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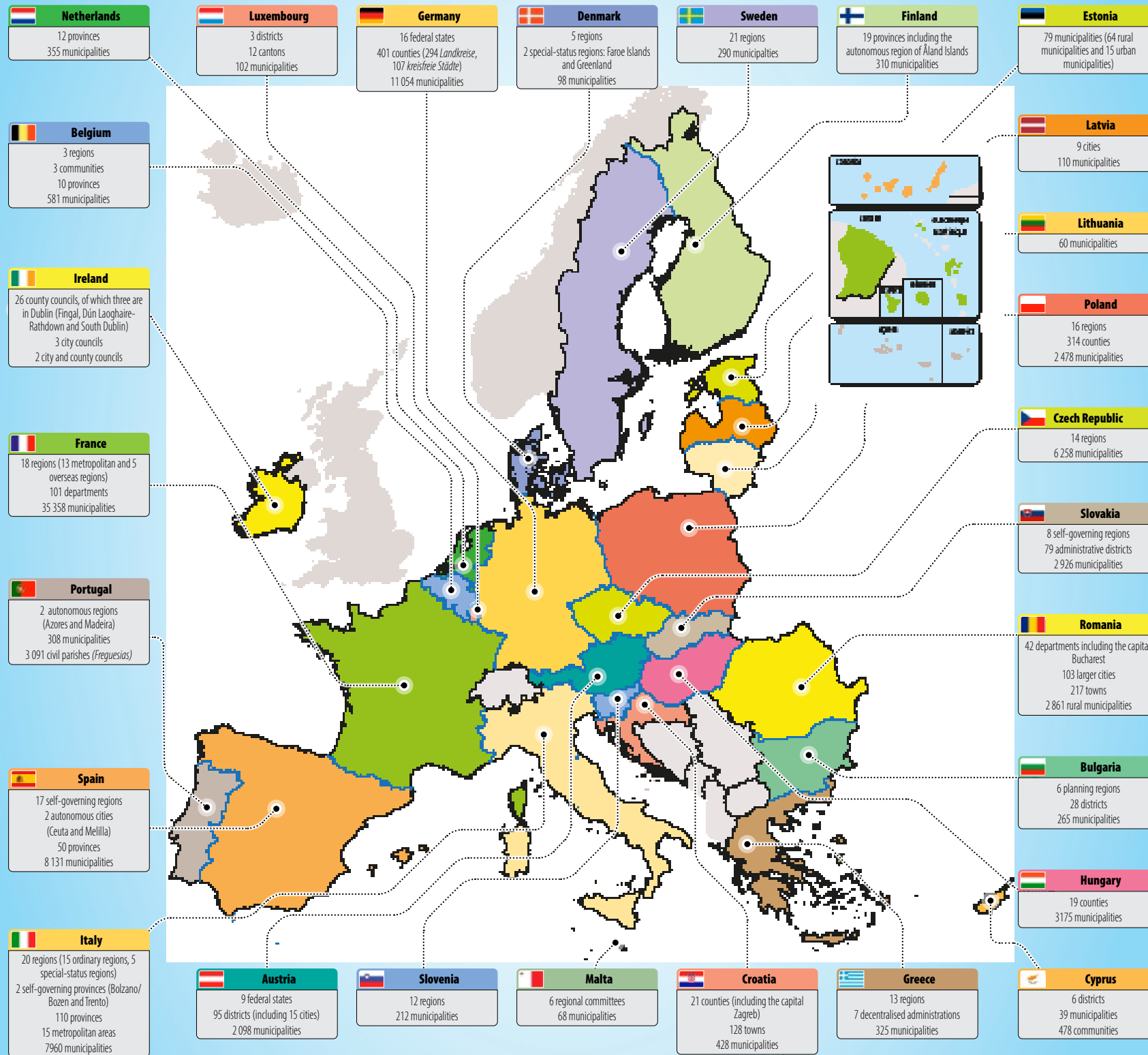
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The President

Vasco Alves Cordeiro
(Member of the Regional Government of the Azores)

Term of office: 2 and 1/2 years
• leads the CoR's work in tandem with the President.

Elected President June 2022



The First Vice-President

Apostolos Tzitzikostas
(Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia)

Term of office: 2 and 1/2 years
• leads the CoR's work
• chairs its plenary sessions
• acts as the CoR's official representative.

Elected First Vice-President June 2022



The plenary assembly

Members of the CoR meet in plenary session in Brussels to discuss and adopt opinions, reports and resolutions. MEPs, European commissioners, members of the Council and representatives of the EU presidency are invited to the plenary to discuss issues of particular concern to regions and cities.

