

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION



### General

- Country: Italy (60.7 millions of citizens (2012), 301,336 Km<sup>2</sup>)
- Region: Emilia-Romagna (4.4 millions of citizens (2012), 22,117 Km<sup>2</sup>)
- The Legislative Assembly of the Emilia-Romagna Region is competent for Regional, National and EU matters
- Headquarters: Bologna - Viale Aldo Moro 50
- Language: Italian
- The Legislative Assembly of the Emilia-Romagna Region has been established following the election of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1970.
- Budget (2012) 37.6 million Euro
- Website: <http://assemblealegislativa.regione.emilia-romagna.it/>



## The Regional Council of the Emilia-Romagna Region

The Regional Council is the legislative body, representative of the region, as laid down in art. 121 of the Italian Constitution<sup>1</sup>. It is an organ of the Region, similarly to other organs of constitutional significance. It has its own internal regulations, its own budget and its own personnel, distinct from those of the Regional Government. The Emilia Romagna Regional Council, as indicated by Statute, is called the "Assemblea legislativa".

The Preamble of the Statute of the Region of Emilia-Romagna (Regional Law 31 March 2005, n. 13) states:

*"The Emilia-Romagna Region bases its activities on the values of Resistance against Nazism and fascism, on the Revival's ideals of freedom and national unity, and on the principles and rights proclaimed in the Italian Constitution and by the European Union; being fully aware of its cultural, humanistic, ideal and religious heritage, and of the principles of pluralism and institutional laicism, it works to promote:*

- a) the universal values of freedom, equality, democracy, refusal of totalitarianism, social justice and solidarity with the other peoples of the world and with future generations;*
- b) the recognition of a person's equal dignity in society, without any discrimination due to gender, economic, social and personal conditions, age, ethnic group, culture, religion, political opinion, sexual orientation;*
- c) peace and the rejection of war as a means of offence against other peoples' freedom, and as a tool of international conflict resolution.*

*The Region is legitimized by the vote of its citizens; it fosters participatory democracy and permanent exchange with social organisations; it recognizes and promotes the autonomy of local bodies and communities; it operates for transparent representation of interests and for social cohesion.*

*The Emilia-Romagna Region works to preserve natural resources for the benefit of society as a whole and for future generations. Aware of the change in the institutional framework attributing a completely new role within the legislative function exercised by the Republic, pursues the enhancement of areas of autonomy provided for by the Constitution, within the framework of the unity and indivisibility of the Republic."*

The Legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna consists of 50 members elected in 9 provinces.

41 men and 9 women.

Average age is 49 years (January 2012)

<sup>1</sup> The full text of the Constitution of the Italian Republic (English version):  
[http://www.senato.it/documenti/repository/istituzione/costituzione\\_inglese.pdf](http://www.senato.it/documenti/repository/istituzione/costituzione_inglese.pdf)



## The electoral system

The election of the Legislative Assembly is regulated by the electoral system provided for by law 108 of 1968, as amended in several parts by law 43 of 1995. It represents a so-called "mixed" (proportional with a majority prize variable), constructed in such a way that, in any event, the winning coalition has a majority of seats in not less than 55 or 60%. 4/5 (40) of Councillors are elected in provincial constituencies (coinciding with the 9 provinces) based on competing lists in proportion to the votes obtained. Candidates are elected according to personal preferences.

The remaining share of Councillors (1/5, or 10) is elected by the majority system, on the basis of competing regional lists.

## Voting conditions (*Vote is not compulsory in Italy*)

### Active voters

Active voters are all citizens who have attained 18 years of age on the date of election, enjoy electoral rights and are resident in a Municipality of the region.

### Passive voters/Conditions for eligibility

Passive voters are all citizens who have attained 18 years of age on the date of elections, enjoy electoral rights and are resident in a Municipality of the country. The loss of the ownership of active voter produces, as a direct consequence, the loss of the ownership of passive voter.

