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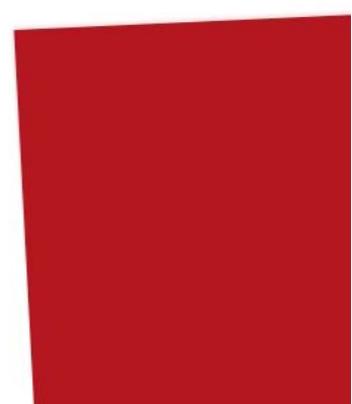
REPORT

Working Group
“Better Regulation & Policy Evaluation”
Annual Activity

COORDINATRICE

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The “Better Regulation & Policy Evaluation” Working Group of this year activity began with the joint convention of the members either of Umbria Regional Parliament and the Conference of Italian Presidents of Regions with Legislative Powers and autonomous Regions. The CAPIRE project (Regional Parliaments Policy Control over Local Policy and Law), promoted by the Italian Conference, is holding its meetings, since few years ago, as a political tools to share the policy evaluation principles of Italian public legislation, based on the fact that Umbria Regional Parliament is coordinating the works of the most Italian Regional Parliament, which joined this project.

The project led in 2007 to the subscription of the “Matera’s Paper”, a common commitment to consolidate control and evaluation activities of the Regional Parliaments.

The Working Group coordinator of “Better Regulation & Policy Evaluation” is the Umbria Regional Parliament President, who’s entitled to share and spread “good practice values”, as a starting point and guidelines of our Italian political path.

The main effort of the Working Group is attempting to achieve two different goals, on one side it seems necessary to overcome the unevenness and the uncertainties that always lurk around the subject, while on the other side, it is necessary strive to shorten the distances between the various realities of the Union who share political visions and beliefs.

Moreover, starting from the two issues, just mentioned above, has been pointed out that the main priorities is to build a mapping, as much detailed as possible, of the different political situations in the Regions of the Union. It was considered essential to have a picture of political activities evaluation, since they depend on the intersection of the various Regions institutional settings, which have various policies in every State and even political choices that vary from Region to Region. Accordingly with the Conference, has been decided by the Committee, for the above reasons, to devote the first meeting of the Working Group has a task-finding.

Therefore, there had been taken two main lines: the main one was the organization of a study convention where Regional Parliaments policy had been confronted and described to consider every regional diversities on evaluation policy issues, as well as they had been confronted with other European evaluation policies to find and share common purposes. The Working Group meeting has been held in Perugia, at the Regional Parliament of Umbria. There has also been invited, as listeners, some students from the University of Study of Perugia, the largest University in our Region, who participated thanks to the fitting done by the Department of Political Science. A clear double effort has been shown, on one side, by having guested the University representatives and its students clearly strengthen the cooperation between political Institutions and Academic world, while on the other side, involving young citizens in discussions on public policies

evaluation offers them a way to exercise active citizenship. It is very important that citizens take confidence with the benefits that may result from the study of policy impact, as well as it is crucial for the Institutions the collaboration of academics on such important and sensitive issues.

The second main line of the Working Group was developing a questionnaire on Regional Parliaments political activities of the many that could not participate to the meeting.

The response rate was more than satisfactory than any expectation on both sides; the participation of the European Institutions representatives pushed the discussion on very important issues related to the subject also proposing further aims on which work together and proposing of particular interpretative keys to deal with. However, the questionnaire results showed a very mixed pictures that can become a resource of data, but at the same time, it poses some critical issues regarding the management of our common political path. The data that have come to our attention were processed and aggregating in an attempt to highlight the different approaches adopted. Although, the differences in approaches have been taken into account, showing us a very divergent and erratic policy framework, those are relate to more general models.

Furthermore, data collections and issues emerged during the works are included in the final report presented to the plenary meeting in Siviglia.

After the conference report have been defined subsequent processing stages identifying those most appropriate to the context emerged after the first year work. By comparing the characteristics of the context over the Working Group potential achievements, the assessment evolution of the policy evaluation taking into account the CALRE political purposes, has been emerged an effective commitment of the Regional Institutions to deliver a “Paper of intent” to collect and synthesize the best practices that can be useful to Regional Parliaments’ work. This is the agenda for the next year’s work where it will also be included the most positive experiences emerging from the past political activities. It will also take as positive example the “Matera’s Paper” from the CAPIRE project. Furthermore, the “Paper of Intent” should also born from the political confrontation and the opinion’s exchange on different political issues between the Regional Institutions.