

The growing interest in promotion and enhancement of the role of Regional Parliaments within the European decision-making resulted instituting CALRE; whose aim is more and more in keeping with this process. CALRE is networking instrument, which represents its members in the proposal of shared standpoints.

CALRE must coordinate its members' action plans, in order to be recognized as a reliable partner for discussion among many European Institutions, such as the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of Regions. The association, nonetheless, can derive positive feedbacks from the dialogue between members and national legislators, since it can display a broad agreement on an issue without any compromise of its members autonomy. The 2009/2010 Presidency drafts here some long term strategies and proposals .

## **2010 WORKING METHODS**

- **DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES AND GOALS OVER A SPECIFIC AND UNIFYING THEME OF COMMON INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**
  - Implementing synergies between members and their institutional counterparts to strengthen the possibility of achieving CALRE's goals. Indeed, the best results can be accomplished only through coordinated actions by all CALRE members.
  - Introduction of thematic focuses and synergism among working groups. Hence the working groups will merge into the association's goals, will bring their specific expertise, and their commitment, for the common good of creating an enhanced combined effect.
- **LAUNCHING A "SERVICE" SYSTEM FOR CALRE'S MEMBERS. IT WILL OFFER THE POSSIBILITY TO JOIN PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE OTHERWISE PROHIBITIVE FOR A SINGLE PARLIAMENT.**
  - Introduction of a web based system (intranet) to facilitate the discussion and to reach a common view between members in order to be able to offer a more consistent participation to the European legislative proceedings, and to serve the concept of multi-level governance. The model upon which the database will be created is reachable at: [www.ipex.eu](http://www.ipex.eu).
  - Creation of a list of engagement opportunities for its members, which can address collaborations either with the European Union institutions or on institutions building projects in new democracies. Likewise, both the traditional CALRE mission of promoting its role upon supranational institutions such as OSCE and UN, and the direct agreements of cooperation with third countries regions (similarly to what has been done with Arkhangelsk, Russia) will have to be further carried on.
- **RECASTING CALRE'S PORTAL: THE RENOVATION OF THE WEB INTERFACE IS CRUCIAL TO MAXIMISE CALRE'S VISIBILITY AND KNOWLEDGE FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY AUDIENCES.**
  - In order to fulfill CALRE' internal rules on the website management we already registered a new domain, [www.calrenet.eu](http://www.calrenet.eu), that shall become the official portal and will be easily transferable between presidencies.
  - Operating a logic simplification of the website to provide a better accessibility to fundamental documents, and to offer a more immediate understanding of what CALRE is, and which is its mission. Those two tasks will be performed through a different, brand new, graphic scheme.
  - Creation of an historic archive where all the main documents upon which CALRE developed will be accessible in a chronological order.

## **2010 GOALS**

NEXT YEAR CALRE'S WORK SHALL BE FOCUSED ON:  
THE REGIONAL PARLIAMENT'S ROLE IN PROMOTING NEW FORMS OF DIRECT AND REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES, DEEMED AS BODIES OF AN EVOLVING GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE, WITH THE PURPOSE OF YIELDING AN INSTITUTIONAL BALANCE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WITH REGARD TO THE NATIONAL AND THE EUROPEAN ASCENDING LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

In order to reach 2010 goals the Presidency purports the following theme indications nfor the working groups:

- Working Group on E-DEMOCRACY: which consequences can be brought by information technologies to citizenship's participation in the legislative process, either at regional and European level, and to the Regional government choices.
- Working Group on SUBSIDIARITY: the Principle of Subsidiarity and its evolutionary input for the role of the Regional Parliaments in their relation with National Parliaments, and its enrichment of the European Union's Democratic process.
- Working Group on REGIONAL DEMOCRACY: The research of local Parliaments' best practices to implement a better participation within the Ascending process of the European Union, and to promote a stronger participation of the citizenship to the democratic process

## **EVENTS**

The Presidency 2010 will respect the tradition of holding one of four standing's committee meeting in Brussels, in order to increase our relations to the EU bodies.

The dates shall be:

25TH JANUARY: BRUSSELLS, BRUSELLS, BELGIUM.

17TH APRIL: FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL.

8TH JULY: SAN SEBASTIAN, THE BASQUE COUNTRY, SPAIN.

(T.B.D.) OCTOBER: TRENTO, TRENTO, ITALY.