

Dossier

EUROPEAN REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

August 2016

Dossier curated by Sabrina Bandera and Maria Chiara Cattaneo
Eupolis Lombardia Project code IST16012

Eupolis Lombardia is the institute for research, statistics and training of Lombardy Region (Italy).
It is a public agency tasked with supporting regional government and policy makers in planning and implementing policies, by providing knowledge through an innovative integration of research, data analysis and training.
www.eupolislombardia.it

Table of contents

AEBR - Association of European Border Regions	7
AEM - Association Européenne des élus de Montagne	9
AER - Assembly of European Regions	10
ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy	12
ALPE-ADRIA - Alps-Adriatic-Alliance	16
AREFLH - Assemblée des Régions Européennes Frutieres, Legumières et Horticoles	18
AREV - Assembly of European wine-growing regions	20
ARGE ALP - Working Community of Alpine regions	22
ARGE DONAULÄNDER - Working Community of the Danube Regions	24
CCRE-CEMR - Council of European Municipalities and Regions	26
CPRM - Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions	28
Four Motors for Europe	30
REGLEG - Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power	32
REVES - European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy	33
The Congress for Local and Regional Authorities - Council of Europe	35
Annex 1 - Types of Associations	37
Annex 2 - Main fields of action	38

Foreword

This paper presents the most significant European regional associations in terms of activity, territorial representation and dialogue with the European institutions and/or other organizations.

Associations were identified starting from the associations with which the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies - CALRE has already developed relations, and thanks to an analysis of the activity within the European Union, especially in connection to the Committee of the Regions,¹ and of the relevant literature on this topic.

For each association the following information are indicated:

- scope of action
- year of creation
- type
- fields of action
- main activities
- working methods
- members
- structure
- relationship with CALRE
- relations with other bodies
- website
- contacts

The associations' presentation sheets have been prepared mainly starting from the consultation of the institutional sites of the regional associations/networks (last update on August 24, 2016).

The document is completed by following related tables: the classification of associations by type (Annex 1) and the main fields of activity of the various associations (Annex 2).

¹ See in particular the list of European and Regional Associations at:
<http://cor.europa.eu/en/activities/associations/Pages/european-and-regional-associations.aspx>



AEBR - Association of European Border Regions

Scope	Representative of interest at national parliaments, legislative assemblies, national and international authorities and institutions. Coordination of cooperation among the members to promote exchanges of experience and information for the identification of common interests.
Established	1971
Type	Association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Cohesion Policy • ESPON 2020 Programme • Europe 2020 Strategy • External Borders • Health • Job market
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in public consultations launched by the European Commission • Organization of events/joint thematic workshops with the European Parliament, the Committee on Regional Development, the Committee of Regions, the Council of Europe • Projects • Organization of an annual general assembly (for 2016 "A safe future without borders", 22-24 September) •
Working methods	<p>The association works through the organization of Task Forces and Fora open to associations and civil society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force "Cross-Border Health" • Task Force "External Borders" • Task Force "INTERREG A" • Task Force "Cross-Border Cultures" • Task Force "Water Management"
Members	90 (Regions, Euroregions and EGTC)
Structure	General Assembly Executive committee General Secretariat
Relationship with CALRE	Cooperation agreement (signed on December, 5 2012)
Relations with other bodies	Council of Europe Observer status at the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities

	<p>Collaboration agreement (signed on March, 18 2010)</p> <p>European Commission European Commission High Level Group monitoring simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds Panel DG Regio – Group of Experts - Border Obstacles Review</p> <p>European Parliament Working Group on Cross-border cooperation</p> <p>Memberships AER - Association of European Regions Register for the European Union's Transparency from October 22, 2015</p>
Website	www.aebr.eu
Contacts	<p>Enscheder Strasse 362, Gronau, 48599, Germany 0049 256270219</p> <p>President, Karl Heinz Lambertz Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium Karl-heinz.lambertz@dgov.beKarl-heinz.lambertz@pdg.be</p> <p>Secretary General, Martin Guillermo Ramirez m.guillermo@aebr.eu</p>



