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WORKING GROUP CALRE 2017

“NATURAL DISASTERS”

ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION

The Plenary Assembly of CALRE, held in Milan in November 2016, has decided on the establishment of a new working group for the year 2017 on the topic of “natural disasters” and has entrusted to the Legislative Assembly the exercise for coordinating.

More details below about the objectives of the working group, the priority lines of the activities and scheduled meetings.

OBJECTIVES

The 2016 study of the Gran Sasso Science Institute of L’Aquila and handed out at the last Plenary Assembly of CALRE, shows that the issue of natural disasters is very topical and cross-cutting because it concerns several UE Member States.

The Regions, that are local authorities closest to citizens, are directly involved in the management of emergencies and have to face them with more and more inadequate resources.



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However, there is an increasing need to face these events with a programmatic approach to carry out prevention policies and to manage the emergency situations properly.

For that purpose, it's essential the mutual cooperation amongst different institutional decision-makers that, in various ways, can help to develop the strategies to face the natural disasters.

It is extraordinarily important for a preventive approach to these issues the contribution of scientist and University research regarding these activities.

Finally, the exchange of relevant experience amongst different Legislative Assembly part of the working group, can show common problems, strategies to face the events and sharing good practices.

The ultimate objective of the group is to identify the unresolved issues, to look at the instruments the European Union shall provide the States and the Regions and, if necessary, to submit the regional request to the European authorities.

ACTIVITIES

An illustrative list of the activities of the work group is given below:

- **To find a Group of Experts from the academic world** that will support the ongoing work group into activities such as identify the type of more frequent natural disasters in the UE and which need more attention, prevention strategies and reactions to these events etc.;
- **research and analysis of the EU legislation**, with particular regard to the instruments available for the EU to face the natural disasters (such as European Union Solidarity Fund, EU Civil Protection Mechanism), studying the possibilities offered by the Structural Funds for financing prevention activities, analysis of the European Legislation on state aid regarding the forms of support payable to the enterprise world just in case such events happen;
- **to submit a questionnaire to the European Legislative Assembly involved** to gathering information with regard to the regional competencies and about higher risks of the territory concerned, serious problems, best practice, any proposals to submit to the European authorities.



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MEETINGS PLANNED

- **1St Meeting in L'Aquila – 13 and 14 July 2017** – The first meeting will be dedicated to a first discussion on the most pressing issues to face also following on from the replies to the questionnaires.
- **2Nd Meeting in Bruxelles - 19 October 2017** – The second meeting will be dedicated to the presentation of the results of the activities by providing a document to be presented to the CALRE Plenary Assembly and to the European authorities.