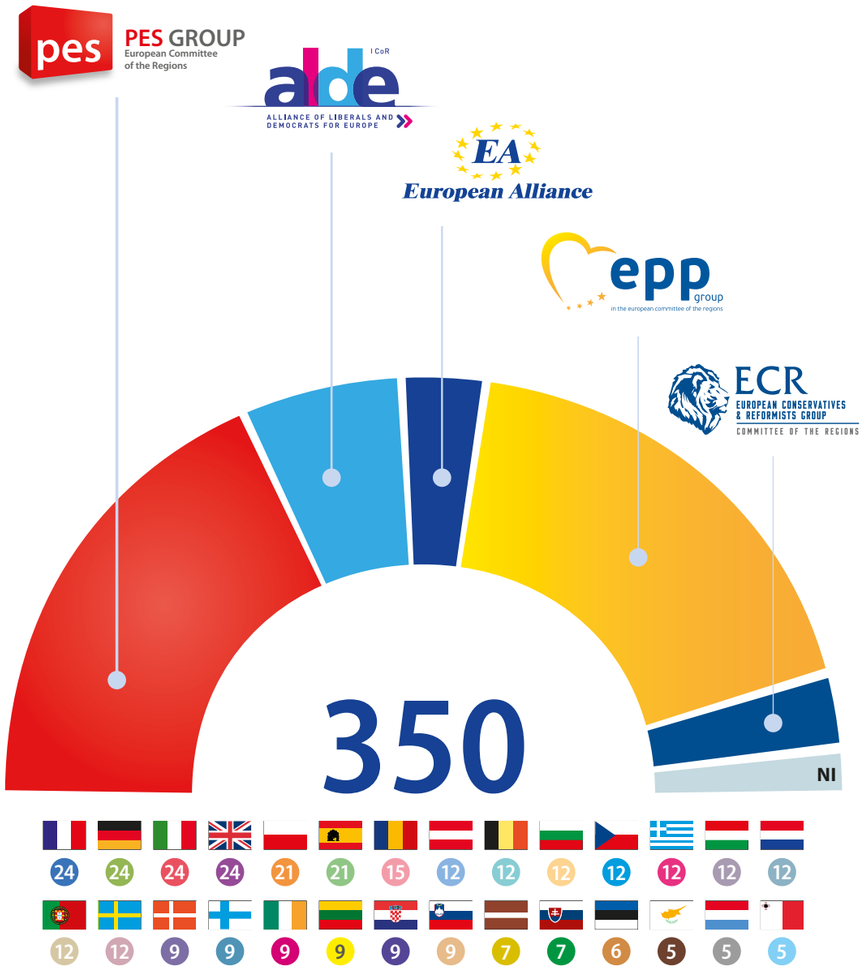
European Committee of the Regions

What is the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)?

The CoR is the European Union's body representing regions and local authorities. Its members hold a regional or local electoral mandate and participate in the EU's legislative process.

Members of the European Committee of the Regions



President

Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ
(from Eupen/BE)

Term of office: 2 and 1/2 years

- leads the CoR's work
- chairs its plenary sessions
- acts as CoR's official representative

First Vice-President

Markku MARKKULA
(from Espoo/FI)

Term of office: 2 and 1/2 years

- leads the CoR's work in tandem with the President

Plenary

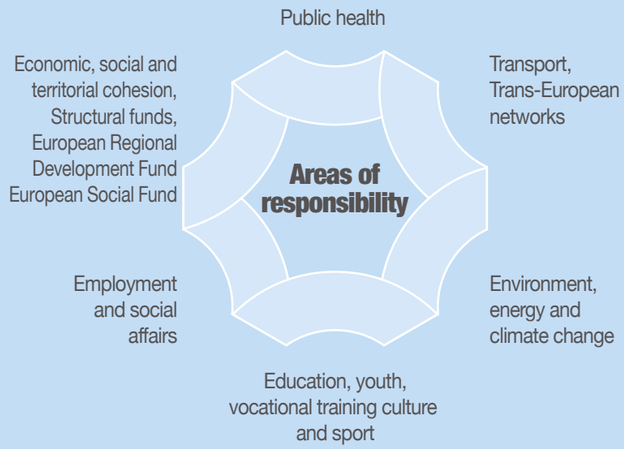
CoR Members gather in Plenary **5** to **6 times**/year for 2-3 days in Brussels to vote and adopt opinions.

5 Political Priorities

- A European economy driven by its regions and cities
- The territorial dimension of EU legislation matters
- A simpler, more connected Europe
- Stability and cooperation at the EU's borders
- Europe of the citizens is Europe of the future

Decision-making in the EU

Obligatory consultation of the CoR



CoR Commissions

6 Commissions (groups of Members) prepare draft opinions, reports and resolutions to be submitted to the Plenary Assembly.

- Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER)
- Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE)
- Economic Policy (ECON)
- Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)
- Natural Resources (NAT)
- Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)

How CoR opinions are created

1. European Commission proposal of a legal act or EP or Council request or CoR own initiative
2. Rapporteur prepares draft opinion and consults stakeholders
3. Discussion and adoption of draft opinion by CoR Commission

From nomination of the rapporteur to adoption of the opinion: 2-9 months

4. CoR rapporteur meets EP rapporteur(s), Council Presidency, EC services
5. Adoption of the opinion by the CoR Plenary Session
6. Publication and information of the EU institutions

Output

over 70% of **EU legislation** has a direct impact at local or regional level

In 2017, the CoR passed:

69 opinions

In 2017 the CoR held **92** events

and contributed to the organisation of **113** Reflecting on Europe events

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