



6th Subsidiarity Conference

Subsidiarity monitoring after Lisbon: experiences and perspectives

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Bundesrat, Berlin

Draft programme

9.30–10 a.m.

Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference¹

Welcome addresses

Stephan Weil, President of the German Bundesrat

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

10–11.15 a.m.

Key note speeches

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

- Algirdas Butkevičius, Prime Minister of Lithuania (*tbc*), Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission (confirmed)
- Rainer Wieland, Vice-President of the European Parliament (*tbc*)
- Michael Schneider, Chair of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

11.15–11.45 a.m.

Coffee break

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Participants may speak EN/DE/FR/ES/IT/LT. Interpretation is provided into EN/DE/FR/ES.

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 (*tbc*)

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

Charlie Jeffery, Professor, University of Edinburgh (*tbc*)

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

12.30–2 p.m. Lunch

2–3.15 p.m. Round Table

Experiences of subsidiarity monitoring from national parliaments

- Allan Widman, Chair of the Committee on European Union Affairs of the Swedish Riksdag (*tbc*)
- Peter Friedrich, Member of the German Bundesrat, Minister for Bundesrat, European and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (confirmed)
- Richard Yung, Secretary of the Committee for European Affairs of the French Senate (*tbc*)
- Edgar Mayer, Chair of the EU Committee of the Austrian Bundesrat (confirmed)
- Jens Nymand-Christensen, Director, Directorate "Relations with the European Parliament, the Committees and General Institutional Issues", European Commission (confirmed)

Debate

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

3.15–4.30 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 (confirmed)
- Bakartxo Tejería Otermin, President of the Basque Parliament (confirmed)
- David Melding, Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales (confirmed)
- Nazario Pagano, President of the Abruzzo Regional Assembly, President of the CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity (confirmed)
- Françoise Dupuis, President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region, President of CALRE (confirmed)

Debate

Moderation: Marc Hendrickx, Member of the Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Steering Group

4.30–5 p.m.

Closing session:

Perspectives of subsidiarity monitoring in a multi-level governance system in Europe

Concluding remarks by

- Boris Pistorius, Member of the German Bundesrat, Minister for Interior and Sport, Lower Saxony (confirmed)
- Mercedes Bresso, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions
- Sajjad Karim, Member of the European Parliament (*tbc*)

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