



CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES

FOLLOW-UP OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2023

Priority	Follow-up for 2022	Ambitions for 2023
Deepening democratic and participatory principles in the European Union		
Better exploit the work carried out in the various working groups	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE has tried to facilitate the work of the working groups as best as possible, in particular by providing model documents and by being available to help organising meetings.</p> <p>The Presidency of the CALRE has invited the coordinators of the working groups to take initiatives in the areas of social Europe, of Europe of environmental and digital transitions and of Europe of freedoms. It has itself organised hearings on these themes on the occasion of the second annual meeting of the Standing committee. Resolutions to be addressed to the European institutions relating to the three themes will be examined during</p>	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE will explore the possibilities to reinforce the direct cooperation between the working groups of the CALRE and the committees of the European Committee of the Regions. This could be achieved by organising an institutional transfer of the conclusions of the working groups towards the latter committees.</p> <p>Furthermore, a reflection within the Standing committee of the CALRE shall intervene in order to make the working groups more adaptable to the realities.</p>

	the annual meeting of the Plenary assembly of the CALRE .	Finally, a reflection shall intervene on the establishment of working groups devoted to technical parliamentary issues.
Favour the widest and most dynamic participation possible within the CALRE	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE has sought to revitalise the participation of a larger number of assemblies to its activities, with a special attention to those that may have been distanced from its work for some time.</p> <p>In this context, the President of the CALRE has notably visited the representatives of Austria and Germany within the Standing committee with a view to promoting greater participation of the assemblies from these countries. The President of CALRE has also presented the activities of the CALRE to the presidents of the Austrian state parliaments. The event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CALRE, organised by the Presidency in cooperation with the General Junta of the Principality of Asturias, has gathered representatives from 24 member assemblies.</p>	The Presidency of the CALRE will continue to set up actions to further stimulate the active participation of a larger number of member assemblies to the activities of the CALRE.
Explore the possibility of integrating new members	After having conducted a research on the characteristics of the regional assemblies in the 27 Member states of the European Union, the Presidency will be proposing to the Standing committee to meet soon the presidents of the regional assemblies of Czech Republic and of Slovakia -in that they have legislative power- with a view to a future membership of the CALRE which would carry strong symbolism in these	On the basis of the contacts made with the assemblies concerned and their agreement, the Presidency of the CALRE will initiate a process of adhesion of the Czech and Slovak regional assemblies to its activities.

	troubled times at the gates of the European Union.	
Defending the values and principles of regional democracy		
Establish a direct dialogue with the presidencies of the European institutions	<p>The presidents of the European Parliament and of the European Committee of the Regions have taken part in the second annual meeting of the Standing committee.</p> <p>Representatives of the European Commission and of the European Committee of the Regions have also taken part.</p> <p>The President of the CALRE has also undertaken to establish a direct dialogue with the representatives of the presidencies of the European Council by receiving ambassadors of France and of Czech Republic.</p>	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE aims at further strengthening the dialogue with the presidencies of the European institutions, in particular with the European Commission, with the aim of consolidating the role of spokesperson for the CALRE on the European scene.</p> <p>The President of the CALRE will receive officially the President of the European Committee of the Regions in order to discuss concrete improvements in the relationship between the two organisations, on the basis of the bilateral agreements already binding.</p> <p>The place of the CALRE as a representative of the European regional legislative assemblies in the activities of the European Committee of the Regions shall also be strengthened, even though several of the members of the CALRE already carry the voice of their region directly in the European Committee of the Regions</p>
Make CALRE's voice heard at the meetings of the European Committee of the Regions and the Cohesion Alliance	<p>The President of the CALRE has taken part in the first annual meeting of the Bureau of the European Committee of the Regions.</p> <p>He also attended a high-level debate on the implementation of cohesion policy as part of the plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions.</p>	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE will continue its efforts to strengthen the cohesion policy, within the framework of the activities of the new Cohesion alliance. It will be particularly involved in process of reflection on cohesion policy, which will include a series of technical thematic workshops spread over the next two years and which will lead to the</p>

	<p>Furthermore, the President of the CALRE represented the CALRE at the 9th European Summit of Regions and Cities which was taking place in Marseille (France). Following the publication of the 8th Cohesion Report, the Alliance for Cohesion put forward a series of joint observations towards the 8th Cohesion Forum.</p> <p>At the invitation of the President of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget of the European Committee of the Regions the President of the CALRE, took part at a consultation meeting on the 8th Cohesion Report.</p> <p>The President also took part in the launch debate of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the reconstruction of Ukraine as part of the plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions.</p> <p>The President of the CALRE carried the voice of the CALRE during a debate on the new Cohesion Alliance for new challenges as part of the plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions.</p> <p>Finally, the President took part in the 10th Subsidiarity Conference organised by the European Committee of the Regions.</p>	<p>organisation of an Cohesion Alliance event in early 2024.</p> <p>Furthermore, the members of the CALRE will be invited to contribute to the positioning of CALRE within the Cohesion Alliance and to the enrichment of future declarations.</p>
Encourage dialogue with other interparliamentary bodies	<p>At the invitation of the President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the President of the CALRE, gave a speech before the Chamber of Regions.</p>	<p>On the basis of existing bilateral agreements, the Presidency of the CALRE will contact all the historical partners to identify new opportunities of cooperation, whether at the political or administrative level.</p>