AEM - Association Européenne des élus de Montagne

Scope	Developing and implementing a policy of sustainable development of mountain regions at European, national and regional level
Established	1991
Type	Association of legislative representatives, elected in mountain areas
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European cohesion policy • Europe 2020 • Sustainable Development
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitting opinions on the proposals of the European Commission concerning the Alpine policies. - Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIM - Alpine Space In Movement • SHARE (Alpine Space Program) • IMMODI (INTERREG IV C) • Fidias (Transnational Cooperation Programme FEDER)
Members	40 regions, 100 provinces and 12 000 municipalities of 7 European countries (Bulgaria, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain)
Relations with other bodies	<p>Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Joint action plan with the General Secretariat</p>
Website	<p>European Parliament</p> <p>Technical Secretariat of the Intergroup art. 174 (Economic, social, territorial)</p> <p>www.promonte-aem.net</p>
Contacts	<p>Avenue Boileau 16, 1040 Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>32 27391536/45</p> <p>info@promonte-aem.net</p> <p>Secretary General, Nicolas Evrard</p> <p>Maison des Parcs et de la Montagne 256 Rue de la République, F-73000 Chambéry, France</p> <p>33 479714230</p> <p>nicolas.evrard@promonte-aem.net</p>



AER - Assembly of European Regions

Scope	<p>Promoting the interests of the regions in Europe and at international level</p> <p>Inter-regional cooperation strengthening in order to promote the exchange of experiences and the development of regional policy</p>
Established	1985
Type	Interregional Cooperation Forum
Field of action	<p>European Cohesion Policy</p> <p>Focus 2016 "Revitalizing Democracy":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Growth and employment · Participation and Inclusion · Future of the Regions
Main activities	<p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurodysey (mobility for young people 18-30 years old, internships in the institutions of the member countries) - AER Summer Academy - Youth Regional Network (Platform for the parliaments and regional youth councils) - Transatlantic Leadership Initiative (first US Transatlantic Subnational Leaders' Summit, meeting of the Presidents of the European regions with US counterparts scheduled in 2016) <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaged (Active Ageing) - Smart Care (Comprehensive care) - Regions4GreenGrowth INTERREG IVC (Energy) - Erasmus+ <p>Organization of an annual general meeting</p>
Members	Regions from 35 countries and 15 interregional organizations
Structure	<p>General Meeting</p> <p>Steering Committee</p> <p>Other organs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bureau for political discussion to carry out lobbying and advocacy · Thematic committees for the exchange of best practices and project management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee 1: Economy and Regional Development • Committee 2: Social Policy and Public Health • Committee 3: Culture, education and youth

Relationship with CALRE	Cooperation agreement (signed on December, 2 2013)
Relations with other bodies	Register for the European Union's Transparency from February, 26 2014
Website	www.aer.eu
Contacts	<p>Rue d'Arlon 63, 1040 Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>President: Hande Ozsan Bozatli, Vice President of Istanbul Provincial Council</p> <p>General Secretary: Mathieu Mori m.mori@aer.eu</p> <p>Assistant to the President: Regina Kramer r.kramer@aer.eu</p>

ALDA - Association for Local Democracy

Scope	Promoting governance and civic participation at the local level ("Act locally, think globally")
Established	1999
Type	Non-governmental organization
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and rural development • Enlargement • Environment and Climate • Communication • Consumers • Culture • External cooperation and development • Decentralized cooperation in Europe • Youth • European integration • Education • Employment and Social Affairs • Foreign and Security Policy • Regional policy • Healthcare • Food safety • Sport • Sustainable Development • Transport
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination and support to the 10 Local Democracy Agencies (Local Democracy Agencies - LDAs) and to the 3 operational partners (OP-LDA Sisak, OP-LDA Osijek, OP-LDA Verteneglio/Brtonigla). - Support to stakeholder initiatives (local authorities) by providing expertise and knowledge gained from previous activities of ALDA - Support to Croatia's EU-integration process <p>The activities are divided into three main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALDA Europe (2015-2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries involved: Italy, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Albania, Algeria, Ukraine, Romania, Kosovo, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Portugal, Armenia, FYROM - Macedonia, South Africa, France, Belarus, Morocco, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey

