

Brussels, 26 January 2010
2° conference

REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS Comparing experiences among European regions

Emilia-Romagna EU Office
Avenue de l'Yser 19, 1040
Brussels
11,30 -14,30

Following the conference "PARLIAMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS", that took place in Bologna last September, the Emilia-Romagna Region launches now a discussion on the role of regional governments in the EU decision making process, particularly as regard as the negotiations within the Council of the EU. This Brussels event is organized in the context of the increasing role that European regions have gained in the EU, both politically and institutionally. also as a result of the new Lisbon Treaty.

Representatives of European institutions, national governments and regional governments with legislative power will share their respective experiences and explore new tools of participation in the negotiations of the Council for a better representativeness and stronger interaction among the different levels of governments. The rationale is to improve the role of regions in the European Multilevel Governance thus contributing to enhance the participation of regions in the integration process of the EU.

PROGRAMME

11.30 Registration and working lunch

12.30 Welcome

Monica Donini
President of Emilia-Romagna Regional Legislative Assembly

12.40 Setting the context

Vincenzo Grassi
Deputy Permanent Representative
Italian Permanent Representation to the EU

Lucio Gussetti
Director for Consultative Works
Committee of the Regions

13.10 Regional Experiences

A political perspective

Moderator Andrea Ciaffi – Conference of Italian Regions

Land Hessen
Nicola Beer
Secretary of State for European Affairs

Panel discussion

Bruxelles Capitale
Pascal Goergen
Diplomatic representative of the BCR to the European Union

Andalusia
Nicolas Cuesta Santiago
Director of Junta de Andalucia

Wales
Desmond Clifford
Director of the EU Office and Member of Regleg

Regione Emilia-Romagna
Filomena Terzini
Director Institutional and Legal Affairs

14.00 Debate

14.20 Conclusion

Maria Giuseppina Muzzarelli
Vice-President of the Emilia-Romagna Region

14,30 Networking coffee

Participants will include representatives of the European Institutions, European regions, Universities, regional associations and policy networks.

Working languages will be Italian, German and English
Translation will be available