

**Follow-Up:
Impact Assessment at the CoR –
Methodology and its implementation**

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List of abbreviations

APS	Annual Policy Strategy
AWP	Annual Working Programme
CA	Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CFP	Common Fishery policy
CIVEX	CoR Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs
COTER	CoR Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy
CoR	Committee of the Regions
DG	Directorate General
EC	European Commission
ECOS	CoR Commission for Economic and Social Policy
EDUC	CoR Commission for Education, Youth and Research
EGTC	European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation
ENVE	CoR Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy
EP	European Parliament
IA	Impact Assessment
IAB	Impact Assessment Board
IASG	Impact Assessment Steering Group
LRA	Local and regional authorities
MS	Member States
NAT	CoR Commission for Natural Resources
TI	Territorial Impact
TIA	Territorial Impact Assessment

Introduction

The first chapter of this study presents an analysis as to whether the list of forthcoming EU legislative acts for which the European Commission (EC) has done an impact assessment (IA) in 2010, or plans to do so in 2011, meets the political priorities of the CoR's consultative activities in 2011. As a basis for this analysis we first of all produced a list of all IA reports, completed or planned, from 2010. We then drew up an overview of the current working programme of the six CoR Commissions to find out about the political priorities and competences of the Committee for 2011. We then matched the political priorities of the IAs proposed by the EC with the focuses of the CoR Commissions. The IA reports are subdivided into policy fields related to the Directorates General (DG) of the EC and the competences of the CoR Commissions follow a broad approach, so it was possible to allocate every completed or planned IA to a certain CoR Commission. There are three main findings from this analysis:

- It can be observed that there are a rather high number of IA reports drawn up or planned by the EC compared to the identified EC documents relevant for the six CoR Commissions according to their work programme
- In both cases the fields of social and economic policy play a major role regarding the number of proposed or identified documents
- There is no balance between the numbers of proposed or identified IAs or EC documents relevant for the CoR according to the different policy fields

This note is also a follow-up to the study “Impact assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its implementation” written by Metis in 2010. The study described the current text of the Cooperation Agreement (CA) between the Committee and the European Commission as rather vague concerning the role of the CoR in the Impact Assessment procedure. Therefore the predecessor provided a series of recommendations to strengthen the CoR contribution to the European Commission’s IAs. Besides references regarding consultation activities and improving the methodology, the study also proposed revising the current text of the Cooperation Agreement according to the presented recommendations. This proposal for a new text is proposed in chapter two of this follow-up paper. In the study the revised parts are highlighted and embedded in a short description about the presented adaptations. The Annex comprises the revised version of the Cooperation Agreement as a continuous text.

1 Matching of CoR priorities with impact assessments by EC

The European Commission has published a list of forthcoming legislative acts for which an impact assessment (IA) is planned in 2011. The Committee of the Regions (CoR) has laid down the political priorities and the work programme for the ongoing year. This chapter matches the impact assessment reports planned for 2011 and those completed in 2010 with the political priorities of the CoR Commissions' consultative activities in 2011.

1.1 Work programme and consultative activities of the CoR Commissions

Based on the EC's work programme¹, the CoR presented the following resolution on its political priorities² for 2011:

*“These are structured around the following priorities: the promotion of multi-level governance; and decentralized communication; the future of cohesion policy and the implementation of the territorial cohesion objective; energy and climate change policy, sustainable transport policy, the further development of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice with particular focus on the post-Hague programme; the EUROPE2020 strategy; prosperity and sustainable development; the financial crisis and its consequences; the promotion of the knowledge triangle of research, education and innovation to respond to the current Financial and social challenges”*³

This section summarises the current work programme of the six CoR Commissions⁴ with regard to their political priorities and the opinions under discussion for 2011.⁵

¹ COM(2010) 623.

² CdR 361/2010 fin.

³ ITEM 5) Work programme of the Commissions of the Committee of the Regions 2011. R/CdR 397/2010, p. 2

⁴ A detailed list of the competences of all Commissions is presented in the Annex.

⁵ According to R/CdR 397/2010 and the CoR Website.

1.1.1 Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER)⁶

Priorities for the consultative work

The COTER Commission intends to maintain its focus on impacts of the **EU2020** strategy on territories and local and regional authorities (LRA). Continuing to advocate the strategic value of **cohesion policy** as the main European policy to reduce disparities between and within regions is also one major issue. Finally, the COTER Commission continues to promote the political objectives and its activities in the field of **transport** and **Trans-European transport networks**.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- New perspectives for the revision of the EGTC regulation (Own-initiative opinion)
- A strategy for the North Sea-Channel Area (Own-initiative opinion)
- Cohesion policy: strategic report 2010 on the implementation of the programmes 2007-2013
- Outlook opinion on the role of cohesion policy for the implementation of the new EUROPE 2020 strategy (referral from Belgian EU Council Presidency)

1.1.2 Commission for Economic and Social Policy (ECOS)⁷

Priorities for the consultative work

The EC intends to strengthen the tools for **economic governance** through new enforcement mechanisms, especially in the coordination of **economic and fiscal policies**. The ECOS Commission will monitor the EC measures in this area and review the inclusion of the LRA level with regard to EU **public finances**. Monitoring activities are also planned to ensure consistency between EU2020 and the budget priorities for post-2013.

⁶ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 3ff.

⁷ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 39ff.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- Communication from the Commission on a European Platform against Poverty
- Communication from the Commission on “An Integrated Industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era - Putting Competitiveness and Sustainability at Centre Stage”
- Communication on an Agenda for New Skills and Jobs
- Green paper “Towards adequate, sustainable and safe European pension systems”
- Communication from the Commission on Single Market Act
- Own initiative opinion on combating homelessness

1.1.3 Commission for Education Youth and Research (EDUC)⁸

Priorities for the consultative work

Contributing to the Union’s activities to pursue **economic and social recovery through smart and inclusive growth** is the major issue for the EDUC Commission for the current year. Creative use of education, training and research policies should help to achieve improvements in social and territorial cohesion in a mid-term perspective. Furthermore LRAs should play a crucial role in this area to use and obtain Europe’s smart and inclusive growth potential.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- Opinion on "A new impetus for European cooperation in Vocational Education and Training to support the Europe 2020 strategy"
- Opinion on "Simplifying the implementation of the research framework programmes"
- Opinion on "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries"
- Opinion on "European Digital Agenda"

⁸ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 47ff.

1.1.4 Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE)⁹

Priorities for the consultative work

The ENVE Commission gives its main focus to the fields of **energy infrastructure** and **efficiency**, **climate change adaption** and **mitigation** and to **environmental policy**. Particular emphasis is given to the field of **resource efficiency**.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- Draft opinion on Biomass sustainability

1.1.5 Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)¹⁰

Priorities for the consultative work

As 2011 is the second year in the Lisbon Treaty's application the CIVEX Commission will continue to focus on the **implementation process of the treaty**. According to the key priorities for the ongoing year, the Commission will strongly focus on fields where action by LRAs can contribute to the benefit of the Union's area of freedom, security, and justice for citizens and all individuals living in the EU. Also the pursuit of **smart regulation** will again be a CIVEX priority.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- Implementation of the Eastern Partnership Initiative in Belarus and the development of cooperation between local and regional authorities in Belarus and the EU
- The implementation of the Eastern Partnership Initiative in Armenia and the development of cooperation between local and regional authorities in Armenia and the EU
- Local and regional government in Ukraine and the development of cooperation between Ukraine and the EU

⁹ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 10ff.

¹⁰ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 26ff.

- The implementation of the Eastern Partnership Initiative in Azerbaijan and the development of cooperation between local and regional authorities in Azerbaijan and the EU

1.1.6 Commission for Natural Resources (NAT)¹¹

Priorities for the consultative work

The NAT Commission continues to focus on the reform procedure of the **Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)** after 2013. More emphasis will be given to the need to involve LRAs in implementing European policy in the **health sector**. Furthermore the NAT Commission will support the EC's efforts to introduce a new **Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)** ensuring sustainability of fish stocks and the livelihoods of Europe's coastal communities.

Opinions currently under discussion 2011

- Own initiative opinion on "The role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of the Health Strategy in 2008-2013"

1.2 Matching of impact assessments with political priorities of the CoR

The table below shows the matching of the completed impact assessments 2010 and the ongoing year, and already planned IA reports for 2011, with the political priorities of the six CoR Commissions. The European Commission (EC) elaborated 58 IA reports in the last year and four reports have been done within the first two months of the current year. Furthermore there are already 145 IA reports in the pipeline for 2011 to date (21 February 2011). These reports are subdivided into policy fields related to the Directorates General (DG) of the EC and these policy fields are the basis for making matches with the priorities of the CoR. The Commissions at the CoR define a wide scope of competences for their work and therefore every IA elaborated or planned by the EC can be allocated to one of the six working units of the Committee.