- Objective: to understand the changes in social identity within European societies
 - Focus: Eastern and Southern Europe; Eastern partnership; Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.
- ALDA Cooperation (2015-2017)
 - Countries involved: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Corazia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Spain
 - Objective: Implementation of the project LADDER
 - Areas for action: promoting the understanding of changes in social identity within European societies
 - ALDA+ (2014-2020)
 - Objective: Training in European project management (courses and seminars)

ALDA is a partner in the following European Commission Programs:

- Europe for Citizens
- Youth in Actions
- Erasmus+
- Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)
- Creative Europe
- Horizon 2020
- Progress
- Justice
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship

Projects:

- LADDER (Local Authorities as Drivers for Development Education and Awareness Raising)

Working methods

Regional strategies:

- ALDA Europe
- Western Balkans: IPA funds management
- EaP (Eastern Partnership) in six countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
- MED (Mediterranean countries): decentralization, capacity building at the local level, migration and intercultural relations, training

National strategies:

Albania; Algeria; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Bosnia Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Croatia; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Italy; Ireland; Israel; Kosovo; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Liechtenstein; FYROM - Macedonia; Malta; Moldova; Montenegro; Morocco; Norway; Holland; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Serbia; Slovakia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Tunisia; Turkey; UK; Ukraine.

Members	<p>More than 200 members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs): LDA Albania; LDA Armenia; LDA Georgia; LDA Kosovo; LDA Montenegro; LDA-central Serbia: LSA Subotica; LDA Mostar; LSA Prijedor; LDA Zavidovici; LDA Dnipropetrovsk Region Operating Partners (Croatia): OP-LDA Sisak; OP-LDA Osijek; OP-LDA Verteneglio / Brtonigla Regions, local authorities and civil society organizations of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Union countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, United Kingdom, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain) Balkan countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo) East European countries (Ukraine and Belarus) Mediterranean countries (Turkey, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria) Caucasian countries (Georgia, Azerbaijan)
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidency - Steering Committee - Secretariat-General - Advisory Committee
Relations with other bodies	<p>Council of Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, it is co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Program - Observer status at the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities - Member of the Conference of INGOs (Conference of international NGOs) of the Council of Europe <p>European Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic partner in the structured dialogue of the Europe for Citizens program <p>European Union Register for Transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered from October, 24 2014 <p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AER - Assembly of European Regions - Central and Eastern European Citizens Network - CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation - European Movement International - European Year of Volunteering 2011 Alliance - Europe+ <p>Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination of the working group on public administration

	UNDP - Art program • Memorandum of Understanding signed on July, 17 2013
Website	www.alda-europe.eu
Contacts	Avenue de l'Europe, 1 c / o Council of Europe, 67075 Strasbourg, France 0033 390214593 Rue Belliard 20, 1040, Brussels, Belgium 0032 24302408 President, Oriano Otočan , President Region Istria Secretary General, Antonella Valmorbida antonella.valmorbida@aldaintranet.org 0039 3355236341 (Cell. Valmorbida) Office in Vicenza Viale Gramsci 66, 36100 Vicenza 0039 0444540146 aldavicenza@aldaintranet.org Office in Skopje Bld. Partizanski Odredi 43B / 1-5, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia 00389 (0) 26091060 aldaskopje@aldaintranet.org Office in Subotica Dear Trg Jovana Nenada 15, SRB-24000 Subotica, Serbia 00381 24554587