## Composition of the Legislative Assembly as a result of the Regional elections of 29 March 2010

- PD (Partito Democratico): 24 seats
- PDL (Popolo della Libertà): 11 seats
- IdV (Italia dei Valori – Lista Di Pietro): 4 seats
- Lega Nord Padania Emilia e Romagna: 4 seats
- Federazione della Sinistra: 2 seats
- SEL - Verdi (Sinistra Ecologia Libertà – Idee Verdi): 2 seats
- Movimento 5 Stelle BeppeGrillo.it: 2 seats
- UDC (Unione di Centro): 1 seat



## Political Groups in the Emilia-Romagna Legislative Assembly (01/01/2012)

A Political group of the Legislative Assembly consists, as a rule, of at least two members. A Political group may be formed by a single member, if he represents a list that has participated in the regional election. Each Political Group elects a spokesperson (President) among its members. A group has the guarantee of financial support of the institution for the pursuit of institutional functions delegated to it, with a faculty of staffing. A Councillor not intending to belong to any group, passes automatically to the so-called "mixed group".

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## Competencies and Functions of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly determines the general policy of the Region exercising legislative, programming and control functions over the activities of the “Giunta” (Regional Government) and the regional administration.

The Assembly, complying with timing defined by its Internal Regulation, discusses and approves government programme prepared by the President of the Region regarding the whole term and all regional areas. Annually, it verifies and evaluates the implementation of the government programme and approves the variations.

The Assembly exercises control over the implementation of laws and promotes the impact assessment of regional policy, in order to verify the results. It examines, expressing their assessments and proposals, the exercise of the right to appeal to the Constitutional Court.

It carries out other functions attributed to it by the Constitution, Regional Statute, and, according to it, by law. In particular the Assembly:

- a) approves acts of financial planning in the Region, their variations, the final report and the provisional operation;
- b) submits legislative proposals to the Parliament, complying with art. 121 of the Italian Constitution;
- c) formulates proposals and opinions for the elaboration of national plans and programs of State competence;
- d) approves acts of regional programming and economic, environmental and territorial planning;
- e) expresses the opinions provided for in art. 133 of the Italian Constitution;
- f) proposes to the President of the Regional Government, in the terms provided for by law, to appeal the Constitutional Court for solving legitimacy conflicts;
- g) issues acts implementing the European Union Law, without prejudice to the cases provided for by Italian law;
- h) ratifies, by law, agreements with other regions according to the art. 117 of the Italian Constitution;
- i) ratifies the agreements concluded by the region with State bodies, in cases which involve variation to programming or planning acts referred to in subparagraph c);
- j) drafts documents relating to address international relations and ratifies agreements concluded with other States or internal and regional authorities, complying with the limits and forms referred to in art. 117 of the Italian Constitution;
- k) approves the Region’s general political programme;
- l) approves agendas relating to the activities of the Regional Government, with reference to the preparation of the legislative projects of particular complexity and relevance;
- m) approves the appointments and elections that are expressly attributed to the Assembly; those that are generally attributed to the Region, where have the obligation to ensure the representation of the opposition; those who are referred to bodies or administrative control;



- n) approves the delegated regulations to the region from State laws and expresses advice on the conformity with the other regulations deriving from the regional law or by EU law and Statute;
- o) defines, in the framework of laws regarding transferring of functions and resources to the Provinces and Municipalities, goals and addresses. Laws may provide for specific measures to address functions and resources transferred to other public entities.

The Assembly organizes its work through permanent committees.

The Assembly exercises, in carrying out its duties, the faculty of hearing through commissions, in particular whether at the stage of the legislative investigation.

The Assembly exercises the power of inquiry and investigation, through special committees.

### The President of the Legislative Assembly

The President is the speaker of the Legislative Assembly and directs the work according to the rules. He safeguards the prerogatives of Councillors and guarantee the effective exercise of their functions. He summons and chairs the Conference of the Political groups' Presidents of the Assembly.

The President is elected by a majority of four fifths of the Members of the Legislative Assembly. If after two ballots no candidate obtains the required majority, the law states that a third ballot should be held the following day. In this ballot, a candidate is elected if he gets a majority of votes of the members of the Assembly.

After this ballot is just required the presence of the majority of Councillors and is elected who obtains the highest number of votes or, in the event of a tie, the oldest.