There is a large majority of IAs matching the priorities of the CoR Commission for Economic and Social Policy (ECOS). More than a third of all completed or planned reports for 2010 and 2011 by the EC correlate with the priorities of this unit of the Committee. Concerning the already completed IAs ECOS is followed by ENVE and CIVEX. Twelve and ten reports, respectively, match the priorities of these CoR Commissions. Regarding the planned reports for the ongoing year

¹¹ R/CdR 397/2010, p. 18ff.

a focus on CIVEX priorities can be observed. 29 out of 145 planned IA reports correspond with this Commission at the CoR, and only 16 match with ENVE themes. This analysis shows the same number for the EDUC Commission in 2011: in the last year there have been seven completed IA reports with priorities in the fields of education, youth and research. The lowest number of matching assessment papers in both years relate to the COTER and the NAT Commissions.

Table 1. Impact Assessments done and planned 2010 / 2011¹²

CoR Commission	Matching IAs done by EC 2010 and 2011	Matching IAs planned by EC for 2011
COTER	4	10
ECOS	26	61
EDUC	7	16
ENVE	12	16
CIVEX	10	29
NAT	3	13
Total:	62	145

1.3 Number of documents already allocated or identified by the CoR Commissions

In January 2011 the CoR presented its “Work Programme of the Commissions of the Committee of the Regions”¹³. This paper describes the focus for the consultative work of every CoR Commission in the current year. Furthermore it points out which EC proposals or documents in 2010 and 2011 are already assigned to be dealt with at the CoR and which documents have been identified as corresponding to the political priorities of every CoR Commission.

Quite a difference can be observed between the allocation percentage of the number of IA reports matching the competences of every CoR Commission, and the allocation of identified EC documents in the CoR work programme. The CoR paper shows the highest number (11) of documents allocated to the Commission for Natural Resources. Furthermore eight principal legislative proposals or non-legislative documents proposed by the EC have been identified by the NAT Commission as corresponding to its political priorities for the current year. Every other Commission of the Committee assigned between three and five EC documents to its work programme. Regarding the identification of EC proposals and documents the work programme shows the highest number

¹² A detailed list of all IAs for 2010 and 2011 is presented in the Annex.

¹³ R/CdR 397/2010.

(22) for the ECOS commission (as in section 1.2), followed by EDUC with 16. The ENVE Commission identified twelve documents with matching priorities and the Commission for Cohesion Policy listed ten corresponding documents in the working programme. Eight cases have been listed by the CIVEX Commission.

Table 2. Legislative and non-legislative documents identified by the CoR Commissions to be dealt with 2011¹⁴

CoR Commission	Documents already attributed to be dealt with in 2011	Identified documents corresponding to the priorities of the CoR Commission for 2011
COTER	4	10
ECOS	5	22
EDUC	3	16
ENVE	4	12
CIVEX	3	8
NAT	11	8
Total:	30	76

1.4 Matching of IAs with the number of identified documents or own-initiatives by the CoR Commissions

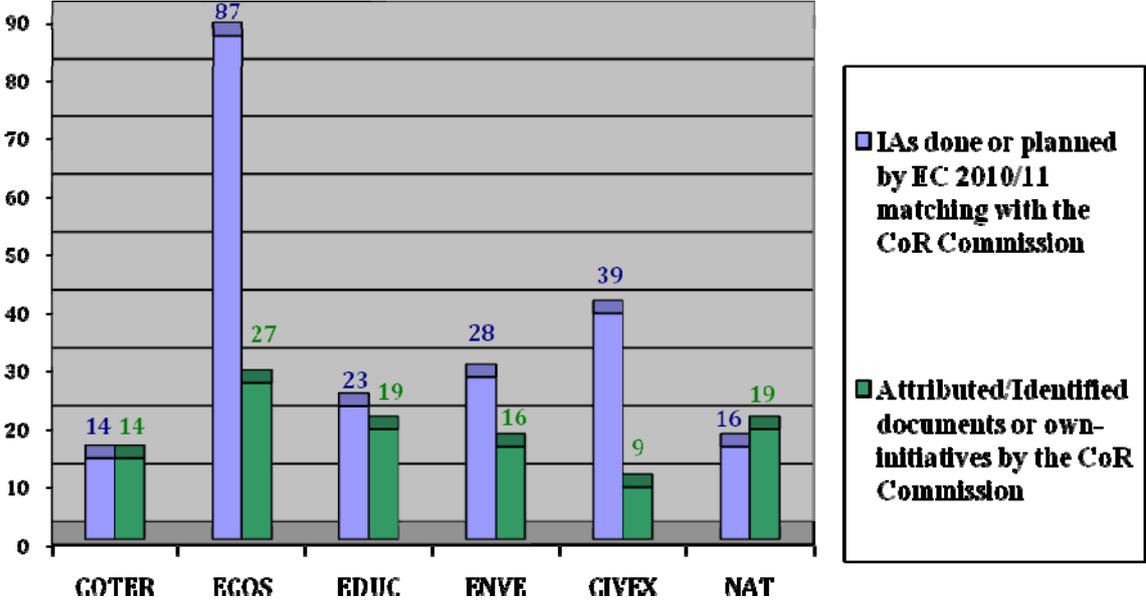
This chapter now compares the findings from the two previous sections and matches the IA reports completed or planned in 2010 and 2011 with the allocated or identified documents by the CoR in its work programme for the ongoing year. We also added own-initiative opinions on certain topics dealt with at the Committee. The fields of economic and social policy are the dominating themes in both the cases of the IA reports completed or planned by the EC and the documents matching the political priorities allocated or identified by the CoR Commission. There is a noticeable difference between the number of IA reports matching the CoR priorities and the number of documents identified by ECOS itself. The same applies to the IAs matching the priorities of the CIVEX Commission and, to a lesser extent, of the CoR Commissions for Education, Youth and Research and for Environment, Climate Change and Energy.

The COTER Commission identified as many documents with matching priorities as IAs completed or planned by the EC, and the NAT Commission listed even more relevant documents compared to the IA reports. It has to be

¹⁴ Find a detailed list of documents already attributed to be dealt with 2011 and identified documents corresponding to the Commissions priorities presented in the Annex.

noted that the IA reports that matched with the priorities of a certain CoR Commission did not necessarily deal with the same EC proposal the CoR Commission identified for its work programme.

Figure 1. IAs done or planned by the EC compared to the number of identified documents by the CoR Commissions



1.5 Conclusion

Summarising the numbers and allocations of the previous sections, it can be stated that there are quite a high number of impact assessments planned by the EC for the current year. Together with the completed IA reports of 2010 more than 200 reports have been elaborated or are in the pipeline in the evaluation period for this study. Especially the fields of social and economic policy comprise a very high number of IA reports. This may be as a result of experiences during the global financial crisis in the previous years. The difference between the proposed IA reports and the EC documents identified as relevant for the ECOS Commission is obvious. Nonetheless the majority of all identified documents by the CoR Commissions are listed by ECOS.

The second largest number of IAs is related to the CIVEX Commission. In this case the analysis of the matching between IAs and the priorities of the CoR Commission shows a different finding compared to ECOS. Although the second largest number of IAs correspond to CIVEX's competences, the smallest number of documents of all six CoR Commissions has been identified by CIVEX. Also ENVE and EDUC show a noticeable gap between their own identification and the matching IA reports related to the priorities of the CoR Commissions.

The analysis of the priority matching presents a different picture for the COTER and the NAT Commissions. The fewest number of IA reports corresponding with the priorities of the CoR Commissions is proposed by the EC. The working units of the Committee itself identified about the same number of documents relevant for their work compared to the other four Commissions. Because of the smaller number of IA reports the discrepancy is less high for these CoR Commissions. Regarding the field of Natural Resources the number of documents identified by the CoR is even higher than the number of planned IAs.

2 Proposal for a revised Cooperation Agreement between the Committee of the Regions and the European Commission

The Cooperation Agreement between the CoR and the EC sets the framework for the interinstitutional relationship between these two partners in Europe. The current agreement¹⁵ was designed to achieve a more pro-active role for the Committee within the policy cycle initiated by the Commission. The specific focus of the agreement is on the more active contribution of the CoR before action is taken on EC level.

The study “Impact Assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its Implementation”¹⁶, finalized by the end of 2010, has come to the conclusion that the current text of the agreement is rather vague concerning the role of the CoR in the Impact Assessment procedure. It has also provided a series of recommendations to strengthen the CoR contribution to the European Commission’s IAs. Besides references regarding consultation activities and improving the methodology, the study also proposed revising the current text of the Cooperation Agreement according to the presented recommendations.