ALPE-ADRIA - Alps-Adriatic-Alliance

Scope	Promoting transnational cooperation in the Danube, the Alps and the Adriatic-Ionic areas
Established	1978
Type	Network
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European funds • Agriculture and ethnic heritage • Art and culture • Economics • Energy and environment • Equal opportunities • Inclusion • Mobility • Sport • Tourism • Healthcare • Higher Education • Continuing education • Disaster prevention
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and assistance for participation, implementation and development of European projects • Spread of information on the calls for projects eligible in European funding programs • Organization of exhibitions and project-related fairs
Working method	Through Thematic Coordination Points (TCP) and Contact Points. The TCPs act as a service platform to all the members interested in carrying out a project about the reference issue.
Members	<p>Austria: Carinthia, Styria, Burgenland</p> <p>Croatia (counties): Istria, Karlovac, Krapina-Zagorje, Koprivnica-Križevci, Međimurje and Varaždin</p> <p>Slovenia: Association of Slovene cities - Skupnost Občin Slovenije</p> <p>Hungary (counties): Vas</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alps Adriatic Council (political level, meets every two years) - Steering Committee (composed of representatives of each TCP and Contact Point) - TCP - Thematic Coordination Points:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP Energy and Environment (Coordination: Međimurje) • TCP Europe (Coordination: Burgenland) • TCP Equal opportunities (Coordination: Carinthia) • TCP Health (Coordination: Carinthia) • TCP Higher Education (Coordination: Vas) • TCP Inclusion (Coordination: Carinthia - private association) • TCP Art and Culture (Coordination: Styria) • TCP Agriculture and ethnic heritage (Coordination: Koprivnica-Križevci) • TCP Continuing Education (Coordination: Krapina-Zagorje) • TCP Mobility (Coordination: Burgenland) • TCP Sport (Coordination: Karlovac) • TCP Tourism (Coordination: Slovenia) • TCP Economics (Coordination: Vas) <p>- Contact Points (information and coordination desk, one for each member region)</p>
Relations with other bodies	Membership: AER - Assembly of European Regions
Website	http://www.alps-adriatic-alliance.org/
Contacts	<p>Carinthian government Mießtaler Straße 1, 9021 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee 0043 5053610134 abt1.alpeadria@ktn.gv.at</p> <p>President: Peter Kaiser, Governor of Carinthia Secretary General: Thomas Pseiner 0043 66480536-10134 thomas.pseiner@ktn.gv.at</p>



AREFLH - Assemblée des Régions Européennes Frutieres, Legumières et Horticoles

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing synergies, promoting joint actions and programs to compare and enhance the regional fruits and vegetables sectors - Representation and defense of the economic and social interests of the fruits and vegetables supply chains
Type	Non-profit association under French law (Association Loi 1901)
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohesion and economic growth in the fruit and vegetable sector • Agriculture and rural development • Enlargement • Environment • Climate Action • Communication • Competition • Consumers • Internal market • Regional policy • Research and technology • Healthcare • Food safety
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Package of proposals to the European Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG AGRI on the reform of the common organization of the fruits and vegetables market • DG TRADE and DG SANCO about the WTO negotiations • Application of the PAC and measures for Rural Development - Obtaining EU funds for research and experimentation of fruits and vegetables production - Implementation of information programs to consumers in Europe (Mediterranean diet) - INTERREG III C. - Observatory on tariff and non-tariff barriers in WTO negotiations - Observatory on producer prices of peaches and nectarines - Promotion of exchanges and dialogue on national and regional standards of integrated production of fruits and vegetables
Working method	<p>Specialized committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee for the Common Market Organisation - Commission for Promotion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission for Research and experimentation - Commission ornamental nurseries
Members	Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly • Steering Committee • Secretariat-General • - Specialized Commissions
Relations with other bodies	<p>High-level Groups (European Commission)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Platform Health and Obesity <p>Expert Groups (European Commission)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides • Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health <p>European Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergroup Wines, Quality Products, Vegetables <p>Membeship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AER - Assembly of European Regions • Freshfel - European Fresh Produce Association <p>European Union's Register for the Transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered from July 23, 2013
Website	http://areflh.org/
Contacts	<p>37 Avenue du Général de Larminat, Bordeaux, France 33 556488848</p> <p>Secretary General, Jacques Dasque</p>



