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RE: Input from Regional Parliaments to the European Commission Work Programme 2022

Dear Presidents of Regional Parliaments, Members of CALRE,

Last year, we kick-started the CoR-CALRE joint project entitled "Input from the political debates in the regional parliaments" in order to give regional legislative parliaments and assemblies the opportunity to be more directly involved in the preparation of the European Commission's Annual Work Programme, through the European Committee of the Regions (CoR).

The European Commission's Work Programme for 2022 will be published in the second half of 2021 and the CoR will be providing its annual contribution to the preparatory process. Given the high level of interest in last year's pilot project among regional parliaments and from the European Commission, we would propose to continue and further consolidate our cooperation and repeat the exercise this year.

To start the process, the CoR will prepare a number of scoping papers raising questions for discussion in relation to the key policy initiatives anticipated in the Commission's 2022 Work Programme. These scoping papers will be sent to CALRE members inviting you to organise debates on it.

Regarding the timeframe envisaged for this process, we invite you to organise political debates in your assemblies between March and April; the outcomes of your discussions should be sent to the CoR by early May in order for the CoR to draft a report summarising the contributions by mid-May. The CoR will ensure communication with the European Commission and will take up your input in its annual Resolution on the preparation of the European Commission Work Programme 2022 scheduled for July.

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

We count on your continued enthusiasm and look forward to the fruitful debates at your regional parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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