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Subject: CoR – CALRE joint project "Input from political debates in regional parliaments"

Dear President,

Thank you for your interest to participate in the CoR – CALRE joint project "Input from the political debates in the regional parliaments". The project has received a lot of attention with 30 Regional Parliaments from six Member States willing and ready to organise a debate in their regional legislative assembly. We are very happy to confirm the participation of all interested regional parliaments in the project.

Phase 1 of the project is running from 9 March to 22 May 2020 on the topic of the European Commission's Work Programme 2021. The European Committee of the Regions would kindly invite you to send in your input for the preparation of the next European Commission Work Programme by that day. The Committee will ensure good communication with the European Commission and take up your input in its annual Resolution on the preparation of the European Commission Work Programme.

Since the launch of the project last year, the EU's political landscape has changed with the inauguration of the new European Commission and its decision to organise **the Conference on the Future of Europe**. The CoR will be part the Conference, which will be an excellent opportunity for the regions to provide input – via regional debates – to the Future of Europe process.

We would like to integrate the discussions about the future of Europe into our project in a phase 2 enabling the regional parliaments to contribute to the work of the Conference. For this second part of the project, your parliament would have more time and our services will be in touch with you very shortly to discuss organisational details. For those regional parliaments where one of their members is a member of the CoR, the discussion would take place in his/her presence.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CALRE Secretariat calre2020@parcan.es or CoR Secretariat associations@cor.europa.eu.

We count on your enthusiasm and active participation in the project and look forward to the fruitful debates at your regional parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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