AREV - Assembly of European wine-growing regions

Scope	Representation of interests in all the institutions and bodies responsible - directly or indirectly - of the European and global wine policy.
Established	1988
Type	Association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Organization of the Wine Market (CMO-wine) • Promotion of viticulture of the EU membership accession countries • Promotion of viticulture in difficult areas, in close liaison with the Centre for Research, Studies and Promotion for Mountain Viticulture (CERVIM) • Taxation / Excise duties • Protection of geographical names in Europe • Harmonisation of the wording on the labels • Integrated Viticulture • Genetically modified organisms • Computerization of the accompanying commercial documents • Wine tourism, European Wine Routes • International Academy of Sommeliers
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of policies - Presentation of resolutions (e.g. On the EU-US free trade agreements)
Members	Mixed composition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 75 European wine-growing regions (EU and countries of Central and Eastern Europe) - Representatives of the professional world of wine regions sit alongside political representatives of regional political institutions
organs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Executive (composed of 2/3 by a Board of Regions formed by the political representatives of the regions and third by a college of professionals) - Steering Committee of the Professional College of wine (representatives of the professional sector)
Relationship with CALRE	No
Relations with other subjects	European Parliament - Viticulture Intergroup, Tradition, Quality Membership: AER - Assembly of European Regions

Register for the European Union's Transparency: Registration
from July 19, 2011

Website www.arev.org

Contact Representative seat: Place Adrien Zeller 1, PO Box 91006,
67070, Strasbourg, France

Administrative headquarters
Conseil Régional Champagne-Ardenne, rue de Jéricho 5 - CS
70441 - 51037 Chalons-en-Champagne Cedex

President, **Sergio Chiamparino**, the President of the Piedmont
Region

Secretary General, Luciano Floriano, Piedmont Region

Scope	<p>Cross-border collaboration, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - address common needs and support them towards the respective central/federal governments and inter-regional and international bodies - strengthen the awareness of the common responsibility towards the Alpine environment - promote the contacts between the peoples and citizens - to strengthen the position of the Länder, regions, provinces and cantons - contribute to European integration
Established	1972
Type	Association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture • Education • Environment • Spatial Planning • Agriculture and Forestry • Economy and Regional Policy • Energy • Tourism • Transport
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonisation of spatial planning methods • European Academy of talents • Support to EUSALP • Organisation of an annual general assembly • Drafting of resolutions <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Guido" for waste management in shelters and structures at high altitude - Atlas of pastures - AlpHouse (culture and Alpine architecture ecology) - Xchange (experiences abroad for apprentices) - Arge Alp NURA (use of natural resources in the Alps for the treatment of respiratory diseases of allergic origin) - Arge Alp Sport (summer and winter games Arge Alp) - Cookbook Arge Alp - Economy and Ecology in protection forest - Forum for Alpine water management in Europe
Members	9 Alpine regions of Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference of Heads of Government - Steering Committee

Website	http://it.argealp.org/
Contacts	<p>Office of the Tyrolean Government Technical Secretariat, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria 43 5125082340 info@argealp.org</p> <p>President: Markus Wallner, President Vorarlberg Römerstraße 15, 6901 Bregenz, Austria 43 5574 51120000 markus.wallner@vorarlberg.at</p>



ARGE DONAULÄNDER - Working Community of the Danube Regions

ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT
DONAULÄNDER

Scope	<p>Cross-border collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the development of the Danube in the interest of its inhabitants - to promote peaceful cooperation in Europe
Established	1990
Type	Association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture • Economics • Youth • Sustainable Development • Transport • - Tourism
Main activities	<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - INTERREG II C - INTERREG III B - Youth Ambassadors - Donauhanse (Danube City)
Working methods	<p>Working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Science • Transport and Navigation • Sustainability • Economy and tourism • Youth and Sports
Members	<p>39 regions (or counties) of Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Hungary</p> <p>2 Watchers members from the Czech Republic and Slovakia</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference of the Heads of Government - Working group for the preparation of the Conference of the Heads of Government - General-Secretariat - Working Groups
Relations with other bodies	<p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AER - Association of European Regions - Central European Initiative - Danube Cooperation Process <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Corridor II - Danube Tourist Commission

Website	http://www.argedonau.at
Contacts	Landhauptplatz, 1, 3109 St. Polten, Lower Austria (Austria) 0043 2742900513488 Post.lad1@noel.gov.at Secretary General: Peter de Martin

