

Standing Committee of 6th of April 2017

CALRE

Cohesion policy Working Group

Activities Program 2017

The Working Group "Financial Federalism", that the Regional Council has coordinated for ten years in the CALRE, from 2014 renamed in "Cohesion Policy", denoting a renewed interest for the objectives of the action of the European institutions with the aim to erase the inequalities of development, increase opportunities for growth and social inclusion of citizens and promote economic cohesion between the territories.

For the topics discussed and the proposals, the group activity supports the continuity with the previous initiatives, in line with the documents presented and discussed during the many meetings of the Working Group "financial Federalism" *.

The Regional Council of Veneto, in continuity with the work realised intends to renew, even for 2017, its strong support to the Working Group to continue in the analysis of some aspects of financial federalism as fundamental tool to build and affirm the Europe of regions.

In addition, the Council reaffirms the importance of acting to strengthen the collaboration between the Working Group and the European institutions, in particular, the Committee of the regions, the European Commission and the European Parliament and between the members of CALRE.

The hope is that the Working Group undertakes to give a new impetus to the initiatives already planned involving all subjects with European-inspired federalist spirit in their work.

In order to continuing the realization of the measures already undertaken, the group will engage in 2017 to perform the following actions:

1. continue in the realization of a coordination network between the MEPs elected from the European regions with legislative Assemblies, involving them in the CALRE activities and urging them in a more effective action of lobbying in the European Parliament;
2. continue for the launch of stable relationships, through the European parliamentarians, with the standing committees of the European Parliament who treat topics discussed by CALRE;

3. proceed with the establishment of a network of technical representatives with statistical and financial skills reported by the regions belonging to the CALRE, finalized at comparing and exchanging of data and metadata at regional level about cash flows between the various levels of Government;
4. promote seminars initiatives in order to explore and compare issues traditionally addressed to the Working Group and about the new areas of expertise acquired with the change of denomination. In particular during the years 2017-2018, the Working Group aims to develop the following themes and research topics:
 - the advantages of realise a system of variable geometry autonomies (s.c. "federalism differentiated");
 - the benefits for the economy system and the enterprises in a federal system;
 - legal, social and economic aspects related to the implementation of reforms in the Federal sense of State and public administration;
 - economic, scientific and technological competitiveness of "Motor Regions of Europe" in the context of global interdependence and of the commitment to sustainable development;
 - the efficiency of public administration, the reducing of the costs of bureaucracy, the reducing of tax evasion and the recovery of resources for investment for the development and growth of regional economic system.

Meeting of the Working Group

Venice 23/24 March 2017

Venice, 16th March 2017

* For further information please refer to the final documents of the Working Group "financial Federalism", presented between 2008 and 2015 at the CALRE plenary Assemblies