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European Governance: for subsidiarity and cooperation in an enlarged Europe

Mrs Liese Prokop, the new AER President, declared in her opening speech for her mandate that the acceptance of enlargement, the application of subsidiarity at European level aiming at increased involvement of the populations of the Regions in Europe and the development of interregional cooperation will be the three main lines for her activities within the Assembly of European Regions in the coming two years.

The AER member Regions met at their General Assembly in Seinäjoki, at the same moment in time as the European Summit in Nice and debated, with the participation of other institutions and interregional organisations such as the Committee of the Regions (CdR), the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe (CLRAE)... the new forms of Governance in an enlarged Europe in view of the Regions of Europe's contribution to the White paper to be redacted by the European Commission.

The AER and its sister interregional organisations decided, on this occasion, to work together to reinforce the involvement of regional actors in European decision making. They approved the guidelines drawn up by the AER and the CPMR which aims at the implementation of a system of Governance in which the competences of all levels – European, national, Regional and local – would be clearly specified and the principle of subsidiarity correctly defined.

“Only by recognising the mediating role of regional authorities with the citizens and also their federal role within the territories which they represent within the European Union can the challenge of good European Governance be met and the social, economic and territorial cohesion of an enlarged Europe be maintained” declared L Prokop, AER President.

The AER is the political movement of the Regions, committed, since 1985, to the promotion of regionalism in Europe and the development of interregional cooperation.

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