**The current President** is Matteo Richetti (Sassuolo - 1974) elected in the constituency of Modena in the ranks of the Democratic Party (PD). He is married, and has three children. A former journalist, he was Vice President of the Catholic Union of the Italian press (Ucsi). Employee of the province of Modena, he worked in Directorate-General dealing with public communication. This is his second term. In the previous term he was "General Secretary of the Permanent Bureau of the Legislative Assembly".



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## Permanent Bureau of the Legislative Assembly



In the first session and as first Act, the Legislative Assembly undertakes the election of the Permanent Bureau. The Bureau is composed of the President, two Vice-presidents, two Secretaries and two Quaestors.

For the election of Vice-presidents, Quaestors and Secretaries, each Councillor voted a name only. Are elected those who have reported the highest number of votes. In case of an equality of votes the oldest is elected.

The Bureau supports the President of the Legislative Assembly in the exercise of the organizational, functional, financial and economic autonomy of the Assembly, in accordance with procedures laid down by regulation.

The Bureau has at its disposal Directorate General for the activities of the Assembly; has its own dependencies and its staff; administers funds of the autonomous budget of the Legislative Assembly. The Bureau promotes the information, consultation, study and organizational activities necessary for carrying out the functions of the Assembly.

The Bureau maintains relationships with the political groups and, in accordance with the decisions of the Assembly, ensures for them due to the fulfilment of their duties, the availability of meeting halls, staff and services; assign contributions of the budget of the Assembly, bearing in mind the needs common to each group, and the size of the groups.

## The Conference of the Political groups' Presidents

The Conference of the Political Groups' Presidents is composed of the Presidents of each political group of the Legislative Assembly which are elected amongst the groups' regional Councillors.

- the Conference of the Political Groups' Presidents, together with the Permanent Bureau, debates upon the ways and timing of the implementation of the regional Government's program, of the annual document of economic programming and of various modification proposals
- decides upon the 3 months workings schedule of the Assembly, together with the President of the Assembly, Permanent Bureau and Assembly Commissions' Presidents and with the president of the Regional Government or his delegate
- the program is approved with the consensus of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of its members. If a group's President can not participate he can delegate the vice-president or another member of his group to replace him
- if the majority is not reached, then the program is established by the Permanent Bureau





guaranteeing however the presence of the proposals of the opposition groups of the Assembly

- the Conference of the Political Groups' Presidents participates in the establishment of the Commissions Session days and of the date for the Plenary Session
- participates in the drafting of the schedule of the Plenary Sessions according to the established programme and calendar; decides on the priorities amongst the law proposals, administrative and political proceedings
- decides upon the length of time dedicated for discussions of the budget, financial law, tributary law, community law during the Plenary Session

### The Plenary Session

- The Legislative Assembly usually gathers every 15 days. The call for Plenary Session is sent to all the regional Councillors 5 days before the plenary and it contains the topics and the proceedings to be debated. The Plenary Session can be held in the morning, in the afternoon or in the evening. Every Councillor must participate in the Assembly's workings if not his absence must be previously motivated
- the Assembly's decisions are valid only if the majority of the Councillors is present. The Plenary Session is open to the public and it is broadcasted via radio, TV and online. The report on the Plenary's workings is published on the Legislative Assembly's webpage and inserted in a collection of the Assembly's proceedings.



## The Assembly Commissions

The Legislative Assembly establishes permanent Assembly Commissions. The number of members, its composition, the functioning and competences of the Commissions are disciplined by the Internal Regulation.

By Statute, the Budget, General and Institutional Affairs Commission is compulsory. Its Presidency was offered to the opposition according to the Regulation;

The Political Groups appoint the members of the Commissions, in relation to their own number of members such as to assure the presence of each group in each Commission; All regional Councillors can participate to the proceedings of the permanent Commissions having the right to speak, to propose or to amend;

The Commissions have the role of preparing and drafting laws, regulations, administrative procedures that are under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly, according to the Regulation;

The Commissions empowered by the Legislative Assembly, with the qualified majority of votes, can assume deliberative powers on the proceedings that are under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly, excluding here the laws and regulations;

The Commissions can ask the President of the Regional Government and the Regional Assessors to answer, also in writing, concerning motions, resolutions, daily notices, or on the implementation of the national or regional laws or on the administrative acts under their responsibility;