The following section presents parts of the version of the current agreement together with a proposal for a revision of the text. The agreement comprises a preamble and three sections.

Our recommendations for changes follow this structure: At the beginning of each section a short introduction explains the motivation for the proposed change – always following the objective to strengthen the role of the CoR within the Impact Assessment procedure. Subsequently the related chapters with the proposals for the new wording are presented. Finally, the whole proposal for a new Cooperation Agreement (CA) as a continuous text is attached in the Annex.

2.1 Revision of the Preamble

The preamble defines the objectives and tasks of the CA. According to the findings of the study on “Impact assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its implementation” the CA remains rather vague on the actions and agreements. We recommend strengthening the CA by establishing monitoring of the implementation of the cooperation and enforcing the mandatory character.

¹⁵ ITEM 3a) Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission and the CoR. R/CdR 86/2007.

¹⁶ Metis 2010: Impact Assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its Implementation, p. 67-76.

Both institutions should have the option to insist on the application of the rights set out in the CA. Furthermore, a representative should be appointed by each institution to monitor the implementation and consult with the other institution in cases where enforcement is deemed necessary. Therefore we propose the following adaption of the preamble:

PREAMBLE

The European Commission and the Committee of the Regions consider that it is in their joint interest to step up their institutional relations through implementation of this protocol, which replaces that of 21 September 2001.

This cooperation provides for the Committee to play a more proactive role before action is taken at Community level; for more attention to be paid to economic, social and territorial cohesion; and for dialogue to be stepped up with local authorities. Together, the Commission and the Committee shall work towards accomplishing the following tasks:

- strengthening the Committee's consultative role by better work planning and more effective and more political follow-up, **especially in the fields of the assessment of territorial impacts of Community policies;**
- facilitating the structured dialogue with local authorities and their associations;
- ensuring better implementation of the subsidiarity principle;
- supporting the Union's external action by organising and developing dialogue with local authorities in third countries;
- building on communication synergies in order to bring Europe closer to the people.

To ensure effective cooperation between the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions both institutions should monitor the implementation and the results of the cooperation and review achievements. Each institution nominates a representative to fulfil this function.

2.2 Revision of the chapter “Interinstitutional and political relations”

According to the recommendations of the previous study on IA at the CoR this section should specify the involvement of the CoR in impact assessment. We propose to slightly adapt the CA in this chapter in order to emphasize the need to better involve the CoR in the preparation of IA.

I. INTERINSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS

2. The members of the Commission shall be invited by the President of the Committee to take part in the Committee's work, particularly plenary sessions, as well as in special activities organised by joint agreement. For their part, members of the Committee may be invited to participate in events of common interest organised by the Commission at the different territorial levels. In particular, the participation of the Committee in the preparatory activities related to impact assessment shall be enforced. As a general rule, the two parties shall inform each other in good time of events for which they are responsible, so that the people concerned can take part.

2.3 Revision of the chapter “Consultative duties of the Committee of the Regions”

According to recommendation three¹⁷ in “Impact Assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its Implementation”, the EC and the CoR should agree that the Committee conducts specific impact assessments through a consultation of LRA – for cases of specific territorial and LRA relevance. This process should cover the entire process of preparing an Impact Assessment. According to recommendation four¹⁸ of the previous study, in relevant cases the Committee should also take part in the Impact Assessment Steering Group (IASG) and present the results of the consultation to this body.

¹⁷ Metis 2010: Impact Assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its Implementation, p. 70.

¹⁸ Ibidem.

Therefore we propose amending the text of paragraphs six and eight in this section. Furthermore we suggest adding an additional point as a new paragraph nine:

II. CONSULTATIVE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

6. On the basis of the Commission's annual work programme, the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee shall forward to the Committee a list of proposals for mandatory consultation, along with proposals for possible optional consultation. This list shall also include documents of a non-legislative nature on which the Commission intends to request the Committee's opinion.

The Commission and the Committee agree on the need to be more selective in order to help strengthen the impact of the Committee's opinions and the effectiveness of joint efforts.

To make it easier for the Committee to perform its consultative duties, the Commission and the Committee shall do their utmost to exchange any necessary documentation and information as speedily as possible.

The Committee shall also monitor upcoming proposals for Impact Assessments on a regular basis and decide for which dossiers it intends to provide a substantial contribution, especially by conducting a separate IA through consultation with LRAs. A list of potential dossiers shall be shared with the Commission highlighting which are seen as priorities with the Committee and where it would propose substantial input into the Impact Assessment process by 31 January each year.

To facilitate a procedure like this the timelines for these dossiers shall be harmonised. The agreement on these priorities and the timelines is on the agenda of the annual working meeting, according to the Cooperation Agreement section II.14, and is monitored by the representatives appointed by both institutions.

8. The Commission advocates a more proactive role for the Committee before action is taken at Community level, based on outlook opinions on future Community policies in areas where the Committee has appropriate local information resources.

The Committee shall be notified of such consultation by the President of the Commission or the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee.

Requests for outlook opinions shall be accompanied by a specific mandate, appropriate deadlines and a coherent framework of actions to be drawn up by mutual agreement.

By the same token and in the context of its annual programme, the Commission can ask the Committee to take part (a): in studies looking at the impact of certain proposals on local and regional authorities, and (b): in exceptional cases after action has been taken, in impact reports on certain Directives from a local and regional perspective.

The Annual Policy Strategy (APS), supplemented periodically by the Rolling Programme, is the key tool for identifying issues relevant to this type of consultation.

When there is a consultation of local and regional authorities by the Committee, this shall cover the entire process of preparing an Impact Assessment, from the initial collection of information¹⁹ to the assessment of policy options²⁰. This consultation may be organised through the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network and the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platforms.

The Committee summarises the results of the consultation procedure and feeds these into the Impact Assessment prepared by the Commission. The monitoring representative appointed by both institutions (see Preamble) examines to what extent the results are integrated in the final report.

9. In cases agreed according to section I.1 of this Cooperation Agreement, the Commission invites the Committee to present the outcome of its consultation and data collection to the Impact Assessment Steering Group²¹.

2.4 Revision of the chapter “The particular role of the Committee of the Regions”

According to recommendations six and seven²² in the IA study, the Impact Assessment Guidelines need to be reviewed to achieve better integration of the impacts on LRAs and territories. This also includes monitoring the application of the guidelines regarding LRAs and territorial impacts. To make these actions mandatory this should be stated in the CA.

¹⁹ As was done in the CoR Impact Assessment on Health Inequalities.

²⁰ As was done in the CoR Impact Assessment related to the Drinking Water Directive.

²¹ This possibility should also be adopted in the Impact Assessment Guidelines, SEC (2009) 92, page 8ff.

²² Metis 2010: Impact Assessment at the CoR – Methodology and its Implementation, p. 72-76.

We recommend adding a new paragraph on measures ensuring the ongoing improvement of the Impact Assessment procedure subsequent to paragraph 15 of the current text.

III. THE PARTICULAR ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

16. The Impact Assessment Guidelines shall be reviewed on regular basis by the monitoring representative appointed by both institutions (see Preamble). The purpose of such a review is to improve the consideration of impacts on territories and local/regional authorities, as well as to improve the specification of the subsidiarity principle. The explicit reference to local/regional authorities and territorial impacts shall be ensured.

Regarding the application of the guidelines the monitoring individual shall analyse the IA reports concerning:

- the format and wording of the report

- figures concerning costs and burdens for the national, regional and local levels

- the transparency of the data sources used and the consultation procedure used in elaborating the report

- the quality of the proposed policy options

- the specification of impacts on territories and local/regional authorities

Regarding the specification of the subsidiarity principle the guidelines shall be reviewed concerning:

- adequate reference to the level affected by the policy options

- reference to the key role local/regional authorities play in the policy cycle

- mentions of who is affected and in what way

- taking into account the diversity between regions in Europe

The results of analysing the Impact Assessment reports under these points of view shall be fed into the ongoing review of the Impact Assessment

Guidelines. The proposal for the annual adaption of the guidelines is to be discussed in the annual working meeting according to the Cooperation Agreement, section II.14.

3 Annex

3.1 CoR Commissions – Competences and Activities

3.1.1 Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER)

Regional policy and transport policy are at the heart of concern for local and regional authorities throughout Europe.

The COTER Commission allows for representatives from local and regional authorities to discuss the planning and implementation of these policies and to ensure that their concerns are taken up by the other European Institutions.

