



**European Committee  
of the Regions**



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Dear Presidents of Regional Parliaments, Members of CALRE,

In addressing the challenges our citizens are facing in many of Europe's regions, not least due to the lasting effects of COVID-19 pandemic, it is our joint responsibility to bring the voice of regional Parliaments and assemblies, and in particular those with legislative powers, into the decision-making process at European level. The EU's path to sustainable recovery and greater resilience requires input from, and participation of, the governance levels closest to the citizens.

In the spirit of our cooperation agreement of 2015, and following our fruitful exchanges with the new CALRE presidency during our Bureau meeting on 25 January 2022, we are inviting you once again this year to contribute to our joint project "Input from debates in regional parliaments", which the CoR and CALRE launched together in 2019. Building on the success of the exercise last year, where 13 CALRE members enriched the CoR Resolution on the European Commission's Work Programme, we hope that even more of you will participate this year by sending us your Parliament's views and expectations for the European Commission Work Programme 2023.

Next year will be an important year for a number of legislative initiatives, notably with the continued implementation of the Recovery and Resilience pathway and the European Green Deal, as well as translating the results of the Conference on the Future of Europe, and citizens' expectations expressed in that context, into concrete improvements for the functioning of the European Union.

In order to facilitate your contributions, and to provide a common framework to organise and assess input from regional Parliaments and assemblies with legislative powers from many different Member States, we are providing you today with a **set of 6 thematic 'scoping papers'** prepared by the European Committee of the Regions (see annex). The questions raised in these papers should help to inspire political debates in your Parliament or assembly, and will facilitate the processing of your responses, so that they can be reflected in the preparation of the CoR Resolution on the next European Commission Work Programme. This Resolution is scheduled to be adopted in the CoR's Plenary session on 29-30 June 2022.

The scoping papers provide a selection of policy areas, and you are welcome to select any or all of them for debate. Of course, we also welcome any observations or suggestions beyond the areas covered by the scoping papers. **You will receive a version of the scoping papers translated into the languages of CALRE members by 4 March 2022.**

**We would be very grateful if you could send us your contributions based on your political debates by 1 May 2022.** This deadline is necessary to ensure that your input can be taken into account in the CoR Resolution, and we intend to also prepare a report based on a compilation of the contributions received. If you are planning a debate in your Parliament or assembly and you would like a CoR member to participate in such an event, please let us know as soon as possible and we will try to facilitate such a participation.

We look forward to further strengthening our cooperation and through it the voice of regions and their Parliaments in the European debate.

Signed

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President  
European Committee of the Regions

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Jean-Claude Marcourt  
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Encl.: Scoping papers