



*The Congress*



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**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL  
AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
AND THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES (CALRE)**

**ACCORD DE COOPÉRATION ENTRE  
LE CONGRÈS DES POUVOIRS LOCAUX  
ET RÉGIONAUX DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE  
ET LA CONFÉRENCE DES ASSEMBLÉES LÉGISLATIVES  
RÉGIONALES D'EUROPE (CALRE)**

**The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE),**

Wishing to support the reinforcement of regional democracy, self-government and devolution in Europe with a view to promoting democracy, the rule of law and human rights;

Considering that the participation of citizens in political life at regional level is a fundamental component of democracy;

Conscious of the need to strengthen the institutional role of the regions in Europe;

Wishing to ensure the respect of regional competences by national and European authorities;

Wishing to combine their forces for more effective initiatives in favour of regional authorities in Europe;

**1. Have decided to:**

- establish co-operation on a regular basis and develop their contacts on issues of shared interest;
- take into account the counterpart's activities when carrying out their own activities;
- identify measures likely to increase complementarities between their activities.

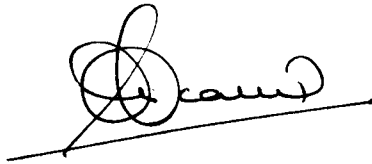
**2. With a view to achieving these objectives:**

- the presidents of the Congress and CALRE shall meet whenever necessary and at least once a year;
- the statutory committees and the working groups of the Congress and CALRE's working groups will be encouraged to:
  - identify issues which might serve as a basis for joint activities;
  - exchange information concerning their work programmes and other documents of shared interest so that account of these can be taken in their respective documents and activities;
  - co-operate more closely so as to co-ordinate their activities;
  - promote the participation of the European regions to the legislative process in the frame-work of national Parliaments and European Institutions;
  - promote the institutional model of regions with legislative powers in institution building projects.

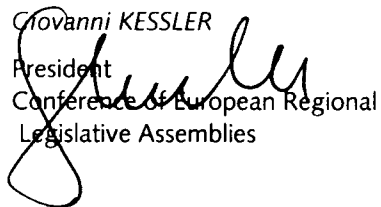
- the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies shall invite one another to send representatives to conferences, seminars and other events of shared interest. In particular CALRE will invite the Working Group «Regions with Legislative Powers» of the Congress to take part, as an observer, in its annual conference;
- high-level meetings between the secretariats shall be held at regular intervals.

The present agreement has no financial implications other than those that could be taken individually by the undersigned organisations, according to their respective internal rules.

Done in Strasbourg on 17 September 2010



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