Competences:

- Structural Funds
- Spatial planning
- Urban policy
- Housing
- Transport and trans-European transport networks
- Macro-regions
- Territorial Cooperation (including EGTC)

3.1.2 Commission for Economic and Social Policy (ECOS)

Local and regional authorities should play a central role in both the formulation and the implementation of economic and social policy in the European Union.

The ECOS Commission allows for representatives from local and regional authorities to discuss economic and social policy and exchange best practices in these fields.

Competences:

- Employment
- Social Policy
- Social protection
- Equal opportunities
- Enterprise policy, competition and taxation
- Innovation
- Economic and monetary policy
- Internal market

- World Trade Organisation issues

3.1.3 Commission for Education, Youth and Research (EDUC)

Throughout the European Union local and regional levels have key responsibilities for policies and activities related to education, culture, youth and sports. They are also key players in developing regional research and innovation strategies, and in harnessing the full potential of information and communication technologies to the benefit of society.

The EDUC Commission provides a forum for representatives from local and regional authorities to provide input to other European Institutions and exchange good practices in these fields.

Competences:

- Youth
- Sports
- Education
- Information and communication strategy of the EU
- Life-long learning
- Culture and cultural diversity
- Multilingualism and promotion of minority languages
- Research and technology
- Information society and trans-European telecommunication networks
- Communications, audiovisual industry and media

3.1.4 Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE)

Local and regional authorities play a central role in the implementation of EU environment, climate change and energy policy.

The ENVE Commission allows for representatives from local and regional authorities to discuss the formulation of these policies and to promote best practices in these fields.

Competences:

- Environment policy
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Renewable energy, trans-European networks in the energy sector and new energy policies

- Space policy (Galileo, GMES/Copernicus and related issues)

3.1.5 Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)

The Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional & External Affairs (CIVEX) is responsible for coordinating the Committee of the Regions' work on issues which include justice and home affairs, fundamental rights and freedoms, smart regulation and the reduction of administrative burdens, citizenship and broader institutional issues such as governance and devolution. The Commission also intensively deals with the Union's external dimension, focusing on neighbourhood and enlargement countries, and decentralised cooperation for development.

The opinions discussed and adopted in the CIVEX Commission form the basis for the CoR's position on local and regional responses to the issues mentioned above, through which the Committee seeks to influence the wider EU institutional debate as well as the legislative and policy agenda in order to make sure that the challenges faced at the local and regional level – and the responses to them – are understood and taken on board.

Competences:

- Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
- Immigration policy, asylum and visas
- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Active citizenship
- Devolution
- Governance
- Better law making (including the reduction of administrative burdens)
- Implementation of the EU Treaty
- Neighbourhood Policy, Eastern Partnership and EU Mediterranean Policy
- Decentralised cooperation for development
- Enlargement (dealing with global issues not covered by the working groups of the Bureau)

3.1.6 Commission for Natural Resources (NAT)

Local and regional authorities are a cornerstone in the implementation of agricultural, health and maritime policy in the EU.

Within the NAT Commission, their representatives deliberate on these issues, provide local and regional input to European Union decision-making, and exchange best practices in these fields.

Competences:

- Common agricultural policy, rural development
- Public health
- Common fisheries policy
- Maritime policy
- Food production
- Consumer protection
- Forestry
- Civil protection
- Tourism

3.2 Documents already attributed to be dealt with in 2011 and identified documents corresponding to the CoR Commissions priorities

3.2.1 Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER)

APPENDIX I

List of documents already attributed to the COTER Commission to be dealt with in 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
<i>Cohesion policy</i>			
COM (2010) 642 final	5th report on economic, social and territorial cohesion	Non-legislative proposal	31 March – 1 April 2011
COM (2010) 715 final ⁸	European Union Strategy for the Danube Region	Non-legislative proposal	
Referral from the Commission	The future of the European Social Fund (ESF) after 2013	Outlook opinion	31 March – 1 April 2011
<i>Transport</i>			
COM(2010) 389 final	Towards a European road safety area: policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020	Non-legislative proposal	31 March – 1 April 2011

APPENDIX II

List of the principal legislative and non-legislative proposals corresponding to the political priorities of the COTER Commission for 2011²³

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
Strategic initiatives			
<i>Cohesion policy</i>			
	Regulation laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund	Legislative proposal (COD)	2nd half of 2011
	Regulations on the ERDF, the ESF and the Cohesion Fund	Legislative proposal (COD)	2nd half of 2011
<i>Transport</i>			
2010/MOVE/002	White Paper on the future of transport	Non-legislative proposal	1st quarter of 2011
	Airport package	Legislative and non-legislative proposals	2nd quarter of 2011
Other initiatives			
<i>Cohesion policy</i>			
	Revision of the EGTC regulation	Legislative proposal	2nd half of 2011
<i>Transport</i>			
	Revision of the TEN-T guidelines	Legislative proposal	2nd half of 2011
	Guidelines for State aid in the area of maritime transport	Non-legislative proposal	2nd half of 2011

²³ The list is indicative and subject to change.

	Package for a maritime social agenda	Legislative and non-legislative proposals	2nd half of 2011
	Strategic plan in the field of transport technologies	Non-legislative proposal	
	e-mobility package	Legislative and non-legislative proposals	

3.2.2 Commission for Economic and Social Policy (ECOS)

APPENDIX I

List of documents already assigned to the ECOS Commission for 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR at plenary session
COM(2010) 365 final	Green Paper on adequacy and sustainability of pensions	Non-legislative	27-28 January 2011
COM(2010) 608 final	Communication on the Single Market Act	Non-legislative	31 March – 1 April 2011
COM(2010) 614 final	Communication on an Integrated Industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era (flagship initiative)	Non-legislative	tbd
COM(2010) 682 final	Communication on an Agenda for new skills and jobs (flagship initiative)	Non-legislative	tbd
COM(2010) 758 final	Communication on a European Platform against poverty (flagship initiative)	Non-legislative	31 March 2011

APPENDIX II²⁴

List of the principal legislative and non-legislative proposals corresponding to the ECOS Commission's political priorities for 2011

Reference of European Commission document ²⁵	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the European Commission
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES			
2010/ENTR/023	Communication – mid-term review of the Small Business Act (SBA) for Europe	Non-legislative	December 2010
2010/ENTR/027	Erasmus for Entrepreneurs	Legislative	December 2010
1	Annual Growth Survey	Non-legislative	Q1 2011
2	Strengthening economic governance	Legislative	Q1 2011
3	Amendment to the Regulation on Credit Rating Agencies	Legislative	Q2 2011
18	Initiative on posting of workers	Legislative	Q4 2011
19	Revision of the Working Time Directive (Directive 2003/88)	Legislative	Q3 2011
20	Revision of the State aid rules applicable to the services of general economic interest (SGEI): - Framework for State aid in the form of public service compensation - Commission Decision on the application of article 106.2 TFEU to State aid in the form of public service compensation	Non-legislative	Q4 2011
21	White paper on pension reform	Non-legislative	Q3 2011

²⁴This list is indicative and subject to change.

²⁵The reference numbers here refer to the Annex to the EC Work programme for 2011 (COM(2010) 623 final)

23	Legislative proposal for a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB)	Legislative	Q1 2011
35	Proposal reinforcing support for EU SMEs in markets outside the EU	Non-legislative / Legislative	Q4 2011
	Proposal for a Regulation on the European Social Fund 2013-2020	Legislative	Mid-2011

3.2.3 Commission for Education, Culture and Research (EDUC)

APPENDIX I

List of documents already attributed to the EDUC Commission which will be dealt with in 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled Adoption by the CoR
COM(2010) 487 final	Communication on "Opportunities and Challenges for European Cinema in the Digital Era"	Non-legislative action/ Communication	January 2011
COM(2010) 546 final	Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative - Innovation Union (research and innovation plan)	Non-legislative action/ Communication	April 2011
Own-initiative	The protection and development of historical linguistic minorities under the Lisbon Treaty		April 2011

APPENDIX II²⁶

List of the principal legislative and non-legislative proposals corresponding to the political priorities of the EDUC Commission for 2011 Lifelong learning, youth and sport

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the European Commission
	Proposals for the next generation of financial programmes in lifelong learning and in youth	Legislative	Second half of 2011
	Proposal for a financial programme in sports	Legislative	Second half of 2011
	Communication on Modernisation of higher education	Non-legislative	3 rd quarter 2011
	Commission Communication on a New Competences Initiative	Non-legislative	
	Recommendation on the promotion and validation of informal and non-formal learning		
	Implementation of the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty on Sports	Non-legislative	4 th quarter 2010, possibly 15 Dec.