The Commissions watch and report periodically to the Assembly, on the administrative activity of the Region and its offices, on the implementation of the regional programmes and plans, on the implementation of the delegated powers and on the administrative activity of all the related bodies;

The Budget, General and Institutional Affairs Commission stands watch on the management of the regional budget and proprieties, on the economic situation, on the general accounting and on the management of the personnel;

The Commissions' Presidents are elected with the same procedures as for the election of the President of the Legislative Assembly. Being a member of the Permanent Bureau of a Commission is incompatible with a position in the Permanent Bureau of the Legislative Assembly;

The President of the Regional Government and the Regional Assessors can participate, without voting right, in the workings of the Commissions and they have to be present each time it is requested of them;

The Commissions have the right to ask the presence at their meetings of the President and of the members of the Regional Government (Assessors), preceded by a communication to the Regional Government. Also, at these meetings the heads of the public administration offices or of institution subordinated to the Region, can be asked to



be present;

The Commissions can ask all the regional offices to present documents, according to legal specifications, and also can make inspections without the limit of secrecy; When deemed necessary, the Commissions can require the collaboration of experts.

According to the art. 38 of the Statute of the Emilia-Romagna Region the following Permanent Assembly Commissions are established:

- Budget, General and Institutional Affairs
- Economic policy
- Territory, Environment and Mobility
- Health and Social policy
- Tourism, Culture, School, Education, Labour and Sport
- Statute and Regulations

According to the art. 41 of the Statute of the Emilia-Romagna Region, with the regional law nr. 8 of 15 July 2011, the following Commission is established:

- Commission for the promotion of equal gender opportunities



## Directorate General

### Personnel:

Director General 1

Heads of departments 6

Employees 170



Within its management responsibilities, the Directorate General has the role of guaranteeing the respect of the collaboration principle between the political and administrative level considering the main objective of good and efficient administrative workings, evaluating the single situations in which it would be necessary involving the political level for the delicate decisions.

### Role:

The Directorate General has the following role, according to the art. 4, regional law 43/2001

- a) expresses advices and proposals within the Permanent Bureau of the Legislative Assembly for the drafting of procedures, directives, law proposals or other documents under the jurisdiction of the Permanent Bureau;
- b) coordinates the implementation of the plans, general directives, programmes established by the competent regional bodies
- c) defines the heads' of departments objectives to be reached and puts at their disposal the necessary financial, human resources and material resources;
- d) assigns top and low level responsibilities;
- e) spending and acquisition powers other than the ones under the jurisdiction of the heads of departments;
- f) establishes the low level positions, decides their title and competences;
- g) adopts, following the indications of the Permanent Bureau, the general lines for the personnel's organisation and management;
- h) coordinates and promotes the collaboration between all heads of departments and controls their activities, being able to replace them in case of inertia;
- i) establishes the organisation of the working hours following the general indications of the collective integrative contract;
- j) answers to the control institution on proceedings under his jurisdiction;
- k) organizes temporary working groups, following the indications of the Permanent Bureau;
- l) expresses preventive opinion on administrative adequacy concerning the legislative norms under his jurisdiction and concerning the regulations of the Permanent Bureau.

### He particularly cares for:

- a) coordination and integration of the Legislative Assembly's activity and management of the planning, programming and control processes;
- b) rationalization, integration and simplification of the activities having in mind the results, the effectiveness and efficiency principles;
- c) introduction and management of the evaluation systems and of the personnel and organization's performances
- d) introduction and supervision of innovative and transversal programmes and





- processes;
- e) relations with the Directorate General of the Regional Government, emphasizing organizational, trade union and legislative aspects;
  - f) increasing the relations with qualified external actors for obtaining the Legislative Assembly's aims and implementing its activities.

To complete the responsibility framework, the decision of the Permanent Bureau n.173/2007 names the Director General the "First level responsible for the treatment of personal data" of the ordinary and special structures and also "Responsible for the citizen's access right to his/her own personal data".

