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*CONSIGLIO REGIONALE*  
*Il Presidente*



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Dear President Bresso,  
Dear Mercedes,

First of all, let me thank you sincerely for your participation in the event held in Pescara on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Your speech was really meaningful and proactive, marking an essential moment of the workshop. You strongly confirmed the existent connection between the Committee of the Regions and the Regional Parliaments with legislative power. We know that, at the moment, this specific reality is representative of half EU population, but we are both aware that this number will grow in the near future, since a number of EU member states have begun to tread the path of devolving legislative power to regional institutions.

Regional Parliaments with legislative power represent the liveliest breeding ground to forge a Europe closer to its citizens. They represent an essential tool to fill the “EU democratic deficit” as well. Being the Assembly of EU regional and local representatives, the Committee of the Regions seems to be the natural partner of Legislative Assemblies in this path.

Moreover, the letter of intent between the Committee of the Regions and the CALRE signed in Pescara represents the acknowledgement of how the reciprocal collaboration needs to be strengthened, particularly during the EU pre-legislative phase, in controlling the respect of the principle of subsidiarity and in exchanging information, contacts and best practices.

With this intent, during the last CALRE standing committee held in Santiago de Compostela on June 24th, I submitted the members of CALRE steering committee President Davide Boni’s proposal representative of the Italian system and aiming at organizing a meeting of their EU Affairs Commissions’ Presidents in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions. My colleagues agreed with it, so long as this operation wouldn’t entail any further expenses. Obviously, in order to make this initiative actually official, the CALRE Plenary Session being held in L’Aquila next November 18th, 19th and 20th has to approve it.

Yet, in order to save time and implementing the content of the letter we signed in Pescara, I would like to propose you to organize a meeting between the Committee of the Regions and the President of CALRE EU Affairs’ Commissions. I kindly ask you whether COR could provide the meeting with the logistical assistance, by preparing one of its rooms and supplying the translation service from/to the four official languages at least.



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Should you welcome this request as I hope, I kindly ask you to indicate me some free dates in your agenda, in order to fix a date for the meeting. Finally, allow me to indicate you that the meeting cannot take place before December, as the final decision is up to the CALRE Plenary Session being held at the end of November.

Kind regards,

Nazario Pagano