²⁶ This list is indicative and subject to change.

3.2.4 Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE)

APPENDIX I

This list of documents already attributed to the ENVE Commission to be dealt with in 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled Adoption by the CoR
COM(2010)11 final	Report on sustainability requirements for the use of solid and gaseous biomass sources in electricity, heating and cooling	Non-legislative action/ Communication	January 2011
-	Outlook Opinion requested by the Hungarian EU Presidency on "The role of regional and local authorities in promoting sustainable water policy"	-	May/June 2011
COM(2010) 516 final	Communication on the mid-term review of LIFE+ Regulation	Non-legislative action/ Communication	June 2011
COM(2010) 677 final	Communication on "Energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond - A Blueprint for an integrated European energy network"	Non-legislative action/ Communication	June 2011

APPENDIX II²⁷

List of the principal legislative proposals and non-legislative documents corresponding to the political priorities of the ENVE Commission for 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled Adoption by the CoR
Strategic initiatives			
<i>Environment</i>			
2011/ENV/003	Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe	Non-legislative action/ Communication	October 2011
<i>Climate change and energy</i>			
2011/ENER/004	Directive on energy efficiency and savings	Legislative proposal	End of 2011
2010/ENER/012	Initiative to support the implementation of smart grids	Legislative proposal	End of 2011, tbc
2010/ENER/002	Energy Roadmap 2050	Non-legislative	End of 2011
2010/ENER/048	European Energy Efficiency Action Plan until 2020	Non-legislative	End of 2011
Other initiatives			
<i>Environment</i>			
2010/ENV/004	Communication on a new post-2010 EU biodiversity policy and strategy	Non-legislative action/ Communication	June 2011
2009/ENV+/003	Eco-innovation Action Plan, including Reporting on the Environmental Technologies Action Plan 2004-09 and	Non-legislative action/ Communication	June 2011

²⁷ The list is indicative and subject to change.

	Impact Assessment		
2010/ENV/006*	Revision of the Directive on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso II Directive)	Legislative Proposal	June 2011
2008/ENV/011	Revision of the Directive on the quality of water intended for human consumption replacing Council Directive 98/83/EC	Legislative Proposal	End of 2011
COM DOC ref.	Communication on implementing EU environmental law and policy: a common challenge	Non-legislative action/ Communication	End of 2011
<i>Climate change and energy</i>			
COM DOC ref.	Legal instrument for Energy Infrastructure	Legislative proposal	End of 2011
<i>Space policy</i>			
COM DOC ref.	Communication on the future EU involvement in space	Non-legislative action/ Communication	End of 2011, tbc

* Subject to the content of the proposal, it might be dealt with by the NAT Commission.

3.2.5 Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)

APPENDIX I

List of documents already attributed to the CIVEX Commission to be dealt with in 2011, for which rapporteurs have not yet been appointed

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR*
COM(2008) 610	Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of directive 2003/86/EC on the right to family reunification ²⁸	Non-legislative proposals	TBC
COM(2010) 629 final	Green Paper on EU development policy in support of inclusive growth and sustainable development - Increasing the impact of EU development policy	Non-legislative proposal	May or June 2011
COM(2010) 634 final	Communication on the consolidation of EU-Africa relations - 1.5 billion people, 80 countries, two continents, one future	Non-legislative proposal	May or June 2011

²⁸ To be dealt with in conjunction with the forthcoming Green Paper on Family Reunification.

APPENDIX II

Indicative list of the principal legislative and non-legislative proposals corresponding to the political priorities of the CIVEX Commission for 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the European Commission
<i>Area of freedom, security and justice</i>			
<i>Immigration & Asylum</i>			
Commission Work Programme 2011	Communication on an EU agenda for integration of third-country nationals, including the development of a coordination mechanism	Non-legislative	1st semester 2011
<i>Justice</i>			
Commission Work Programme 2011	Legal Instrument on European Contract Law	Legislative	4th quarter 2011
<i>Corruption, Organised crime, Security & Police Cooperation</i>			
Commission Work Programme 2011	Directive on the Rights and Support to victims of crime	Legislative	2nd quarter 2011
Commission Work Programme 2011	Communication on a comprehensive policy against corruption	Non-legislative	2nd quarter 2011
Commission Work Programme 2011	Proposal for a new legal framework on the confiscation and recovery of criminal assets	Legislative	2nd quarter 2011
<i>Fundamental rights & Citizenship</i>			
Commission Work Programme 2011	A new comprehensive legal framework for the protection of personal data in the EU	Legislative	2nd quarter 2011

<i>Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy</i>			
Commission Work Programme 2011	Annual European Neighbourhood Policy package	Non-legislative	1st quarter 2011
Commission Work Programme 2011	Enlargement package 2011	Non-legislative	4th quarter 2011

3.2.6 Commission for Natural Resources (NAT)

APPENDIX I

List of documents allocated to the NAT Commission which will be dealt with in 2011

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
<i>Common Agricultural Policy and rural development</i>			
Letter from Commissioner Ciolos of 9 June 2010	Outlook opinion on <i>Local food systems</i>	Non-legislative document	January 2011
COM(2010) 486 final	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 1234/2007, as regards distribution of food products to the most deprived persons in the Union	Legislative proposal	January 2011
COM(2010) 672 final	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions – The CAP towards 2020: Meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges	Non-legislative document	May 2011

	of the future		
COM(2010) 733 final	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the council on agricultural product quality schemes	Legislative proposal	May 2011
COM(2010) 728 final	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (single CMO Regulation) as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector and the report to the Council and the European Parliament regarding the evolution of the dairy market situation and the consequent conditions for smoothly phasing out the milk quota system	Legislative proposal	May 2011
<i>Public health</i>			
COM(2010) 380 final and COM(2010) 375 final	New policy for GMO cultivation	Legislative	January 2011
<i>Maritime affairs and fisheries</i>			
COM(2010) 461 final and COM(2010) 494	Integrated Maritime Policy	Legislative and Non-legislative	January 2011

<i>Civil protection</i>			
COM(2010)600 final	Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance	Non-legislative	May 2011
2010/ENV/006*	Revisions to Directive on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso II Directive)	Legislative	May 2011
<i>Tourism</i>			
COM(2010) 352 final	New political framework for tourism in Europe	Non-legislative	January 2011

* Subject to the content of the proposal, it might be dealt with by the ENVE Commission.

APPENDIX II

List of the principal legislative proposals and non-legislative documents corresponding to the political priorities of the NAT Commission for 2011*

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
<i>Common Agricultural Policy and rural development</i>			
Ref. COM doc.	Legislative proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy After 2013	Legislative proposal	End of 2010
<i>Public health and consumer protection</i>			
Ref. COM doc.	Follow-up to the consultation on Collective Redress	Non-Legislative	4th quarter 2011
Ref. COM doc.	Proposal for a revision of the Decision on communicable diseases combined with an initiative on prevention and control of other serious cross border health threats at EU level (Health Security in the European Union)	Legislative	End of 2011
Ref. COM doc.	Communication on Consumer Policy Strategy (2014-2020)	Non-legislative	End of 2011
<i>Maritime affairs and fisheries</i>			
Ref. COM doc.	Legislative proposals on the Common Fisheries Policy	Legislative proposal	End of 2011
Ref. COM doc.	Legislative proposal on a fund for the support of the CFP, aquaculture and IMP	Legislative proposal	End of 2011
Ref. COM doc	Legislative proposal	Legislative	End of

* This list is indicative and subject to change.

	on Maritime Spatial Planning	proposal	2011
<i>Civil protection</i>			
Ref. COM doc	Proposal to renew Civil Protection Legislation	Legislative	End of 2011

3.3 List of all Impact Assessments done by the EC in 2010/11 with the corresponding CoR Commission

Agriculture and Rural Development

Package: Proposal for a Regulation on agricultural product quality schemes:	
1) Traditional Specialities Guaranteed	NAT
2) Geographical Indications	NAT

Climate Action

Commission Regulation on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community	ENVE
Commission Decision of 3.11.2010 laying down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO ₂ as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council	ENVE

Competition

Commission Regulation on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of research and development agreements	ECOS
Commission Regulation on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of specialisation agreements	ECOS
Communication from the Commission - Guidelines on the applicability of Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to horizontal co-operation agreements	ECOS
Proposal for a Council Regulation on State aid to facilitate the closure of uncompetitive coal mines	ECOS
Commission Regulation on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to categories of vertical agreements and concerted practices	ECOS
Commission Notice – Guidelines on Vertical Restraints	ECOS
Commission Regulation on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of agreements, decisions and concerted practices in the insurance sector	ECOS