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### Legislative Assembly Secretariat Office

Conducting institutional activities with respect to the competences of the Assembly starting from the file protocol and designation to the Commissions;

Management of the electronic file protocol and coordination of the documents movement;

Organization of the deposit archive and permanent conservation of the historical archive;

Technical and legal assistance at the reunions of the Conference of the Political groups' Presidents of the Assembly, document drafting for the trimester programming and for the working calendar of the Assembly;

Drafting the call for summoning of the Assembly plenary sessions

Preparing the documents to be examined during the session and drafting the final version of the texts including the amendments approved by the Assembly on law projects, administrative proceedings, and proceedings to be sent to other beneficiaries.

Editing the full report on the proceedings of the plenary sessions

Drafting the Minutes of proceedings of each session

Transmission of the list of arguments that were discussed during the Session and their publication in the internal electronic network of the Assembly

Managing the bureaucratic procedures regarding the requests of the Councillors.

Drafting and updating the website "Procedures approved at the last Session";

Assistance during the Regional Government Session for the internal regulations;





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The Office is also at the disposal of internal or external demands for information on the documents approved or on the debates held during the Sessions.

Managed database: Law approved by the Assembly; Resolutions of the Assembly; Procedures approved; Minutes; Full reports; Modules on the legislative procedures (in collaboration with the Directorate General)

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### Legislative and quality of the legislation Office

- Support in the legislative process, providing Councillors, Committees, political groups, knowledge and technical contributions from a legal point of view;
- Legal advice and support for the solution of problems of the various structures of the Direction of the Legislative Assembly;
- Implementation techniques for inclusion in legislation of evaluation clauses for the acquisition of information relevant for the understanding of policy outcomes.
- Evaluation of law proposals in national and European legal context and in comparison with other regions and with the draft legislation tabled in Parliament, taking account of the fundamental principles contained in the judgments of the Constitutional Court.
- Adoption of financial and technical backing to the most significant bills and legislative proposals of the Legislative Assembly.
- Implementing regional law No. 16/2008 "Participation of the Emilia – Romagna Region to the formation and implementation of Community law".
- Analysis of new regulations directly related to the activities of the Assembly's offices.
- Regularity controls.

Managed database: regional legislation

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## Coordination of the Assembly Commissions Office

The Office has the role to offer support to the Commissions for guaranteeing the full functionality in terms of the amount of work and procedures. It coordinates the preparation, organisation and assistance of the Commissions' sessions. It coordinates the activity of the Secretariats regarding the documentation for the Commissions and the communication on the Commissions' activities.

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## Organization, budget and contractual activity Office

Coordination of the organizational innovative projects: drafting and implementation of the change management activities;

Relations with the special structures and with the head of departments regarding their logistical, financial and equipment needs, followed by analysis and proposals to the Directorate;

Planning, strategic development and administrative management of the human and financial resources of the Legislative Assembly;

Organization and reordering of the Institution's human resources and Departments: hiring new personnel with expiry date contracts or without, through public selections, internal selections or transfers from other institutions;

Preliminary activities for acquiring and management of the personnel through flexible working according to the national collective contract for workers and for internships;

Management of the internal and external mobility processes due also to the transfer of competences from the State to the Regions and from the Regions to the local bodies;  
Organization of training activities for the Institution's personnel;

Multiannual and annual planning of training activities and insertion of newly hired personnel in certain training courses;

Organizing activities for training, analysis and quality certification of the Institution's processes;

Outlining the criteria and the procedures for assigning external professional tasks;

Designing and managing the evaluation and incentives system for the personnel;

In collaboration with the Directorate General, defining the criteria for assigning top level



tasks;

In collaboration with the Directorate General, management of trade union relations, integrative contractual activity, legal questions;

Responsibility for the administrative procedures for acquiring goods and services;

Monitoring, implementing plans for the acquisition of goods and services;

Management of the activities related to the use of the interior space: cleaning, maintenance, transports, furniture;

Management of the logistics: garage, car service, surveillance, stock rooms;

Security at the work place;

Coordination of the activities for identifying and setting into place the necessary adjustments for compliance to laws of the buildings of the Assembly;

Coordination of the renovations of the Assembly's buildings;

Drafting of the budget and final account;

Administration control;

Management of the payments and bonuses of the Councillors, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level administrators; responsibility for the payments involving the Legislative Assembly.

