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News



Pursuing his objective of encouraging dialogue between the CALRE and other interparliamentary organisations, President Marcourt met, on **5 September 2022** in Brussels, with the members of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), including its President Emeritus, Mr Scott Saiki, and its President-Elect, Mr Brian Patrick Kennedy.

On the sidelines of the legislative summit of the NCSL which has been held in Denver from **1 to 3 August 2022**, Mr Benjamin Hurard, Secretary general of the CALRE, had met with Mr J.J. Gentry, Staff Chair, and with Mr John Mahoney, Head of the Institute for International Cooperation.

 [Read the report of the meeting](#)



As part of the 151st plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions, President Marcourt carried the voice of the CALRE during a "debate on the new Cohesion Alliance for new challenges" on **12 October 2022**.

At the end of the debate, the European Committee of the Regions together with the leading European associations of cities and regions signed a joint declaration pressing the strengthening of cohesion as an overall value of the European Union.



 [Read the report of the meeting](#)
 [Take knowledge of the joint declaration](#)



At the invitation of Mrs Manuela Khom, President of the State Parliament of Styria, President Marcourt had the opportunity to present the activities of the CALRE before the Conference of presidents of the Austrian state parliaments on **17 October 2022** in Fohnsdorf (Austria).

 [Read a summary of the presentation](#)



The Regional Parliaments Lab research project (REGIOPARL) has organised its final academic conference on **20 and 21 October 2022** in Krems (Austria) under the title “Mapping regional involvement in EU affairs”.

An expert roundtable has notably organised that permitted to share expertise between politics and science about the role of regions in the European Union. The CALRE was represented by Mr Benjamin Hurard, Secretary general.

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Review of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the CALRE

Twenty-five years after the signing of the Document of Oviedo which created the CALRE, representatives of 24 member assemblies took part, on 6 and 7 October 2022, in an event celebrating this anniversary to the General Junta of the Principality of Asturias.



The **working sessions**, held in the hemicycle of the Asturian Parliament under the chairmanship of Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt, President of the CALRE, and Mr Marcelino Marcos Lіндеz, President of the Asturian Parliament, permitted the representatives to **reflect on the main principles of the Oviedo declaration**, in particular:

- the **involvement of regional parliaments** in the creation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of European policies through sectoral committees and committees specific to European affairs, with a view to active subsidiarity;

- **interparliamentary cooperation** between regional assemblies, with national parliaments and with the European Parliament;
 - **relations with the European Committee of the Regions.**
- Support for the work sessions was provided by an academic.

Following the discussions that took place, the day of 7 October 2022 was marked by the **signing of a renewed version of the Document of Oviedo**, in the same room where it was signed in 1997.

-  **Take knowledge of the renewed version of the Document of Oviedo**
-  **Discover the pictures of the event**

Video presentation of the CALRE

On the sidelines of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the CALRE, a **video presentation of the CALRE** has been presented, the full version of which will be unveiled during the plenary assembly of the conference to be held on 18 November 2022 in Namur.



CALRE Award “Stars of Europe”

The CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” was created in 2016 with the aim to bring out **best practices and initiatives** adopted by the European Regional Assemblies which are member of the CALRE that are concretely improving an aspect or sector of the economic, cultural or social life of their territories and communities, while underlining the **positive impact of the European institutions in regional realities.**



For the 2022 edition, **ten applications** have been submitted by nine member assemblies of the CALRE.

Three initiatives are expected to be honoured through:

- the Standing committee prize;
- the Plenary assembly prize;
- the Public prize.

Depending on their situation, **member assemblies of the CALRE have already received their ballot** to vote for the Standing committee prize or for the Plenary assembly prize.

Meanwhile, **voting for the Public prize of the CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” is open to everyone until 13 November 2022 on the page**

www.calrenet.eu/award. In order to ensure the largest possible participation, member assemblies are strongly encouraged to promote this possibility to their citizens.

The **CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” ceremony** will take place on 17 November 2022 from 17:00 to 18:00 at the Parliament of Wallonia.

Activities of the working groups

Working group Better regulation and policy evaluation

Working group Cohesion policy

Working group Equality and demographic challenge

Working group Health inequalities in European social health systems

Working group Language and cultural diversity

Working group Migration policies and human rights – Unaccompanied foreign minors

Working group Natural disasters

Working group Strategy for sustainable development of the European regions

Working group Subsidiarity

Agenda

3 November 2022

Meeting of the Working group Cohesion policy

Venice (Italy)

11 November 2022

10th Subsidiarity Conference

Valencia (Spain)

17 November 2022	Meeting of the Working group Migration policies and human rights	Namur (Belgium)
17 November 2022	Third annual meeting of the Standing committee of the CALRE	Namur (Belgium)
17 November 2022	CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” ceremony	Namur (Belgium)
18 November 2022	Annual meeting of the Plenary assembly of the CALRE	Namur (Belgium)
18 November 2022	150th plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions	Brussels (Belgium)

Communications

Work programme of the European Commission for 2023

On 18 October 2022, the European Commission adopted its 2023 Commission work programme setting out the next steps in its bold and transformative agenda in the face of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine, rising energy prices and the knock-on effects on the economy, while defending Europe’s democratic values and pursuing our long-term goals and interests. This work programme also sets out targeted action to complete delivery on the ambitions the Commission set at the start of the mandate and further steer the Union towards a sustainable recovery. It also lists the key legislative proposals that should get priority in the legislative process to ensure swift implementation on the ground across all six of the Commission’s headline ambitions.

 [Discover the work programme of the European Commission for 2023](#)