Communication from the Commission on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of agreements, decisions and concerted practices in the insurance sector	ECOS
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Economic and Financial Affairs

Proposal for a Regulation on the professional cross border transportation of euro cash by road between euro-area Member States	ECOS
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Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

Proposal for a Recommendation: Youth on the move – promoting the learning mobility of young people	EDUC
Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Union action for the European Heritage Label	EDUC
Proposal for a Recommendation on policies to reduce early school leaving	EDUC
Communication: Developing the European Dimension in Sport	EDUC

Energy

Proposal for a Regulation on energy market integrity and transparency	ENVE
Communication – Energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond – A Blueprint for an integrated European energy network	ENVE
Commission Regulation implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household washing machines	ENVE
Commission Regulation implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household dishwashers	ENVE
Commission Decision amending Chapter 3 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission network	ENVE
Proposal for a Directive on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste	ENVE
Commission Regulation on laying down guidelines relating to the inter-transmission system operator compensation mechanism and a common regulatory approach to transmission charging	ENVE
Commission Regulation on laying down guidelines relating to inter-transmission system operator compensation and a common regulatory approach to transmission charging	ENVE
Report on sustainability requirements for the use of solid and gaseous biomass sources in electricity, heating and cooling	ENVE

Enterprise and Industry

Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 as regards the use of phosphates and other phosphorous compounds in household laundry detergents	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2000/25/EC as regards the provisions for tractors placed on the market under the flexibility scheme	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation (EU) No .../2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the approval of agricultural or forestry vehicles	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 97/68/EC as regards the provisions for engines placed on the market under the flexibility scheme	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2000/25/EC as regards the application of emission stages to narrow-track tractors	ECOS

Environment

Proposal for a Directive on control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances	ENVE
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Home Affairs

Proposal for a Directive on attacks against information systems and repealing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA	CIVEX
Proposal for a Regulation on the marketing and use of explosives precursors	CIVEX
Proposal for a Directive on conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer	CIVEX
Proposal for a Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment	CIVEX
Proposal for a Directive on the use of Passenger Name Record data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime	CIVEX

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

Communication - Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance	CIVEX
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Information Society and Media

Proposal for a Regulation concerning the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)	EDUC
Proposal for a Decision establishing the first radio spectrum policy programme	EDUC
Commission Recommendation of 20.9.2010 on regulated access to Next Generation Access Networks (NGA)	EDUC

Internal Market and Services

Proposal for a Regulation establishing technical requirements for credit transfers and direct debits in euros and amending Regulation (EC) No 924/2009	ECOS
Communication: Reinforcing sanctioning regimes in the financial services sector	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation on Short Selling and certain aspects of Credit Default Swaps	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending Directives 98/78/EC, 2002/87/EC and 2006/48/EC as regards the supplementary supervision of financial entities in a financial conglomerate	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive on Deposit Guarantee Schemes (recast)	ECOS
White Paper on Insurance Guarantee Schemes	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on investor-compensation schemes	ECOS

Commission Regulation implementing Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the form and content of the standard notification letter and UCITS attestation , the use of electronic communication between competent authorities for the purpose of notification, and procedures for on-the-spot verifications and investigations and the exchange of information between competent authorities	ECOS
Proposal for a Council Regulation on the translation arrangements for the European Union patent	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation on amending Regulation (EC) 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies	ECOS

Justice, Freedom and Security

Proposal for a Regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Recast)	CIVEX
Proposal for a Directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings	CIVEX
Proposal for a Regulation implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Firearms Protocol and establishing export authorisation, import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition	CIVEX
Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX)	CIVEX

Maritime affairs and fisheries

Communication: MARINE KNOWLEDGE 2020 - marine data and observation for smart and sustainable growth	NAT
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Mobility and Transport

Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency	COTER
Proposal for a Directive establishing a single European railway area (recast)	COTER
Communication - Action Plan on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Applications	COTER

Regional Policy

Communication: European Union Strategy for Danube Region	COTER
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3.4 List of all Impact Assessments planned by the EC for 2011 with the corresponding CoR Commission

Agriculture and Rural Development

No IA report planned so far

Climate Action

Communication on a Low carbon economy 2050 roadmap	ENVE
Measures to include maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment if no international rules agreed	ENVE
Revision of the EU GHG Monitoring Decision (Proposal for amendment of Decision 280/2004/EC concerning a mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol)	ENVE

Communication

No IA report planned so far

Competition

Review of the State aid rules applicable to the services of general economic interest (SGEI)	ECOS
Review of framework on state aid to shipbuilding	ECOS
Commission Communication on quantification of harm in antitrust damages actions	ECOS
Communication from the Commission: Guidelines on certain State Aid Measures in the context of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Allowance Trading Scheme (ETS)	ECOS

Development

Initiative to modernise EU development policy	CIVEX
Proposal for Council Decision replacing Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ("Overseas Association Decision")	CIVEX

Economic and Financial Affairs

No IA report planned so far

Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

Recommendation on the promotion and validation of non-formal and informal learning	EDUC
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Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

New legislative initiative for Posting of Workers	ECOS
Review of the Working Time Directive	ECOS
White Paper on pensions	ECOS
Proposal to amend several labour law EC Directives with a view to including seafaring workers or vessels within their scope	ECOS
Legislative initiative to improve the health of workers by preventing the exposure at the workplace of workers to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)	ECOS
Revision of Directive 2003/72/EC of 22 July 2003 supplementing the Statute for a European Cooperative Society with regard to the involvement of employees	ECOS
Reconciliation between work, family and private life (2011)	ECOS
Revision of Council Directive 2001/86/EC supplementing the Statute for a European Cooperative Society with regard to the involvement of employees	ECOS
Review of the Directive on equal pay	ECOS

Energy

Directive on energy efficiency and savings	ENVE
Energy roadmap 2050	ENVE
European Energy Efficiency Plan until 2020	ENVE
Initiative to support the implementation of Smart Grids	ENVE
Regulation on reporting of intra-Community transfers of nuclear items	ENVE
Council Directive 96/29/Euratom - recast of basic safety standards in the field of protection from ionizing radiation	ENVE
Proposal to amend Annex of Gas Regulation on congestion management	ENVE
Implementing measures to further improve market functioning, in particular network codes and guidelines	ENVE
Follow-up to Communication on offshore oil and gas safety	ENVE
Electricity used by electric vehicles	ENVE

Enterprise and Industry

Communication on a more integrated European Standardisation System and legislative proposal on standardisation, covering inter alia the ICT sector	ECOS
Registration of motor vehicles previously registered in another Member State	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive amending framework directive 2007/46/EC on the type-approval of motor vehicles (introducing market surveillance provisions of the new legislative framework on the marketing of products)	ECOS

Review of Council Directive 89/105/EEC relating to the transparency of measures regulating the pricing of medicinal products for human use and their inclusion in the scope of national health insurance systems	ECOS
Proposal for a Regulation relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles	ECOS
Directive 89/686/EC on personal protective equipment (PPE Directive)	ECOS
Directive 2000/9/EC relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons	ECOS
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 97/68/EC on emissions of gaseous and particulate pollutants from engines in non-road mobile machinery	ECOS
Communication “Industrial Policy for the Security Industry”	ECOS

Environment

Review of the list of priority substances under the Water Framework Directive	ENVE
Review of a cadmium ban for batteries and accumulators used in cordless power tools	ENVE
Reinforcement of existing legislation relating to oil spills from oilrigs	ENVE

European Anti-Fraud Office

No IA report planned so far

Health and Consumers

Legislative proposal on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the EU	NAT
Proposal for a revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale	NAT
Proposal for a New Single Regulatory Framework for Animal Health (so-called Animal Health Law)	NAT
Review of Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001 on general product safety (GPSD)	NAT
Review of the rules on the financing of official controls ("inspection fees") - Articles 26 to 29 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004	NAT
Communication concerning the Second EU strategy for the protection and welfare of animals (2011-2015)	NAT
EU Plant Health Law ("New plant health strategy")	NAT
Medicated feed: modernisation of the rules on how authorised veterinary medicinal products can be incorporated into feed, on their marketing and use	NAT

1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning medical devices and repealing Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC (recast);	NAT
2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning in vitro diagnostic medical devices and repealing Directive 98/79/EC (recast)	
Commission's long-term EU strategy against <i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i> (Western Corn Rootworm), a regulated harmful organism of maize	NAT
Commission Regulation laying down detailed rules on a salmonella food safety criterion in fresh poultry meat	NAT