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## Authorities, Rights and Active Citizenship Office

Administrative support to the Ombudsman, in its quality of regional body, to allow the creation of a protection system of the citizen in his/her relation to the Public Administration, according to the regional law No.25 of 2003;

Support the Ombudsman in conflict mediation, to strengthen the personal rights protection and those of the most vulnerable (law no. 25/2003);

Correlation with the Legislative Office for information on the problems with the implementation of the regional laws;

Support to the Infancy Authority (“Garante per l’Infanzia”), according to the regional law No. 9/2005

Support to the Regional Authority for the persons under restrictive measures of their personal freedom (regional law No. 3/2008);

Integration of the activity plans of the Ombudsman and of the Authorities for assuring an efficient service to the citizens;

Coordination and communication with the CORECOM Office especially for technical and administrative issues.

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## Institutional information and communication Office

Drafting the editorial strategy of the Assembly and its correlation with the communication strategy;

Relations with the mass media;

Drafting press releases and texts for multichannel services;

Technical support for the regional system of the media and coordination of the informative activity which targets the regional community;

Promotion and coordination of the information activities and of the press office for the President and for the bodies of the Assembly; organization of the press conferences;

Managing the daily press reviews and reviews on a given topic;



Coordination of the radio and TV releases;

Experimenting and activation of new multimedia and multichannel services (web, text messages, land lines, other);

Managing the administrative procedures under its jurisdiction;

Supervision of the graphic representation of the Assembly;

Organizing promotional events and editorial campaigns;

Organizing the institution's communication campaigns;

Coordination of the Legislative Assembly's web page and collaboration for its management.

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### Regional Communications Committee Office (CORECOM)

Expresses opinions and proposals and offers support to the Region;

Drafts the list of the local TV stations to receive public funding (in the name of the Ministry of Communication);

Carries out research activities on the topic of communication and editing, managing some databases also available on the Internet;

Empowered by the Authority, manages the controversies between the users and telecommunication institutions;

Stands watch during the electoral campaign to ensure equal opportunities;

Disciplines the RAI political communication during the periods outside the electoral campaigns;

Monitors and controls the TV sales and publicity in general, for protecting the minors and ensuring equal opportunities.

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## External and International Relations Office

### International Relations and European Policies

- Institutional Relations with the European Union, with International Governmental Organisations and Foreign Countries, with other European and non-European Regions;
- Development and Management of public events and projects aimed at promoting European Identity;
- Promotion of European Integration and Cooperation between Peoples;
- Support to the activities of the "Consulta degli emiliano-romagnoli nel mondo" (Emilia-Romagna citizens in the World Council); contacts and relations with the associations of the Emilia-Romagna people living abroad.

### External Relations and Protocol

- Assistance in the preparatory and operational stages of the external initiatives of the President, Vice Presidents, Councillors, Assembly bodies;
- Liaison with Associations and Councils of Emilia-Romagna citizens, also living abroad, to promote the presence of the Councillors in all supported initiatives;
- Management of the procedures related to grants and patronages, in the framework of a constant simplification.
- Production of periodical Activity reports;
- Participation in the coordination workgroups for the initiatives and events programmed in the Regional territory to celebrate historical and institutional recurrences;
- Collaboration with the Regional Government in the frame work of the common aspects of institutional activity, to develop common practices of protocol, and share procedure implementation methods;
- Development and Management of the Legislative Assembly public initiatives, through the organisation and assistance to events, ceremonies, seminars, fairs, or through supporting the initiatives of organisations requesting patronage, monitoring the outcome of each initiative.

### Graphics and Printing Centre

- Management of the Printing Centre of the Emilia-Romagna Region in collaboration with the Regional Government, official logo design and coordination of the material for internal use of the Legislative Assembly; Design and development of the coordinated graphic representation of the Legislative Assembly.

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## Study, Research and Documentation Office

Production of studies, researches, and periodical publications, in the framework of annual and multi-year programmes;

Data and worksheet processing, upon request of the Councillors, Political Groups, and Assembly bodies;

Establishment and development of thematic databases;

Collaborations with universities, research centres, cultural and scientific institutions, from the perspective of the maintenance of a qualified network of relations, mostly within the region;

Constitution of networks and partnerships with other regional parliaments and institutions regarding topics of common interest in the field of studies and research;

Management of the Assembly Library;

Development of partnership of the Library with similar institutions, including university libraries;

Management of the Europe Direct Centre;

Preparation of thematic documentation reviews;

Integration of the documentation and communication work in the framework of the legislative process, in order to support Councillors' activity.

