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Committee of the Regions



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUBSIDIARITY CONFERENCE

**Subsidiarity monitoring one year after Lisbon:  
approaches at local and regional level**

**20 - 21 March 2011**  
**Nueva Biblioteca de la Universidad de Deusto**  
**Ramón Rubial Street, 1**  
**Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain**



## 20 March 2011

Social programme: Wine tasting and visit at Rioja Alavesa

20:30 Cocktail-dinner hosted by the Government of the Basque Country  
Venue: Guggenheim Museum  
Abandoibarra etorbidea, 2 - BILBAO

## 21 March 2011

09h00: Registration

09h30: Opening speeches

- **Mercedes Bresso (IT/PES)**, President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)
- **Mr Patxi López (ES/PES)**, President of the Regional Government of the Basque Country
- **Ms Arantza Quiroga**, President of the Regional Parliament of the Basque Country
- **Mr Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso (ES/EPP)**, First Vice-President of the CoR and coordinator of the SMN

10h00: Subsidiarity monitoring one year after Lisbon

- Representative of the European Parliament: "**The European Parliament and the Early Warning System**"
- **Mr Jens Nymand Christensen**, Director for Better Regulation and Institutional Issues, European Commission: "**The treatment of reasoned opinions by the European Commission**"
- **Mr Bence Rétvári**, Hungarian Minister of State for Public Administration and Justice, Representative of the Trio Presidency of the Council: "**Implementing the Lisbon Treaty**"
- **Mr Luc Van den Brande (BE/EPP)**, Chairman of the CIVEX commission: "**Subsidiarity and multi-level governance: tools for better law-making in the EU**"

Debate opened by CoR Members: **Ossi Martikainen (FI/ALDE)** and **Graziano Milia (IT/PES)**

### First Session

#### Subsidiarity implementation by local and regional authorities

11h30: Round Table: The Action Plan of the SMN and the implementation of EU law by local and regional authorities

- **Mr Patxi López (ES/PES)**, President of the Regional Government of the Basque Country. **Case study: Social Innovation**
- **Mr Lluís M. Corominas i Díaz**, First Vice-President of the Catalan Parliament. **Case study: Integration of immigrants in urban areas**
- **Mr Erwin Mohr (AT/EPP)**, Vice-President of the Association of Local Authorities of Vorarlberg. **Case study: Fighting climate change in Europe's regions and cities – Involving the public in sustainable energy solutions**
- **Mr Miquel Rosselló**, Vice-President of the *Consell* of Mallorca, representative of Arco Latino. **Case study: Fighting poverty and social exclusion**
- Representative of the Regional Government of the Lombardy Region. **Case study: Health Inequalities**

*Statements by representatives of lead partners of the second SMN Action Plan: Mr Rafael Ripoll Navarro (ES/EPP), Regional Government of Valencia and Mr Vittoriano Solazzi Regional Parliament of Marche.*

**21 March 2011**

**13h00: Lunch hosted by the Parliament of the Basque Country**

**14h30: Subsidiarity monitoring: the way forward**

**Statements by the presidents of CALRE and REGLEG**

- **Mr Nazario Pagano**, President of CALRE, President of the regional Parliament of the Abruzzo Region
- **Mr Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/ALDE)**, President of REGLEG, Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Finance, the Budget, the Civil Service and Foreign Relations

**Second Session**

**The regional parliaments and the Early Warning System (EWS)**

**14h00: Presentation of the results of the study: "The role of Regional Parliaments in the process of subsidiarity analysis within the Early Warning System of the Lisbon Treaty"**

- **Ms Gracia Vara Arribas** from the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)

**15h30: Round Table: The role of the Regional Parliaments within the EWS**

**Chair: Ms Ursula Männle (DE/EPP)**, Chairwoman of the Committee of Federal and European Affairs of the Bavarian State Parliament

- **Ms Arantza Quiroga**, President of the Regional Parliament of the Basque Country
- **Mr Vitalino Canas**, President of the European Affairs Committee of the Portuguese National Assembly, COSAC member
- **Mr Vittoriano Solazzi**, President of the Regional Parliament of Marche
- **Mr Rhodri Morgan**, Member of the National Assembly for Wales, former Welsh First Minister
- **Ms Rossana Boldi**, President of the Committee for European Policies of the Italian Sen

**17h00: Conclusion of the conference**

Interpreting: PL-HU-BASQUE (participants may speak)  
EN-ES-FR-IT-DE-PT (participants may listen and speak)

N.B.: Only members of the Committee of the Regions and their alternates appointed to attend the meeting will be entitled to travel and subsistence payments.

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