

Active Subsidiarity: Creating EU added value together

9th Subsidiarity Conference

22 November 2019

Italian Senate – Palazzo Madama, Rome

PROGRAMME

8.30–9.15 a.m. **Arrival and registration – Hemicycle access will be allowed until 9.15 am**

9.30–10 a.m. **Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference**

Intervention by:

- ***Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati*, President of the Italian Senate**

Welcome addresses by:

- *Rosa D'Amelio*, Coordinator of the Italian Conference of the Presidents of Regional Parliaments
- *Karl-Heinz Lambertz*, President of the European Committee of the Regions



10–11.30 a.m. **Session 1:**

Opening up the institutional framework

A widespread discussion has been taking place on the significance of subsidiarity and proportionality within Europe and the role of regions and cities, sparked by the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently" and developed in the European Commission's Communications on Subsidiarity and on Better Regulation. One of the main conclusions that results from all of these discussions is the recognition that local and regional authorities need to have a stronger role in EU policymaking. This debate will focus on the institutional aspects of the EU decision-making process, with the main question being how the EU system can be made more accessible to local and regional authorities and more open to receive their input into EU policy-making.

- *Antonio Tajani*, member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- *Veronica Gaffey*, Director-General, Chair of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board, European Commission
- *Gabriela Crețu*, member of the Romanian Senate, COSAC Presidential Troika
- *Emma Bonino*, member of the Commission for European Policies of the Italian Senate
- *Olgierd Geblewicz*, member of the CoR, President of the Westpomerania Region
- *Ignacio Sánchez Amor*, member of the European Parliament, standing rapporteur on Subsidiarity in the Committee on Legal Affairs

Moderated by *Florence Ranson*

11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break



11.45 a.m.–1.15 p.m. **Session 2:**

Ensuring local and regional input to EU decision-making

Giving regions and cities access to have a stronger say in the development of EU policies does not in itself bring benefits if local and regional authorities do not also have the capacity and expertise to deliver their input. This session will offer an exchange of best practices within regions to ensure that these levels can effectively contribute to EU policymaking once they are given the opportunity, and will also explore the role of the CoR as a facilitator for local and regional authorities in this process, through initiatives such as the network of 'Regional Hubs' and the CoR's proposals for a permanent structured citizens' dialogue.

- *Roberto Ciambetti*, Member of the CoR, President of the Veneto Regional Assembly, Vice-coordinator of the Italian Conference of the Presidents of Regional Parliaments
- *Barbara Duden*, Chair of the CoR CIVEX Commission, member of Hamburg City Parliament
- *Donatella Porzi* and *Gustavo Matos*, current and upcoming President of the Conference of the European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)
- *Mireia Borrell Porta*, CoR rapporteur on Local and regional authorities in the permanent dialogue with citizens, Secretary for Foreign Action and the EU of the Government of Catalonia

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1.15–1.30 p.m.

Closing of the Subsidiarity Conference

Concluding remarks by:

- *Michael Schneider*, Chair of the CoR Subsidiarity Steering Group, State Secretary for Federal Affairs and representative of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the Federation
- *Antonio De Poli*, Quaestor of the Italian Senate
- *Francesco Boccia*, Minister for Regional Affairs and Autonomies, Italy

1.30–3 p.m.

Lunch

3.00–3.50 p.m.

Visit of Palazzo Madama

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