

President Ursula Von der Leyen

President David Sassoli

President Charles Michel

President Antonio Costa

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Dear Presidents,

The Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) will be an excellent opportunity to relaunch the discussions to build a more democratic EU where there truly is a place for each and every citizen.

RLEG is a network of governments of regions and autonomies with legislative powers, many representing peoples or nations within their Member States. We are strongly committed to the values and principles of the EU and we are ready to do our part in ensuring an effective multilevel governance in the Union and to further improve the application of the decentralized dimension of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

There is no European Union without regions. It is evident that there needs to be a significant involvement of regions with legislative powers in the CoFoE in order to make sure that all levels of government are represented when shaping the future of our Union. Hence, we request to be involved in the Conference on the Future of Europe by including representatives of Regions with legislative powers of our network in the plenary body, and in the decision-making and governance of the implementation process following the outcomes of the CoFoE.

When powers are transferred to the European level, it is often in policy areas where Regions have legislative powers. Therefore, in order to ensure adequate representation of all levels of Government, new channels need to be established to ensure a further involvement of the Governments of Regions with legislative powers in the EU policy cycle.

We, therefore, call for the organization of a high-level debate on effective multi-level governance and the setting up of a working group to analyse a unique status, such as “Partner regions inside the EU”, for enhanced and structural cooperation with Regions with legislative powers.

The COVID pandemic has made the call for transformative policies to respond to the needs of European citizens more relevant than ever. In this sense, regions with legislative powers are essential when deliberating, making decisions and committing themselves as agents of political transformation, in the interests of the citizens to achieve the digital and sustainable transformations.

Looking forward to working together in making the CoFoE a success,

Yours faithfully, the undersigned



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José Manuel Cabral Dias Bolieiro  
President of the Regional Government of the Azores



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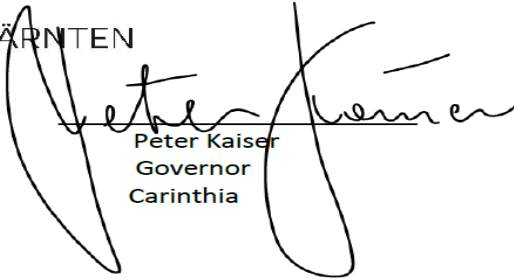
Francina ARMENGOL SOCÍAS  
President of the Balearic Islands  
Balearic Islands



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Iñigo URKULLU RENTERIA  
President of the Basque Government  
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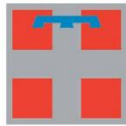
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Johanna Mikl-Leitner  
Governor  
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Miguel Filipe Machado de Albuquerque  
President of the Regional Government of Madeira



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Piedmont



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Wilfried HASLAUER  
Governor of Salzburg  
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Günther Platter  
President of the Tyrolean Government  
Land Tyrol



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Thomas STELZER  
Governor of Upper Austria  
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Ximo PUIG i FERRER  
President of the Generalitat Valenciana  
Valencia



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Markus WALLNER  
Governor of Vorarlberg  
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## REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS