REPORT OF ACTIVITY

CALRE WORKING GROUP e-DEMOCRACY

2014

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I. INTRODUCTION

During the Plenary Assembly of CALRE in Brussels on 21 and 22 October 2013, the President of the Parliament of Andalusia, Mr. Manuel Gracia Navarro, took the responsibility and commitment to continue to coordinate for the second consecutive year, the Working Group e-Democracy, with the support and confidence of the parliaments of CALRE.

Determined to continue to advance the development of e-democracy with the ultimate aim of improving European democracy and the legitimacy of its institutions, with the work done by all participating parliaments and all input on experiences and best practices, the work of the Working Group e-democracy is summarized in this Annual report 2014.

II. WORK UNDERTAKEN

The work done in 2014 has been intense and productive, given the variety of actions that have taken place, which follow:

1. **Diffusion Group Process and registration of parliaments as group members**

This year we have managed to increase the number of participating parliaments of 15 in 2013 to **18 members of the group in 2014**.

We thank these parliaments participation, contributions and availability for further progress in the field of e-Democracy.

2. Working Plan 2014

This document, which describes the composition of the 18 Presidents of participants in the Working Group parliaments, has nine objectives to score the goals that we propose as a group and two lines of activity to achieve those goals. The lines of action of the Working Plan were:

1) Analysis of good practice and innovative projects of e-Democracy, transparency and citizen participation in parliaments of CALRE

2) System of e-Democracy with objectives targeted at each stage of the e-Democracy

3. Questionnaire on best practices in e-Democracy at the parliaments of CALRE

This questionnaire is the working tool used to analyze developments in the field of e-democracy between 2013 and 2014 using the indicators of the study in 2013 and obtaining the comparative.

The second part was to get the opinion of parliaments to establish a **System of e-democracy** with specific initiatives, measured with indicators of feasibility, cost, effectiveness, opportunity, innovation, impact on generating proximity to citizens and recovery of public trust.

The third and final part of **Innovative Projects in e-democracy and transparency and citizen participation** was to share the know-how of the participating parliaments and to create synergies in e-Democracy.

4. **Report on best practices and innovative projects on e-Democracy and Transparency in the parliaments of CALRE**

This report is a considerable qualitative step, given the discovered results in just one year most indicators show positive growth, doubling in certain strategic measures the percentage of parliaments that have already developed the e-Democracy initiatives. This result is a boost for further work considering all that we can move forward in this area all the parliaments of CALRE.

The content of sections of the report is as follows:

PART I: European Study of Evolution on e-Democracy

➢ **I. Phase of Information about on web contents**

➢ **II. Phase of e-Consultation**

➢ **III. Phase of e-Participation**

➢ **IV. Phase of e-Vote**

➢ **V. Attracting Young people to Politics**

PART II: System on e-Democracy and Best practices

PART III: Innovative Projects on e-Democracy and Transparency

- ➢ **Innovative Projects on e-Democracy**
- ➢ **Innovative Projects on Transparency**

PART IV. Conclusions

5. Working Group Meeting and Seminar on e-Democracy in the Parliament of Andalusia

At the meeting we have presentations from **experts in the field** as Manuel Villoria, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at the Rey Juan Carlos University in Madrid, following the objective of establishing relationships with experts in e-Democracy from the Universities of our 2014 Working Plan.

In the seminar we have the interesting speech of the **Councilor of the Presidency of the Regional Government of Andalusia, Manuel Jiménez Barrios**, explaining the contents of the approved **Public Transparency Law of Andalusia**, vanguard and innovation legislation. This Law provides for the establishment of a Transparency Portal that will allow citizens to access all the information to move towards a better democracy.

Also unlike the Seminary in 2013, we were honored to hear presentations on Best Practices in e-Democracy of the National Assembly for Wales by his deputy Peter Black and the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores by Sandra Costa, General Secretary of the assembly.

Special interest aroused the Innovative Project of the Deputy Enrique Benitez, Member of the Parliament of Andalusia, who presented at the meeting and launched **the first website of transparency of a deputy in Spain** to present their political agenda, his work in Parliament, income like deputy and interact with citizens through sections such as "e-petitions: citizen proposals" for citizens to make proposals, requests or the deputy parliamentary initiatives. For the absolutely innovative, of vanguard in transparency, the ability to close and attractive policy to citizens and be a benchmark in e-democracy, we invite you to visit his website www.ebenitez.es

The content of the meeting can be viewed on the web Video Library of Parliament of Andalusia with interventions in the original and in translation in Spanish.

6. Report of Conclusions

This Report analyzes in detail the implementation of the objectives of the Working Plan 2014 and proposals for 2015. The technical working group conclusions can be found in the Report on best practices and innovative projects on e-Democracy and Transparency in the parliaments of CALRE.

To conclude this report highlight the interesting and intense work by all Parliaments participants and ask them to again become members of e-Democracy Group in 2015.