CCRE-CEMR - Council of European Municipalities and Regions

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representation of interests of local and regional authorities in the EU's institutions and international - Forum to promote debate and the exchange of good practice between local and regional authorities operating at national level - Promote the implementation of international instruments on human rights and promotion of local and regional autonomy
Year established	1951
typology	International non-profit association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Agenda (Amsterdam Pact) • Active citizenship • Democracy • Efficiency of resources and environment • Service delivery • Cohesion Policy • Partnership and cooperation at global level • Transatlantic trade and investment partnership • Refugees and Immigration • Transparency of the European decision-making process (Trialogue)
Working methods/prevaling activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in the consultations of the European Commission - Monitoring of public policies <p>Expert groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance, Democracy and Citizenship - Local and regional governments as employers - Public service and e-Government <p>Observers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis and decentralization - Gender equality <p>Thematic platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU enlargement - Effective use of environmental resources - Coordination United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Europe <p>Focus group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twinning - Waste

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air - Future of Cohesion Policy <p>Thematic Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergenerational dialogue - Diversity and inclusion <p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YELAC - Jeunes élus européens pour une citoyenneté active - Covenant of Mayors - Mayos Adapt - CITYnvest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PLATFORMA - Platform of local and regional authorities for development - Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC)
Members	62 associations, which together represent 150.000 local authorities, of 41 European countries
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Committee (representative body of 170 elected members representing local and regional authorities) - Executive Bureau - Financial Management Committee - General secretariat - Congress of European Municipalities and Regions (held every four years, it gathers the representatives of the Municipalities and Regions of Europe, experts, representatives of the European institutions, stakeholders: exchanging information and good practices)
Relations with other bodies	<p>United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - representing the European continent <p>European Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergroup URBAN <p>European Union Register for Transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration from May 15, 2009
Website	www.ccre.org
Contacts	<p>Square de Meeûs, 1000 Brussels, Belgium +32 25000532</p> <p>Secretary General: Frédéric Vallier, Senior Secretary Europe, the City of Nantes Assistant Secretary General, Valérie Solle valerie.solle@ccre-cemr.org</p>



CPRM - Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridge the gap between the peripheral maritime regions and the rest of Europe - Promoting territorial cohesion in European policies - Enhancement of the maritime dimension of Europe - Representative of maritime regions at international level
Established	1973
Type	Non-profit association under French law
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Cohesion Policy • Integrated Maritime Policy • Transport Accessibility • Climate changes • External Cooperation
Main activities	<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports and position papers (thanks to a group of policy analysts) - Conferences and seminars - Organization of an annual general assembly
Working method	<p>Territorial commissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Atlantic - Balkan and Black Sea - Islands - Inter-Mediterranean Sea - Baltic Sea - North Sea <p>Working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Cohesion Policy (CORE Group) • External Cooperation • Energy • Research and innovation • Sustainable tourism • Highways of the Sea in the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) • Vasco da Gama (mobility of young people in the fields of maritime economy) • ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management)/MSP (Maritime Spatial Planning) • Maritime Safety - Erika IV • Ship-building • Fishing (FIG)

	<p>Task forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adriatic-Ionian ▪ Macroregions ▪ Indicators ▪ - Migration
Members	150 regions of the 28 EU countries, the Western Balkans, the Mediterranean (Turkey, Morocco, Tunisia) and Ukraine
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Assembly - Political Bureau (composed of regional politicians having an elective office, meets twice a year, proposes the General Assembly policy guidelines and implements its decisions)
Relations with other bodies	<p>Observer at the informal Council on Cohesion and informal Council on Maritime Affairs</p> <p>European Union Register for Transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered from November 28, 2008
Website	www.crpm.org
Contacts	<p>Rond Point Schuman 14, 1040 Brussels, Belgium 32 26121700 secretariat@cprm.org</p> <p>Administrative headquarters 6 rue Saint-Martin, 35700 Rennes, France 33 299354050</p> <p>President: Vasco Cordeiro, President Azores Secretary General, Eleni Marianou</p>