Home Affairs

Smart borders initiative: Legislative proposal to set up a Registered Traveller Programme (RTP)	CIVEX
Legislative proposal to set up an Entry/Exit System (EES)	CIVEX
Communication on a comprehensive policy against corruption	CIVEX
Proposal for a new legal framework on the confiscation and recovery of criminal assets in the European Union	CIVEX
Communication on the possibility of introducing an EU ESTA	CIVEX
Directive on the use of Passenger Name Records for law enforcement purposes (European PNR)	CIVEX
Regulation on administrative measures with regard to capital movements and payments, by natural or legal persons, groups or non-State entities to fight terrorism within the EU	CIVEX
European Terrorist Financing Tracking Programme (European TFTP)	CIVEX
Proposal for a review of the Directive 2006/24/EC (Data Retention)	CIVEX
Proposal for a review of the Directive 2006/24/EC (Data Retention)	CIVEX
Legislative proposal on the establishment of a European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR)	CIVEX
Legislative proposal on criminalisation of identity theft (included in the European strategy on identity management)	CIVEX
Communication on enhanced intra-EU solidarity	CIVEX

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

Revision of Council Regulation 1257/96 concerning humanitarian aid	CIVEX
Proposals to renew Civil Protection Legislation – Community Civil Protection Mechanism (Council Decision 2007/779/EC) and Community Civil Protection Financial Instrument (Council Decision 2007/162/EC)	CIVEX
Proposal for a Regulation for the setting-up of a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps (EVHAC)	CIVEX

Information Society and Media

Communication on the Collective Use of Spectrum	EDUC
IT security standards in public procurement	EDUC
Recommendation on eCall	EDUC
Web accessibility action	EDUC
Review of Directive on re-use of public sector information 2003/98/EC (PSI Directive)	EDUC
Communication on Privacy and Trust in digital Europe: ensuring citizen's confidence in new services	EDUC
Report on the outcome of the review of the functioning of the Roaming Regulation (EC) No 717/2007; and amending Directive 2002/21/EC	EDUC
High performance computing: Europe's place in a global race	EDUC
Revision of the electronic signature directive 1999/93/EC	EDUC
eHealth Action Plan – make eHealth real – for patients, professionals and the economy	EDUC
Recommendation on cost methodologies for key access products	EDUC
Recommendation on non-discrimination remedies including functional separation	EDUC

Internal Market and Services

Amendment to the Regulation on Credit Rating Agencies	ECOS
Review of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID)	ECOS
Directive on responsible lending and borrowing	ECOS
Amendments of Capital Requirements Directives (CRD IV)	ECOS
Revision of the Market Abuse Directive	ECOS
Regulation on access to basic banking services	ECOS
Legislative initiative on a framework for bank crisis management and resolution	ECOS
Framework directive on collective rights management for use of music online	ECOS
Securities Law Directive	ECOS
Review of Directive concerning Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP)	ECOS
Regulation on Central Securities Depositories	ECOS
Follow-up to the Green Paper on Corporate Governance in Financial institutions	ECOS
Modernisation of EU public procurement rules	ECOS
A legislative proposal for European foundations	ECOS
Directive on Insurance Guarantee Schemes	ECOS
EU framework for the approximation of sanctioning regimes in the financial sector	ECOS

Initiative on Concessions	ECOS
EU Framework for the approximation of sanctioning regime in the financial sector	ECOS
Effectiveness of Pre-Contractual Disclosures and Sales Rules for Packaged Retail Investment Products (PRIPs)	ECOS
Amendment of the UCITS Directive as regards rules on UCITS depositaries and remuneration policies	ECOS
Communication and Report on the results of the implementation of the Services Directive	ECOS
Social Business Initiative	ECOS
Review of the accounting directives	ECOS
Communication on unfair practices in business-to-business relationships	ECOS
Revision of the Community Trade Mark Regulation and of the Directive approximating national trade mark laws	ECOS
Review of the Insurance Mediation Directive (IMD)	ECOS
Proposal for a review of the Directive on the enforcement of intellectual property rights (Directive 2004/48/EC)	ECOS
Regulation to entrust the tasks of the European Observatory on Counterfeiting and Piracy to the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM)	ECOS
Close-out netting initiative	ECOS
Modernisation of the Directive on Transparency Obligations of listed companies	ECOS
Communication and Impact Assessment on financial reporting by multinational companies on a country-by-country basis	ECOS
Regulation on administrative cooperation through the internal market information system (IMI)	ECOS
Action Plan on improving access to capital markets for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	ECOS
Guidelines on the non-discrimination of service recipients under art. 20 of the Services Directive	ECOS

Justice

Directive on rights of and support to victims of crime	CIVEX
Legislative instrument on European contract law.	CIVEX
A new comprehensive legal framework for the protection of personal data in the EU	CIVEX
Regulation on cross-border debt recovery	CIVEX
Legislative proposal on Communication with Relatives, Employers and Consular Authorities in Criminal Procedures	CIVEX

Proposal for a Regulation on the conflicts of laws in matters concerning matrimonial property rights, including the question of jurisdiction and mutual recognition, and for Regulation on the property consequences of the separation of couples from other types of unions	CIVEX
Revision of the Council Directive 90/314/EEC on Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours	CIVEX
Improving financial compensation of consular protection in crisis situations	CIVEX
Legislative proposal amending Decision 1995/553/EC on implementing the right to consular protection	CIVEX
Revision of the Framework Decision on financial penalties	CIVEX
Proposal for a Directive on access to a lawyer in criminal procedures	CIVEX

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Proposal for a legislative action of the European Parliament and Council setting a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning (2011/MARE/017)	NAT
Revision of the Deep Sea Regulation 2347/2002 (AP no. 2008/MARE/025)	NAT

Mobility and Transport

Transport White Paper	COTER
Airports package: Airport capacity assessment and inventory	COTER
Airports package: Revision of the Slot Regulation	COTER
Airports package: Revision of the Groundhandling Directive	COTER
Airports package: Aviation Noise Directive	COTER
Communication regarding a Social Agenda for Maritime Transport	COTER
Proposal on security scanners Adding security scanners to the list of allowed security methods for screening passengers at EU airports and setting technical standards and operational conditions for their use Amendments to Commission Regulation (EC) 272/2009 (PRAC), Commission Regulation (EU) 185/2010 and Commission Decision 2010/774/EU	COTER
Communication and legislative proposal on rail market access	COTER
Revision of EU Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues	COTER
e-Mobility package: European deployment of Telematics Applications for Passenger services of the trans-European rail system	COTER

Research

European Strategy and Action plan towards a sustainable bio-based economy by 2020	EDUC
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Framework Directive on the European Research Area	EDUC
European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership II	EDUC

Taxation and Customs Union

Communication on the future VAT strategy	ECOS
Legislative proposal for a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB).	ECOS
Initiative on cross border inheritance taxes	ECOS

Trade

Proposal for a EP/Council Regulation applying the scheme of the Generalised System of Preference (GSP) from 1 January 2014	ECOS
Recommendations from the Commission for new negotiating directive(s) regarding investment for countries identified in the commission communication	ECOS

3.5 Revised version of the Cooperation Agreement – continuous text

PREAMBLE

The European Commission and the Committee of the Regions consider that it is in their joint interest to step up their institutional relations through implementation of this protocol, which replaces that of 21 September 2001.

This cooperation provides for the Committee to play a more proactive role before action is taken at Community level; for more attention to be paid to economic, social and territorial cohesion; and for dialogue to be stepped up with local authorities.

Together, the Commission and the Committee shall work towards accomplishing the following tasks:

- strengthening the Committee's consultative role by better work planning and more effective and more political follow-up, especially in the fields of the assessment of territorial impacts of Community policies;
- facilitating the structured dialogue with local authorities and their associations;
- ensuring better implementation of the subsidiarity principle;
- supporting the Union's external action by organising and developing dialogue with local authorities in third countries;
- building on communication synergies in order to bring Europe closer to the people.

To ensure effective cooperation between the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions, both institutions monitor the implementation and the results of the cooperation and review achievements. Each institution nominates a representative to fulfil this function.

I. INTERINSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS

1. The President of the Commission or the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee shall, each year, present the salient points of the Commission's annual work programme to the Plenary Assembly. The Committee shall take into account the priorities and deadlines of the

Commission when deciding on its annual political priorities and organising its own work.

2. The members of the Commission shall be invited by the President of the Committee to take part in the Committee's work, particularly plenary sessions, as well as in special activities organised by joint agreement. For their part, members of the Committee may be invited to participate in events of common interest organised by the Commission at the different territorial levels. Especially the participation of the Committee in the preparatory activities related to impact assessment shall be enforced. As a general rule, the two parties shall inform each other in good time of events for which they are responsible, so that the people concerned can take part.

