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6th Subsidiarity Conference

Subsidiarity monitoring after Lisbon: experiences and perspectives

18 December 2013

Bundesrat, Berlin

Programme

9.00–9.30 a.m.

Arrival and registration

9.30–10.00 a.m.

Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference

Welcome addresses

Stephan Weil, President of the German Bundesrat

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee of the Regions

10.00–11.15 a.m.

Keynote speeches

The principle of subsidiarity as a joint challenge and opportunity for the European institutions

- Vytautas Leškevičius, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Jens Nyman-Christensen, Director, "Relations with the European Parliament, the Committees and General Institutional Issues", Secretariat-General of the European Commission
- Rainer Wieland, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Michael Schneider, Chair of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

11.15–11.45 a.m.

Coffee break

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11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Keynote speeches

The judicial review of the principle of subsidiarity and the relevance of the Subsidiarity Early Warning System for the Court of Justice of the European Union

Lars Bay Larsen, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Subsidiarity monitoring in the context of the Early Warning System – expectations and reality

Gabriele Abels, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Tübingen

Introduced by Arnold Hatch, Member of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

12.30–2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00–3.30 p.m. Round Table

National parliaments' experiences of subsidiarity monitoring

- Karl Sigfrid, Member of the Committee on the Constitution of the Swedish Riksdag
- Peter Friedrich, Chair of the Committee on European Union Questions of the German Bundesrat, Minister for Bundesrat, European and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg
- Edgar Mayer, Chair of the EU Committee of the Austrian Bundesrat
- Paul Hardy, Counsel for European Legislation, House of Commons of the United Kingdom
- Jens Nymand-Christensen, Director, "Relations with the European Parliament, the Committees and General Institutional Issues", Secretariat-General of the European Commission

Debate

Moderation: Jean-François Istasse, Member of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

3.30–3.45 p.m. Coffee break

3.45–5.00 p.m. Round Table

The involvement of regional assemblies in monitoring the principle of subsidiarity

- Martin Modschiedler, Chair of the Committee for Law, Constitutional affairs and European affairs of the Saxon State Parliament
- Bakartxo Tejería Otermin, President of the Basque Parliament
- David Melding, Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales
- Françoise Dupuis, President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region, President of CALRE
- Nazario Pagano, President of the Abruzzo Regional Assembly, President of the CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity

Debate

Moderation: Graham Tope, Member of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

5.00–5.30 p.m.

**Closing session:
Perspectives of subsidiarity monitoring in a multi-level governance system in Europe**

Concluding remarks by

- Graham Tope, Member of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group
- Mercedes Bresso, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions

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