Four Motors for Europe

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting the role of regions in Europe and within the European institutions - Contributing to the internationalization of the Regions
Established	1988
Type	Association
Fields of action	<p>Economic, scientific and technological competitiveness.</p> <p>Priorities set by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Presidency (2016):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transformation of the industrial model (smart and integrated manufacturing) - transition to green economy - development of cultural and creative industries
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of institutional missions (economic and technical efficiency) outside EU • Participation in European projects • Conventions to promote the mobility of apprentices from the four regions • Cooperation in the fields of film production, theater and music, and residential programs for artists
Working methods	<p>Thematic working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Vocational learning and training • Culture • Economy / Innovation / Cluster • - Research and higher education •
Members	<p>Baden-Württemberg, Catalonia, Lombardy Region, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes</p> <p>Associated regions: Flanders, Wales, Malopolska (Poland), Quebec</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidency - Coordinating Committee (meets three times a year)
Relations with other bodies	<p>Partnership with the Four Motors for Mercosur (State of Paraná, Brazil - Alto Paraná, Paraguay - Córdoba, Argentina - Rivera, Uruguay)</p> <p>Adherence to the Districts of Creativity (network of 12 regions across the world)</p>

Website | <http://www.4motors.eu/>

Contacts | President: **Laurent Wauquiez**, President of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region



REGLEG - Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power

Scope	<p>Network between European Union Regions with legislative powers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase democratic participation in the European legislative process - promote active participation in the formation and implementation of European policies under the principle of subsidiarity
Established	2000
Type	Network - not a formally constituted association
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democracy - European Economic Governance - European Cohesion Policy
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of an annual conference with representatives of the European institutions - Preparation of opinions
Members	73 European regions with legislative power, from 8 countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the UK
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidency (guides and organizes the works of the Co-Co) - Co-Co (Coordination Committee) composed of 1 to 4 regions of each Member State; meets four times a year in Brussels - Secretariat-General
Working method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Co Flash: meeting in preparation of the meetings of the Co-Co • - Co-Co+ : follow up of the Co-Co meetings aimed at drafting a position paper
Relationship with CALRE	Cooperation agreement, signed on February, 23 2011
Relations with other bodies	<p>Committee of the Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signed Action Plan May 19, 2008 <p>European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official Partner Structured dialogues on European Cohesion Policy
Website	http://regleg.eu/
Contacts	info@regleg.eu



REVES - European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy

Scope	<p>Network of European cities and regions to promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the development of an economy based on solidarity, social responsibility and participation at the local level - the North-South cooperation, international solidarity and territorial cohesion
Established	2002
Type	Non-profit association (under Belgian law)
Fields of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohesion Policy • Social policy and social protection • Business policies • Competition and Market Policy • Culture • Health and consumer protection • Youth • Partnerships between public authorities and social economy
Main activities	<p>Position papers and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee of the Regions - European Commission <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Right(s) now! The role of social economy and its partners in promoting decent jobs"(funded by European Commission) <p>REVES Excellence Award for the best innovative partnership between public authorities and social economy actors</p>
Members	<p>About 60 members of local and regional authorities and foundations/cooperatives/banks/universities/networks belonging to: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary. In addition, the Association participates in: CECOP - Confederation Europeenne des Cooperatives de Production et de Travail Associe, des Cooperatives Sociales et des Entreprises Participatives</p>
organs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Presidents (2) - General Assembly - Steering Committee - Secretariat-General
Relations with other bodies	<p>European Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert Group on Cohesion Policy (DG Regio) - Structured dialogue with DG Regio - Structured dialogue with DG EMPL

European Parliament:

- Intergroup Social Economy
- Intergroup for services of public interest

Membership:

- Social Economy Europe

European Union Register for Transparency

- Registered from April 13, 2011

Website <http://www.revesnetwork.eu/index.php>

Contacts Bvd Charlemagne, 74, 1000 Brussels (Belgium)
0032 22308810

Co-President, Felice Scalvini, Councillor with
responsibility for Family Policies, the Personality and
Health of the City of Brescia

