Internal Regulation of the Regional Assembly establishes that in relation to the activity of the Assembly, members of the Regional Assembly can express themselves, both orally and writing, in one of the languages spoken in the Region protected in accordance with Article 2 Law 15 December 1999, n.48 and that, for those members of the Assembly who don't know these languages, the timely Italian translation of speeches held in the protected languages, both orally and writing, is provided . For this purpose, an Act of Understanding has been signed with the Regional Agency for the Friulan language. According to this Act, the Agency has provided the Italian simultaneous translation of speeches held in Friulan during the Regional Assembly meetings.

The Regional Assembly and the Regional Agency for the Friulan language have supported the "99 Domande-Diversità linguistica e Diritti linguistici (99 Questions- Linguistic diversity and linguistic rights) project, realized by Onlus social Cooperative Futura, in order to explain the meaning of linguistic diversity and the reasons under its protection. The book "99 domande sulla diversità linguistica" contains 99cards, each one including a question and an answer in Italian and French. Cards have been written by 10 Italian and foreign academics who identified all the information that has to be known in order to develop a better world and an authentic knowledge society. This initiative is based on the belief that linguistic rights are firstly human rights (right to use one's mother tongue but also the right to cultural, ideological and even economic alternatives).

Role of the regional Assembly: The regional Administration (and the Regional Assembly in particular), sets among its priorities the valorisation of linguistic minorities. The Internal Regulation of the Regional Assembly, which admits the possibility for the members of the Assembly to express themselves in one of the minority languages with the guarantee of Italian translation, is one of the main evidences of this commitment. The support to the "99 Domande-Diversità linguistica e Diritti linguistici" (99 Questions-Linguistic Diversity and Linguistic Rights) project confirms the regional pledge to the promotion of linguistic minorities. This linguistic heritage constitutes indeed one of the basis of our regional speciality. Furthermore, the new educative tool on linguistic diversity represents a step towards the achievement of a local and European identity.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: Linguistic diversity is one of the pillars of the European Union and of the International Treaties adopted by the Council of Europe. In this regard, we mention:

The European Charter for Regional or Minority Language; The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities – Strasburg, 1st November 1995;

The European Charter of Fundamental Rights, European Parliament Resolution on Charter of Language and Regional Cultures and Charter for the Rights of Ethnic Minorities;

The European Parliament Resolution on linguistic and cultural minorities in the European Community (rapporteur Mark Killilea, adopted by European Parliament on February the 9th 1994);

The Council Resolution on linguistic diversity and education in the framework of the European year for language in 2001(14th February 2002).

Assembly in Europe

Presented by: Emilia Romagna Legislative Assembly

Abstract: "Assembly in Europe" is a section of the official website of the

Regional legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna, directly accessible from the home page, where it is possible to find all the information and official documents concerning the participation of the Region of Emilia-Romagna in the EU decision-making processes and the implementation of the European law at regional level. The website section named "Assembly in Europe" has been thought as a tool to support the Region of Emilia-Romagna (legislative assembly and the regional government as well) in formulation and application of EU policies and law and to inform the public in a clear, comprehensible and accessible way about the rules and procedures governing these processes and, above all, their outcomes. The section is divided into two main pages dedicated to 1) the participation in the EU decisional-making process and 2) the application of EU law at regional level.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Region of Emilia-Romagna has developed its own "model" of participation in the formation and implementation of EU policies and making-law. The annual European Session of the Regional Assembly is the core of the regional action. The European Session is the "official time" for analysis and political debate between the Regional Assembly and the Regional Government regarding the participation in the European Union decisional making process, culminating in political

directions formulated by the Regional Assembly and given to the Regional Government in the following year. The aim of this "model" of participation is to ensure the link between Regional Assembly and Regional Government, thanks to the constant exchange of information, and the adoption of a unitary and shared position of the Region on EU documents and draft legislative acts, which are provided at political and technical level. With reference to the implementation of EU law, the regional act n. 16/2008 introduces the tool of the "regional community law". The adoption of this "regional community law" is not mandatory and it is not to be drafted every year, but in recent years, it has been adopted more frequently and clearly shows the strong link between the participation in the formation of EU legislative acts and the subsequent correct implementation of them at the regional level. The active participation of the Emilia-Romagna Region in the EU decision-making process has the goal not only to affect the EU legislative acts at the early stage, but also to have all findings to ensure the proper and timely implementation of EU legislation. This "collaborative model" gives to the legislative assembly a crucial role both in participation to the EU decision - making process and in implementation of EU law. That is the reason why "Assembly in Europe" is accessible from the home page of the official website of the regional legislative assembly of the Region of Emilia-Romagna. The legislative Assembly makes available information and official documents through a dedicated section of its official website to support the "institutional" processes and to better achieve the objective of an efficient participation in formulation and implementation of EU policies, also thanks to the proper involvement of the general public and the recipients of EU policies (citizens, stakeholders, other public authorities…).

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: "Assembly in Europe" is a tool to facilitate and support the work of the Region of Emilia-Romagna (legislative Assembly and regional Government) in formulation and implementation of EU policies.

It has three main objectives:

1) to make available information and detailed documentation for citizens and other recipient of EU policies;

2) to continuously update citizens and the other recipient of EU policies about the results of these activities;

3) to strengthen collaboration and cooperation among the different institutions involved in these processes at regional, national and European level (Italian and European regions; national Government and national Parliament; European Institutions) .

The regional legislative Assembly is working to verify the possibility to set up a database, accessible from "Assembly in Europe", dedicated to the participation in EU decision-making processes and the implementation of EU law, and to create an appropriate platform for the "on-line" consultation of citizens and stakeholders of the region.

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Establishment of 33 scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy

Presented by: Regional Council of Lombardy

Abstract: After the adoption of the Regional Law n. 3 del 2013 on the reduction of the costs of the politics, the Regional Law 26 November 2013, n. 16 was adopted and became effective as of December, 13 2014 on the "Establishment of 33 scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy". The regional law provides that grants may be awarded to carry out internships and guidance in favour of graduates, for conducting curricular courses for undergraduates and to carry out research activities.

Role of the regional Assembly: The Regional Assembly has the role to plan, organize, implement the scholarships and to directly host the interns within its internal structure and activity, offering to deserving graduates an important opportunity to gain professional experience in the field.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications: Among the available internships and scholarships planned by the Regional Council initiative, there are 2 open positions for an internship at the Brussels Delegation of the Regional Council. The two interns who will be chosen every year with public competition to work in Brussels premises are given the opportunity to develop

professional experience in the European Union framework and to directly interact with the EU institutions such as the Committee of the Regions and with CALRE activity. On the other side, the Regional Council of Lombardy highly benefit of fresh and open minded graduate young professionals, who give great contribution to the European and international relations of the Assembly, thus providing new perspectives and valuable support to the European profile of the Council, to the Regional Legislative Assembly as a whole and to the public administration itself.

Afterword

The CALRE Award "Stars of Europe" was established to recognize and celebrate the importance of regional initiatives in connection with the regional dimension of Europe. The present document is a *compendium* of just some of the many examples of the everyday work made by Regional Parliaments to meet the needs of their citizens and territories and to get them in contact with European Institutions. The projects submitted by CALRE members in this first edition of the CALRE Award show how regional best practices can **improve the economic, cultural and social life of their territories** and communities, highlighting as well a **positive impact of European Institutions** in regional realities.

Furthermore, the creativity and the relevance of the award and mention winners projects are inspirational for all CALRE members and will hopefully lay the foundation of future editions of the CALRE Award in the next years, since they challenge each Regional Legislative Assembly to reflect on their commitment at local and European level.

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