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## Information Technology Systems and Innovation Office

Acquisition and diffusion of IT applications;

Introduction of technologically advanced tools to assure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency;

Management, maintenance and technological development of IT infrastructure, database, office automation equipment, systems, web and e-mail;

Management of the systems for authorization of access to information resources, and of the tools to ensure the safety of the Regional Information System;



Collaboration with the departments of the Regional Government for the management of institution's telephony, and the study of future infrastructure development and network integration;

Identification and definition of standards and technology platforms for the development of the Legislative Assembly's information system;

Design and implementation of information systems to support cross-departmental functions, and strategic information systems;

Creation and developmental maintenance of the Assembly's information systems, and testing of best-fitting technologies and quality of products;

Basic care and support in the use of innovative tools to Assembly users;

Definition and control of standards of usability and accessibility of the Assembly website;

Support to the Head of Security for the periodic updating of the security policy document;

Identifying the most appropriate measures to improve safety in the processing of personal data, and ensuring compliance with the provisions of law relating to personal data processing.

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## Authorities

### Ombudsman

The regional "Difensore civico" is elected by the majority of the Legislative Assembly of the Emilia-Romagna Region. It is a Regional body, but it acts as an autonomous and independent entity.

In Emilia-Romagna the Regional Ombudsman was first established in 1984. Today, it is envisaged by Article 70 of the Regional Statute, Title VII Guarantees and controls. The discipline of the Institute of Ombudsman was established by the Regional Law n. 25/2003.

The Ombudsman is competent for mediation and conflict resolution to re-establish the relationship between citizens and government and public services. The Ombudsman acts to shorten the response time of agencies and services or to make sure that people can get clarification on their actions, to help resolve conflicts of competence between bodies that block a service, or to ensure access to acts of direct interest to the requesting citizen.



The Ombudsman intervenes in relation to:

- Agriculture
- Environment
- Productive activities, Crafts, Industry And Tourism
- Culture, Education, Sports
- Private and public residential construction
- Land Planning
- Social policies
- Social security and pensions
- Administrative procedures and right of access
- Responsibility of Public Administration
- Health, Local Health and Hospitals
- Demographic and electoral services
- Public Services
- Taxes and fines

The Ombudsman also has an investigative and a proposal function for improving government and public services. He intervenes in citizenship education initiatives aimed at the entire population, with particular attention to children and teens; moreover, he proposes and promotes projects aimed at disadvantaged population groups. Anyone can contact the Ombudsman, without distinction of age, residence or citizenship. The service is free and the Ombudsman always responds to all requests it receives.

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### **Statute Warranty Council**

The Council is composed of five members, three appointed by the Legislative Assembly, and two by the Council of the Autonomies. The Committee is appointed in the course of each term, between twelve and eighteen months after the date of settlement of the Legislative Assembly.

The members of the Council remain in office for one term.

#### Functions

Declares the events that lead to early termination of office of elected bodies;

- Declares the Ordinary Administration of the Region until the election of new elected bodies under the rules of the Regional Statute;

- Advises on compliance with the Statute of laws and regional regulations, in the cases and forms provided by the Regional Legislative Assembly Internal Regulation;

- Adopts measures falling within its competence, and expresses the advices provided by the Statute and institutive Law relating to Legislative Initiative and Referendum.

- At the request of one fifth of councillors or members of the Council of Local Authorities, or upon request of the Regional Government, the Consultation advises on conflicts of jurisdiction between regional bodies set up under the Statute, in relation to the institutional requirement of loyal cooperation.



The advices of the Council are forwarded to the Head of the Regional Government, and to the President of the Legislative Assembly for the determination of the respective jurisdiction and are not compulsory, except for the effects specifically provided by law or regulation, and except the obligation to motivate disagreement.

