

CALRE

FIRST STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2010, BRUSSELS, 25TH JANUARY

I am pleased to invite you for the first Standing Committee meeting of 2010. The meeting is the first one after Lisbon Treaty's entry into force, with many issues to be discussed for the future of our association.

I hope to meet all of you in Brussels

best wishes of a happy new year,

Giovanni Kessler

The occasion will end with a social dinner.

OPERATIVE AGENDA

(Monday, 25th January 2010)

The meeting will be held at our kind Host Committee of Regions in the room BEL-70 from 10.00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MORNING (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.):

- Report of the President.
- Discussion of the Council of Europe, CALRE, RegLeg tripartite draft agreement in its last version, which is dated 8th December 2009.
- Discussion on the possibility of offering an operative agreement with RegLeg.
- Evaluation of the CdR proposal (still confidential) of having a free office in the Committee of Regions if CALRE decides to nominate a permanent officer in Brussels.
- Discussion on the possibility of inserting an explanation to the Innsbruck Declaration, as requested by the Walloon Parliament.

BUSINESS LUNCH (1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.)

A buffet will be served in the Brussels' offices of the Autonomous Province of Trento, Rue de Pascale, 45/47.

AFTERNOON (from 2.20 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

- Working Groups introduction of their agenda for 2010
- Definition of possible operative partnerships between working groups for 2010 (for example: intergroup meetings on specific topics)
- Adoption of the Agenda of the working groups.
- Any other business.

EVENING (from 8 p.m.)

Dinner will take place in the Roma restaurant (in Rue des Princes 12-14).

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

If you wish us to provide you the hotel rooms reservation please let us know in advance.
No bus connection between the airport, conference room and restaurant will be provided.

THE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE 2010:

Giovanni Kessler – President of CALRE – President of the Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Trento

Herwig van Staa - President of the Regional Parliament of the Tyrol (CALRE's former President)

Peter Straub – President of the Landtag of Baden-Württemberg (Germany)

Dr. Bernadette Mennel – President of the Landtag of Vorarlberg (Austria)

Roger Nordlund – President of the Parliament of the Åland Islands (Finland)

Monica Donini – President of the Regional Council of Emilia Romagna (Italy)

Françoise Dupuis – President of the Parliament of the Region Bruxelles-Capitale (Belgium)

Mr. Francisco Coelho Cabral - President of the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores (Portugal)

Dafydd Elis-Thomas - Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales (United Kingdom)

Juan Ramón Ferreira Díaz - President of the Assembly of Extremaduras (Spain)

For the Working Groups:

Riccardo Nencini – Working Group on Regional Democracy and President of the Parliament of Tuscany

Ernest Benach i Pascual – Working Group on Subsidiarity and President of the Parliament of Catalonia

Marino Finozzi – Working Group on Financial Federalism and President of the Regional Council of Veneto

Arantza Quiroga Cía – Working Group on E-Democracy and President of the Eusko Legebiltzarra - Parlamento Vasco