Co-President, Jan Olsson, Coompanion Vastra Gotaland

The Congress for Local and Regional Authorities - Council of Europe

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting democracy and improving governance at local and regional level - Monitoring of the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government
Established	1957
Type	Political assembly
Fields of action	<p>Priority themes set for the 2017-2020 three-year period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Strengthening of the quality of democracy at local and regional level - Construction of societies that are secure, inclusive, respectful of diversity <p>Priority themes set by the Chamber of Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance and regional self-government - Cooperation among European regions - Regional cohesion and sustainable economic development
Main activities	<p>Drafting of international conventions in the field of local self-government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (1980 and its three protocols) - The Convention on the Participation of Foreigners in Public Life at Local Level (1992) - European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (1992) - European Code of conduct for the political integrity of local and regional elected Representatives - European Landscape Convention (2000) - Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life (2003) - The European Urban Charter II - Manifesto for a new urbanity Council of Europe Reference Framework for Regional Democracy (2009) <p>Contribution to the Council of Europe Legislative Assembly policy-making through the proposal of resolutions and recommendations.</p> <p>Organization of election monitoring missions at regional and local level.</p>
Working method	Two annual plenary sessions

Members	648 members among local and regional councilors, mayors and presidents of regional authorities of Council of Europe member States (47 States).
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidency - Bureau - Chamber of Local Authorities - Chamber of Regions: composed of 324 elected representatives of territorial entities (regions and federal states) of the 47 member countries - Statutory Forum (bringing together the presidents of national delegations and members of the Bureau, acting on behalf of the Congress in the period between the sessions) - Committees (Monitoring Committee; Actual Affairs Committee; Governance Committee) - Secretariat - Committee of Independent Experts on the subject of regionalism (subsidiary body)
Relationship with CALRE	Cooperation agreement, signed on September, 17 2010
Relations with other bodies	<p>Subsidiary body of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Committee of the Regions: Cooperation Agreement signed on April 13, 2005</p>
Website	www.coe.int/t/congress/default_en.asp
Contacts	<p>Cedex, Strasbourg, 67075, France Executive Secretary, Denis Huber Assistant, Nancy Nuttall-Bodin 33 390214936</p> <p>President: Jean-Claude Frécon, Senate Member (representative of the Loire department), France</p> <p>President of the Chamber of Regions, Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, Parliament Vice-President of the Land of Salzburg (Austria) Gudrun.mosler@salzburg.gv.at</p>

Annex 1 – Type of association

	Generalist	Sector-based	On a regional basis
AEBR			X
AEM			X
AER	X		
ALDA	X		
ALPE ADRIA			X
AREFLH		X	
AREV		X	
ARGE ALP			X
ARGE DONAU			X
CCRE-CEMR	X		
CPRM			X
Four Motors			X
REGLEG	X		
REVES	X		
TCLRA	X		

Annex 2 - Main fields of activity

Category	AEBR	AEM	AER	ALDA	ALPE ADRIA	AREFLH	AREV	ARGE ALP	ARGE DONAU	CCRE-CEMR	CPRM	Four Motors	REG LEG	REVES	TCLRA
Urban Agenda Smart cities										X					X
Agriculture Forestry				X	X	X	X	X							
Environment				X		X		X		X	X	X			
Active citizenry Democracy Participation Transparency			X	X	X					X			X		X
Trade and investment						X				X					
Competitiveness						X	X				X	X	X	X	
Decentralized cooperation				X					X						X
External cooperation Enlargement	X			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
Culture				X	X		X	X				X		X	X
Energy								X		X					
Training				X				X				X			
Youth			X	X	X		X		X	X		X			X
Job policies	X		X	X	X					X		X			
European cohesion policy	X	X	X	X	X			X			X		X		X
Integrated Maritime Policy									X		X				
Refugee and migrations	X									X	X				
Health	X		X		X	X								X	
Industry					X						X	X		X	
Sustainable Development		X		X	X	X	X		X			X		X	X
Transport				X	X	X		X	X		X				
Tourism					X		X	X	X						

