



CALRE 2017

**Resolution
on the planned European Commission
Task Force Subsidiarity and Proportionality**

The regional legislative assemblies of the European Union joined CALRE, the CONFERENCE OF THE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, to express especially the pursuit and promotion of the principle of subsidiarity.

The principle of subsidiarity is an obligation of the European Union and their institutions to ensure that powers are exercised as close to the citizen as possible.

- Article 5 (3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and Protocol (No. 2) on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality govern the exercise of the EU's competences.
- Furthermore, according to Art. 4 Para. 2 S. 1 TEU, the European Union must respect the fundamental political and constitutional structures of the member states including regional and local self-government, in the European legislative process.
- The Lisbon Treaty introduced an explicit reference to the subnational dimension of the subsidiarity principle and made it possible for regional parliaments with legislative powers to be involved in the ex-ante 'early warning' mechanism.

According to the Rules of CALRE approved by the Plenary Assembly of Santiago de Compostela 7th and 8th of November 2014, Title 1 Article 1.3. CALRE will commit itself to having the principle of subsidiarity respected and consolidated in the European Union.

According to the TEU and CALRE Rules the regional assemblies with legislative power strengthen the Direct Dialogue with the European Commission which is assessed as being a positive step and essential for regions to be heard and for the people in the regions to articulate their voice in Europe effectively.



Therefore CALRE welcomes the announcement, President Jean-Claude Juncker made in his State of the Union, September 13th 2017, to build-up a Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality at the European Commission soon. Nevertheless the regional Parliaments were not mentioned besides the European Parliament and the national Parliaments in the State of the Union.

Therefore the CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity has decided to ask the Plenary Assembly of CALRE to pass this Resolution and to claim:

1. the participation of two representatives of regional parliaments with legislative competences at the Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality President Juncker referred to in his State of the Union.
2. to call on all regional parliaments to intensify the use of REGPEX, the database of the Committee of the Region to optimize the flow of information.
3. to add a short English summary to each opinion of regional parliaments with legislative power.

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