3. A meeting between the President of the Committee and the President of the Commission or the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee shall be organised once a year when the annual work programme is presented, in order to assess the application of this cooperation protocol, inter alia in relation to the impact of the Committee's opinions. The purpose of this meeting shall be to determine – on the basis of the Commission's annual work programme and the Committee's priorities, based on an assessment of the follow-up to and political impact of the Committee's opinions – certain priority topics on which political cooperation between the Commission and the Committee could be stepped up. These topics should preferably be of a cross-cutting nature and genuinely be at the top of the European agenda. The meeting between the two Presidents shall be prepared by a meeting of the Secretaries-General.

4. The Commission and the Committee hereby agree to step up their cooperation with a view to improving the synergies between the activities undertaken by their respective services, notably in the context of economic, social and territorial cohesion, and in particular in the implementation of cross-border, interregional and transnational cooperation.

5. In order to improve the quality of legislation, and to promote simplicity, clarity and transparency in the legislative process, the Commission for its part shall support the principle that the Committee should take part in the interinstitutional coordination groups.

II. CONSULTATIVE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

6. On the basis of the Commission's annual work programme, the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee shall forward to the Committee a list of proposals for mandatory consultation, along with proposals for possible

optional consultation. This list shall also include documents of a non-legislative nature on which the Commission intends to request the Committee's opinion.

The Commission and the Committee agree on the need to be more selective in order to help strengthen the impact of the Committee's opinions and the effectiveness of joint efforts.

To make it easier for the Committee to perform its consultative duties, the Commission and the Committee shall do their utmost to exchange any necessary documentation and information as speedily as possible.

The Committee shall also monitor upcoming proposals for Impact Assessments on a regular basis and decide for which dossiers it intends to provide a substantial contribution, especially through conducting a separate IA by a consultation of LRAs. A list of potential dossiers shall be shared with the Commission highlighting which are seen as priorities with the Committee and where it would propose substantial input into the Impact Assessment process by 31 January each year.

To facilitate a procedure like this the timelines for these dossiers shall be harmonised. The agreement on these priorities and the timelines is on the agenda of the annual working meeting, according to the Cooperation Agreement section II.14, and is monitored by the representatives appointed by both institutions.

7. Optional consultation shall be motivated by at least one of the following criteria:

- the issue concerned relates to the regulatory or executive remits of the devolved authorities: regional, local or intermediate;
- the projected Community legislation or the national measures that will have to be adopted for the purposes of its implementation are likely to have a direct impact on the operation of the regional or local administration;
- the Community measure concerned is likely to have an impact on economic, social and territorial cohesion;
- the projected measures relate to informing the European public and raising their awareness of European Union policies.

8. The Commission advocates a more proactive role for the Committee before action is taken at Community level, based on outlook opinions on future Community policies in areas where the Committee has appropriate local information resources.

The Committee shall be notified of such consultation by the President of the Commission or the Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee.

Requests for outlook opinions shall be accompanied by a specific mandate, appropriate deadlines and a coherent framework of actions to be drawn up by mutual agreement.

By the same token and in the context of its annual programme, the Commission can ask the Committee to take part (a): in studies looking at the impact of certain proposals on local and regional authorities, and (b): in exceptional cases after action has been taken, in impact reports on certain Directives from a local and regional perspective.

The Annual Policy Strategy (APS), supplemented periodically by the Rolling Programme, is the key tool for identifying issues relevant to this type of consultation.

When there is a consultation of local and regional authorities by the Committee, this shall cover the entire process of preparing an Impact Assessment, from the initial collection of information to the assessment of policy options. This consultation may be organised through the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network and the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platforms.

The Committee summarises the results of the consultation procedure and feeds those into the Impact Assessment prepared by the Commission. The monitoring representative appointed by both institutions (see Preamble) examines to what extent the results are integrated in the final report.

9. In cases agreed according to section I.1 of this Cooperation Agreement the Commission invites the Committee to present the outcome of its consultation and data collection to the Impact Assessment Steering Group.

10. The Commission and the Committee recognise the importance of follow-up to Committee opinions, in particular outlook opinions and opinions which the Commission and the Committee have agreed to be of particular political importance. To enable the Committee to prepare regular impact assessment reports of its work, the Commission shall provide it twice a year with substantive replies, setting out the reasons why the comments contained in the opinion have or have not been taken into account, if this proves necessary.

When the Committee formally recommends amendments to a Commission proposal, the Commission shall refer to the recommendations if it amends its proposals.

11. The Committee of the Regions shall endeavour to improve the drafting quality of its opinions so that they present clearly and precisely its political position and the recommended amendments to the texts referred. In order to make its opinions more readable, the Committee shall endeavour to highlight more clearly the specific changes it wishes to be made in Commission legislative proposals by the adoption of specific amendments to Commission texts. The Committee shall also include a policy summary when each opinion is drawn up.

12. The Committee shall notify the Commission's secretariat-general as swiftly as possible of any items in CoR commission and plenary session minutes whose content is of specific interest to the Commission.

13. The Commission officials responsible for work on issues which the Committee is examining shall participate as far as possible in meetings to which they are invited so as to set out the Commission's proposals and take note of the positions expressed by the members of the Committee.

14. A working meeting shall be organised once a year, at the initiative of the Commission's secretariat-general, in conjunction with the Committee secretariat, in order to review medium-term Commission initiatives on which the Committee could provide a substantial contribution.

III. THE PARTICULAR ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

15. An intermediary for local authorities

The Commission recognises the special role played by the Committee as a link between the institutions of the Union and local and regional authorities.

Together with the Commission, the Committee shall develop a genuine strategy for consulting local stakeholders, respecting the prerogatives of each and in accordance with a consultation process starting at the earliest possible stage. On this basis the Committee shall organise a territorial dialogue under the new governance cycle of the Lisbon strategy, with a view to the spring meeting of the European Council.

Under the good governance principle the Committee must play to the full its role as a link in the dialogue with local authority organisations. The Commission

shall ensure that the Committee is fully involved in the political preparation of jointly organised meetings.

An annual structured dialogue meeting shall be held at a plenary session of the Committee, attended by the President of the Commission or its Vice-President responsible for relations with the Committee, in order to examine the work programme of the Commission. Other, more specific, structured dialogue sessions will be held at meetings of the relevant Committee commissions as required.

16. Implementation of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles

The CoR shall pay particular attention to compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, taking into account provisions in force and changes envisaged.

Its work shall evolve as part of a collaborative effort with the Commission to create a subsidiarity culture based on a blueprint for "multi-level governance" where decisions are taken at the closest level to the citizen by the most appropriate means and where they can most effectively achieve their objective.

On the basis of existing provisions and mindful of the political commitment to strengthen application of the subsidiarity principle when drafting European legislation, the Commission and the Committee agree to identify the priority areas requiring specific monitoring of subsidiarity and proportionality.

17. The Impact Assessment Guidelines shall be reviewed on annual regular basis by the monitoring representative appointed by both institutions (see Preamble). The purpose of such a review is to improve the consideration of impacts on territories and local/regional authorities as well as a better specification of the subsidiarity principle. The explicit reference to local/regional authorities and territorial impacts shall be ensured.

Regarding the application of the guidelines the monitoring individual shall analyse the IA reports concerning:

- the format and wording of the report
- figures concerning costs and burdens for the national, regional and local level
- the transparency of the used data sources and the consultation procedure used for elaborating the report
- the quality of the proposed policy options

- the specification of impacts on territories and local/regional authorities

Regarding the specification of the subsidiarity principle the guidelines shall be reviewed concerning:

- adequate reference to the level affected by the policy options
- reference to the key role local/regional authorities play in the policy cycle
- mentions of the fact who is affected in what way
- taking into account the diversity between regions in Europe

The results of analysing the Impact Assessment reports under these points of view shall be fed into the ongoing review of the Impact Assessment Guidelines. The proposal for the annual adaption of the guidelines is to be discussed in the annual working meeting according to the Cooperation Agreement, section II.14. 18. External dimension of the EU.

The Committee shall continue activities, particularly at the request of the Commission, in those spheres of external EU action where local and regional authorities have recognised powers both at an institutional level and on the ground. Cooperation with the Commission, in particular, will concentrate on areas where the Committee has been shown to contribute effectively to EU policy, e.g.:

- a) supporting the enlargement process and participating in pre-accession policy;
- b) supporting the neighbourhood policy;
- c) promoting local and regional democracy in third countries, in particular the candidate countries and neighbouring countries;
- d) developing and promoting decentralised cooperation;
- e) cross-border cooperation.

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