	<p>On the sidelines of the legislative summit of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Secretary general of the CALRE met with the Staff Chair and with the Head of the Institute for International Cooperation of the NCSL for a stronger cooperation between the two organisations. This was followed by a meeting between the President of the CALRE and the members of the Executive Committee of the NCSL.</p>	<p>It will also try to initiate new partnerships with interparliamentary bodies on the European level.</p>
<p>Organise a World forum of regional and sub-national assemblies</p>	<p>Meetings between the Presidency and the authorities of NCSL have paved the track for the organisation of a second World forum of regional and sub-regional assemblies.</p>	<p>In partnership with interested members assemblies, the Presidency of the CALRE will organise the event in the spring of 2023 which will bring together legislators from around the world on topics of common interest. The theme of the forum could be “parliamentarism in the digital age, including its participatory aspects”.</p>
<p>Follow up the work of the Conference on the Future of Europe</p>	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE has strongly encouraged member assemblies to get involved in the Conference on the Future of Europe. It has organised hearings on the Conference and its follow-up on the occasion of the first and second annual meetings of the Standing committee.</p>	<p>A compendium of the contributions made by the member assemblies in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe will be elaborated by the Presidency with regard to the conclusions of the Conference and their effective follow-up by the European institutions. Such a work could be conducted in partnership with the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS).</p>
<p>Promote and strengthen the role of the regions</p>	<p>On the first day of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the Presidency of the CALRE has proposed to the representatives of the Member states within the Standing committee to sign a joint declaration condemning</p>	<p>The project “Input from political debates in regional parliaments” will be continued in collaboration with the European Committee of the Regions.</p>

	<p>Russia’s declaration of war on Ukraine. An extraordinary meeting of the members of the CALRE was also held to discuss the reception of Ukrainian refugees by European regions and Ukraine’s candidacy for membership of the European Union. At the end of the meeting, it was proposed to the member assemblies to highlight their marks of support for Ukraine. Following the meeting, a declaration on the reception of Ukrainian refugees by European regions was signed. The Presidency of the CALRE has also pursued the organisation of the project “Input from political debates in regional parliaments” in cooperation with the European Committee of the Regions with a view to influencing the European Commission’s annual work programme in the pre-legislative phase. The Presidency has finally co-organised the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the CALRE in Oviedo (Spain) and held working sessions that permitted the representatives to reflect on the main principles of the Oviedo declaration. A renewed version of the Document of Oviedo has been signed at the end of the event.</p>	<p>Furthermore, an overview of the prerogative of the regional assemblies with legislative powers of the CALRE will be drawn up with a view to promoting mutual understanding and nourishing institutional reflection, while working to defend this model on the international scene. Finally, the Presidency of the CALRE will work on the appropriation by the member assemblies of the subsidiarity control mechanism by recalling the possibilities of examining draft European legislative acts.</p>
<p>Strengthening the links between the regional legislative assemblies and contribute to the proper functioning of CALRE</p>		
<p>Organise an official CALRE Awards “Stars of Europe” ceremony</p>	<p>Member assemblies of the CALRE have been invited to submit initiatives that are concretely improving an aspect or sector of the economic, cultural or social life of their</p>	<p>The Presidency of the CALRE will organise a new edition of the CALRE Award “Stars of Europe” based on the same selection criteria that were established for the 2022 edition,</p>

	<p>territories and communities, while underlining the positive impact of the European institutions in regional realities. No less than ten applications have been submitted by nine member assemblies of the CALRE and the Award ceremony will be taking place on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Plenary assembly.</p>	<p>namely a Standing committee award, a Plenary assembly award and an Public award. This functioning will further improve the visibility of the operation and the best practices it promotes.</p>
<p>Ensure first-class support from the General secretariat of the CALRE</p>	<p>In order to prepare on the best way the work carried out within the CALRE during the year 2022, a meeting has been organised between the correspondents of the CALRE. In addition, a particular attention has been paid to public communication about the activities of the Conference, in particular through a reorganisation of the website and its rigorous updating. The social media accounts of the CALRE have been taken over and developed and a video presentation of the CALRE, dubbed and subtitled in the different languages of the Conference, will be unveiled on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Plenary assembly. Finally, a periodical newsletter has been put in place.</p>	<p>The General secretariat will ensure that member assemblies are better informed about activities of interest at European level, particularly in the context of political dialogue. The external visibility of the actions of the CALRE will also be improved (publicity of the meetings of the Standing committee, revitalisation of social media, etc.). On the basis of the exchanges that took place during the event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CALRE, a reflection will be carried out on the identification of premises in Brussels for the benefit of the member assemblies.</p>
<p>Promote the exchange of good practice at administrative level</p>	<p>The General secretariat has set up an intranet intended to facilitate the exchange of messages and documents between members as well as communications in general.</p>	<p>Since the members assemblies of the CALRE consider subsidiarity as a part of the DNA of the European Union, correspondents meetings shall be held to exchange on the organisation of the activities of the European affairs committee and subsidiarity. As it has been said in Oviedo, a common approach to</p>

		<p>subsidiarity as well as a better coordination on European topics are key to improve the weight of the legislative assemblies in their dialogue with European institutions.</p> <p>The Presidency of the CALRE will also send, at the beginning of the year, a letter inviting members to share their topics of interest. On the basis of these, themes of common interest will be identified.</p> <p>The intranet of the CALRE will be used to facilitate the organisation of exchanges.</p>
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