



Invitation

Meeting of the CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity, March 16th 2018 in Brussels

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Dear CALRE Members,

With great pleasure I chair the CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity again in 2018.

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These days it is more important than ever for the regions with legislative competences to demand the principle of subsidiarity. Last autumn president Jean-Claude Juncker announced a task force on subsidiarity, which started its work in January, chaired by Vice President Frans Timmermans. COSAC (Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the EU) sent three members of national parliaments (Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria) to be part of the Task Force and so did the Committee of the Regions. The European Parliament did not name any member.

Regional parliaments have not been asked to participate. Once again the European Union still seems to talk more about the regions than with them.

Until July the Task Force on Subsidiarity shall deliver a report. The main question will be, to identify policy areas where work could be re-delegated or returned to EU countries and find ways to better involve regional and local authorities in EU policy making. The eighth Conference on Subsidiarity held in Vienna end of 2017 came to the conclusion that more competences shall be handled on a regional level. However, it was not specified which competences this could be.

European Union can only be strong if it keeps close contact to their citizens. In our function as regional parliaments and assemblies, we are close

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to the citizens. Therefore, we should specify which competences and why they can be better taken care of at the regional level.

Hereby I like to cordially invite you to join and participate our Working Group. Let us take the chance and deliver a proposal to the European Commission to make the voice of regional parliaments heard whilst the “Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and Doing Less more efficiently” of the EU-Commission is still working.

Under this topic the first meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 16th of March between 11 a.m. and 15 p.m. in Brussels**. Please find the registration and draft agenda attached.

A numerous participation would be appreciated and I am very much looking forward to a fruitful discussion with you.

Kind regards

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I. Vice President