



**European Committee  
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REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
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## 8<sup>th</sup> Subsidiarity Conference

# CONVERTING SUBSIDIARITY INTO ACTION ENHANCING SUBSIDIARITY, PROPORTIONALITY AND BETTER REGULATION IN THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

4 December 2017

Austrian Federal Council

Hofburg/Großer Redoutensaal, Josefsplatz 4, Vienna

### PROGRAMME

9–9.30 a.m.

#### **Arrival and registration**

*Musical opening by Hoboken Quartett*

9.30–10 a.m.

#### **Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference**

*Welcome addresses*

*Edgar Mayer, President of the Austrian Federal Council*

*Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions*

10–11.15 a.m.

#### **High level roundtable**

##### **Converting subsidiarity into action – European institutions' perspective**

*Panel discussion on the recent developments leading to the establishment of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less more Efficiently", with the aim of further enhancing subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation in the daily operation of the European Union*

- *John Watson, Director, Smart Regulation and Work Programme, European Commission*
- *Mady Delvaux, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament, Rapporteur on the Annual Reports 2015-2016 on subsidiarity and proportionality*
- *Marko Pomerants, Chair of the Constitutional Committee of the Estonian Parliament*

- *Raffaele Cattaneo*, Member of the CoR and Vice-President of CALRE, President of Lombardia Regional Council

Moderation and concluding remarks

*Michael Schneider*, Chair of the European Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

11.15–11.35 a.m. Coffee break

11.35 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Round table

**Subsidiarity monitoring in practice – National parliaments' perspective**

*Panel discussion on recent developments since the 7<sup>th</sup> Subsidiarity Conference regarding Early Warning System and implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national parliaments*

- *Sonja Zwazl*, Austrian Federal Council
- *Jean Bizet*, Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs, French Senate
- *Vannino Chiti*, Chairman of the Committee for European Policies, Italian Senate

Moderation and concluding remarks

*Franco Iacop*, Member of the European Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

12.30–2 p.m. Lunch

2–3.45 p.m. Round Table

**Subsidiarity monitoring in practice – Regional parliaments' perspective**

*Panel discussion on the role of regional parliaments in subsidiarity monitoring*

- *Harald Sonderegger*, President of the State Parliament of Vorarlberg and Alternate of the CoR
- *Jörg Kubitzki*, Chairman of the Committee for Europe, Culture and Media of State Parliament of Thuringia
- *Karl Vanlouwe*, Member of the CoR and Member of the Flemish Parliament and Vice President of the Belgian Senate

Moderation and concluding remarks

*Adam Banaszak*, Alternate of the European Committee of the Regions

3.45–4 p.m. Coffee break

4-4.45 p.m.

**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**

*Panel discussion on subsidiarity and proportionality principles at the post-legislative stage*

*Jean-Claude Bonichot*, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Introduced by *Jean Luc Vanraes*, Member of the European Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

4.45–5.30 p.m.

**Closing session:  
Perspectives of subsidiarity monitoring in the future European Union**

Concluding remarks by

- *Othmar Karas*, Member of the European Parliament
- *Stefan Schennach*, Vice-Chair of the EU Committee of the Austrian Federal Council
- *Herwig Van Staa*, Vice-President of the CoR, President of the Austrian Delegation and President of the Tyrolean Regional Parliament

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