### **The Regional Communications Committee (CORECOM)**

State Law n. 249 of 31 July 1997 established the Communications Regulatory Authority (AGCOM), providing for a decentralisation at the regional level of some governance, supervision and control functions in the communication sector

In compliance with this Law, the Emilia-Romagna Region, with Regional Law No. 1 of 2001, established the Regional Communications Committee (CORECOM), governing and supervising the communication system on regional territory.

The CORECOM is at the same time a regional body, the body that carries out functions delegated by the Italian Communications Regulatory Authority (AGCOM), and a body performing administrative functions on behalf of the Ministry of Communications.

#### CORECOM is composed of:

- one President, appointed by the Legislative Assembly upon proposal of the Head of Regional Government;
- two members, elected by the Legislative Assembly.

The President and the members remain in office for five years and are not immediately re-eligible.

#### CORECOM's members in office from 22nd May 2008 are:

Gianluca Gardini - President  
Giuseppe Bettini – Vice-President  
Arianna Alberici – Member

#### CORECOM's functions as a regional body concern:

- Issuing advices and proposals on the communications system, and producing information for Committees and Regional Departments and external public and private stakeholders, and consultation in support of initiatives, including legislation, relating to regional policies of information and public service communication, with reference to the provisions of Regional Law No. 39 of 1992;
- Research and survey activities in the radio and television local broadcasting sector, in support of regional bodies, on matters pertaining to the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the local information market, to editorial and business strategies, and technological innovation;
- Management of the register of the telecommunications, including sheets related to all region's broadcasting plants in the field of telecommunications (radio and television, landline and mobile telephony);
- Management of specific databases on regional daily and periodic press and on local radio and television stations;
- Regulating the access to radio and television broadcast of the RAI TV by organized collective actors (cultural associations, political parties, local authorities, etc..) to





broadcast communication transmissions through self-managed programmes.

CORECOM's functions as an AGCOM body concern:

- Overseeing of compliance with the criteria set forth in the regulation relating to the publication and circulation of polls in the local mass media (*par condicio*);
- Resolution of local disputes between telecommunication operators and users, with reference to the adoption of urgent temporary measures aimed at ensuring the provision of service or termination of forms of abuse or improper operation of services;
- Protection of children in the local radio and television broadcasting sector;
- Exercise of the right of correction in reference to the local broadcasting industry;
- Monitoring compliance with the criteria set out in regulation, of the publication and dissemination of surveys on the local media.

CORECOM's administrative functions on behalf of AGCOM and Communications Ministry relate to:

- apportionment plans relating to the annual contributions provided for the local broadcasters by the Communications Ministry in compliance with Ministry Decree No. 292;
- allocation of the spaces of political communication in radio and television during electoral campaigns, according to the rules of the "*par condicio*", including the drafting of the plan which sets the total number of free self-managed messages of political communication, the allocation among the applicant political parties and the order for their broadcast within television schedules.

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### Legislative Assembly's Budget (Cash Flow Budget for 2012)

**Total:** 48.9 Million Euros

Support to legislative process: 321,380 €

Assembly Bodies' activity: 21,252,527 €

Authorities: 393,111 €

CORECOM: 819,456

Information: 1,210,410 €

Communication, Documentation, External and International Relations: 1.787.445 €

Human Resources: 15,089,623 €

Logistics: 7,490,980 €

Reserve Fund: 536,444 €



## Institutional site of the Legislative Assembly of the Emilia-Romagna Region



The institutional site of the Legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna is located in Bologna in Viale Aldo Moro, 50.

This is a “skyscraper” that is part of a complex of buildings called "Fair District", located in the area of the international exhibition centre of Bologna, designed by renowned Japanese architect Kenzo Tange.

Regional Councillors and their staff reside in this skyscraper, as well as the offices of the Directorate General, and all Assembly’s Departments.

It also contains the Council Hall.

On the same floor of the Council Hall are found a refreshment bar and four smaller halls used for meetings of the Permanent Commissions of the Assembly, to be used also for the conduct of project activities and programmes of the various offices.

It is part of the council chambers also a “Multifunctional Room” with a capacity of 180 seats and generally used for cultural political events of the highest prestige. The same is equipped for Video-Conferences and simultaneous interpretation.



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