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News



The President of the CALRE, Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt, made a trip to the Landtag of Vorarlberg (Austria) on **5 and 6 April 2022**.

The purpose of the visit was to take stock with Mr Harald Sonderegger, President of the Landtag of Vorarlberg and representative of Austria within the Standing committee of the CALRE, on the participation of the Austrian assemblies in the activities of the CALRE as well as on the general operation of the Conference.

 [Read the report of the meeting](#)



At the invitation of Mrs Nathalie Sarrabezolles, President of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), President Marcourt took part on **5 May 2022** at a consultation meeting on the 8th Cohesion Report. Mrs Sarrabezolles, who was preparing for the CoR an opinion on this report which was published on 9 February 2022 by the European Commission, invited stakeholders at local and regional level to contribute to this opinion.

 [Read the report of the consultation meeting](#)



The Working group Health inequalities in European social health systems met on **13 May 2022** in Milan (Italy).

 [Read the report of the meeting](#)



President Marcourt took part, on **30 June 2022**, in the launch debate of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the reconstruction of Ukraine. The Alliance was launched by the European Committee of the Regions and its partners, the European Union and Ukrainian associations of local and regional authorities, with the aim of coordinating their joint efforts to help in the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine. Created following the call of President Zelensky, the Alliance was launched seven days after Ukraine received candidate status to join the European Union, at the 150th plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions.

► [Watch the launch debate](#)



The Standing committee of the CALRE met on **1 July 2022** at the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels (Belgium).

◀ [Take knowledge of the review of the meeting](#)



President Marcourt made a trip to the Landtag of Bavaria (Germany) on **6 July 2022**. The purpose of the visit was to take stock with Mr Karl Freller, First Vice-President of the Landtag of Bavaria and representative of Germany within the Standing committee of the CALRE, on the participation of the German assemblies in the activities of the CALRE as well than on the general functioning of the Conference.

 [Read the report of the meeting](#)



The CALRE will celebrate its 25th anniversary on 6 and 7 October in Oviedo. On the occasion of a presentation to the press in which President Marcourt took part on **22 July 2022**, Mr Marcelino Marcos Líndez, President of the General Junta, highlighted the role of his predecessor Ovidio Sánchez who, in 1997, had promoted the idea of

strengthening relations between regional assemblies with legislative power to encourage sharing around issues of common interest.

[Discover the programme of the event](#)

Review of the second meeting of the Standing committee



[▶ Intervention by Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions](#)



[▶ Intervention by Mrs Karolina Zubel and by Mr Jan Bazyli Klakla, co-authors of the report “The territorial dimension of the Conference on the Future of Europe and its follow-ups”](#)



[▶ Intervention by Mrs Anne Karjalainen, Chair of Kerava City Council and President of the Commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture \(SEDEC\) of the European Committee of the Regions](#)



[▶ Intervention by Mr Jacques-François Marchandise, Director of research and foresight at Association pour la Fondation d’un Internet Nouvelle Génération](#)



[▶ Intervention by Mr Stefaan De Rynck, head of the Representation of the European Commission in Belgium](#)



[▶ Intervention by Mr Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, member of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe](#)

25th anniversary of the constitution of the CALRE

The General Junta of the Principality of Asturias will host, on **6 and 7 October 2022** in Oviedo (Spain), an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of the constitution of the CALRE on 7 October 1997, the date on which the Declaration of Oviedo was signed.

The commemorative event will consist of a **debate** which will associate, on 6 October 2022 in the afternoon, the presidents of the 72 member assemblies of the

CALRE and which will seek to update and strengthen the Declaration of Oviedo, on the one hand in terms of implication of regional parliaments in creating, monitoring, implementing and evaluating European policies and, on the other hand, on interparliamentary cooperation between regional assemblies, with national parliaments and with the European Parliament. The concept of active subsidiarity and cohesion policy will also be discussed. A **gala dinner** will follow which will be the occasion to unveil a film presenting the missions of the CALRE.

On 7 October 2022 in the morning, the **conclusions of the debate** will be presented. A **signing ceremony** for the new Declaration of Oviedo will close the event.

The representatives from the European institutions and the former presidents of the CALRE will be invited to take part to the event.

31 Save the date: the official invitations will be sent early September

Activities of the working groups

Working group Better regulation and policy evaluation

 Questionnaire

Working group Cohesion policy

Working group Equality and demographic challenge

Working group Health inequalities in European social health systems

 Review of the meeting of the Working group

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

17 September 2022

Wallonia Feasts

Namur (Belgium)

6 and 7 October 2022

25th anniversary of the declaration of Oviedo

Oviedo (Spain)

10 to 14 October 2022

20th European Week of Regions and Cities

Brussels (Belgium)

12 and 13 October 2022	151st plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions	Brussels (Belgium)
17 November 2022	Third meeting of the Standing committee of the CALRE	Namur (Belgium)
17 November 2022	CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” ceremony	Namur (Belgium)
18 November 2022	Plenary session of the CALRE	Namur (Belgium)
18 November 2022	150th plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions	Brussels (Belgium)

Communications

Input from political debates in regional parliaments

For the third edition of the exercise, nine member assemblies of the CALRE responded to the thematic scoping papers drafted by the European Committee of the Regions and sent their contribution and suggestions. Their input was carefully analysed and made available to the writers of the resolution of the European Committee of the Regions on the annual work programme of the European Commission, which refers to the consultation process and the key issues raised. Important elements in the resolution reflect suggestions from the members of the CALRE and strengthen the views and suggestions of the European Committee of the Regions for the European Commission’s forthcoming work programme.

 **Discover the resolution of the European Committee of the Regions on the annual work programme of the European Commission**

CALRE Award “Stars of Europe”

No less than ten applications have been submitted by nine member assemblies of the CALRE.

 **The voting procedure will be launched at the end of September**

 **The Award ceremony will take place on 16 November in Namur (Belgium) in view of the plenary session of the CALRE**