329 members meet 5 to 6 times a year



REGHUB
Network of Regional Hubs for EU Policy Implementation Review (RegHub)

EGTC
European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

ARLEM
Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly

Young Elected Politicians programme (YEPs)

Portal of Decentralised Cooperation

Cities and Regions for Integration

Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform

9 Networks and Platforms

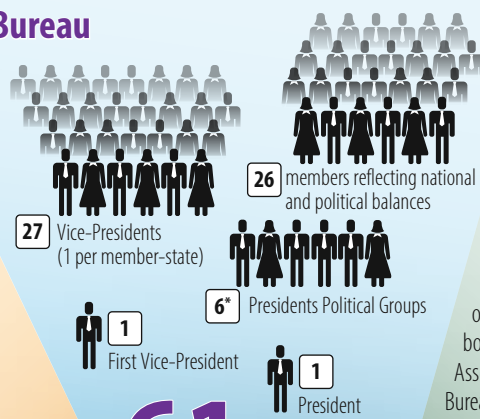
that enable regions and cities to contribute to the EU debate and to exchange experiences and good practices in specific EU policies.

The networks are designed to address issues with high stakes for regions and cities.

The CoR is also a member of the Covenant of Mayors.

Subsidiarity Monitoring Network

The Bureau



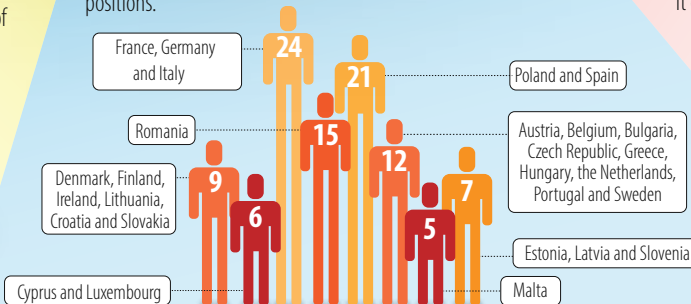
61 members
*The Greens have two co-presidents

The European Committee of the Regions is the EU's assembly of regional and local representatives.

Since 1994 its mission has been to represent and promote the interests of local and regional authorities in relation to the European decision-making process. From its Brussels headquarters the European Committee of the Regions has thus helped to ensure ever closer union of the European nations and territories with decisions being taken at the closest possible level to ordinary Europeans, in line with the subsidiarity principle.

27 National delegations

Members meet in their national delegations before plenary sessions and meetings of the political groups to discuss common positions.



members by national delegation

Conference of Presidents

The Conference of Presidents (CoP) consists of the President, the First Vice-President and the Presidents of all political groups. The CoP prepares the work and facilitates the search for political consensus on decisions to be taken by the other constitutive bodies (the Plenary Assembly, the Bureau, and the commissions).

6 Political Groups



6 specialised Commissions 100 members each

A seventh commission (**CFAA**) advises the Bureau on administrative and financial questions

The Secretary-General

Appointed for five years by the Bureau. Directs the CoR administration and is responsible for implementing Bureau decisions and the smooth running of the administration.

Petr Bližkovský was appointed Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions on 7 October 2019.

Secretariat-general

Responsible for ensuring that plenary sessions, commission meetings and other political activities of CoR members run smoothly. It also has the task of promoting the European Committee of the Regions' image and supporting its members' communication activities.

It consists of seven directorates:

Members, Plenaries, Strategy – Legislative Work 1 – Legislative Work 2 – Communication – Human Resources and Finance – Logistics* – Translation*

*(the latter two being shared with the European Economic and Social Committee).

There are also the political group secretariats and an internal audit department.

The work of the European Committee of the Regions

Opinions

Other EU institutions regularly consult the CoR when drawing up legislative texts (directives, regulations, etc.) on areas affecting local and regional authorities; it may also issue an opinion on its own initiative. After its adoption by the CoR commission, the draft opinion is discussed at the plenary session. Once it has been adopted, the opinion is sent to all the European institutions and published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Resolutions

Resolutions enable the Committee to express its view on important and topical issues. The Committee's political groups can also submit resolutions.

Outlook Opinions & Impact Reports

The CoR's work is not only to react to legislative proposals but also to provide input based on members' experience for future EU policy development. Similarly, the European Commission may ask the CoR to draw up an impact report. As the name suggests, these reports serve to evaluate the impact of a policy at local or regional level.

Promoting the Subsidiarity Principle

The Lisbon Treaty confirms the CoR's right to appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union to safeguard its prerogatives and the subsidiarity principle.

Events

As a meeting place for regions and cities, the CoR organises conferences, seminars and exhibitions in cooperation with local and regional partners and other EU institutions.

- During the European Week of Regions and Cities, the CoR has welcomed to Brussels thousands of participants who take part in lively discussions or seek partners to collaborate on joint projects.
- EuroPCom, the European Public Communication Conference, is the annual meeting point of communication experts from local, regional, national and European authorities, as well as private communication agencies, NGOs and academia.
- Every two years, the CoR holds a European Summit of Regions and Cities to discuss the main challenges facing the European Union.

Studies and other publications

The CoR produces studies on various aspects of the local and regional dimension drawn up with the help of outside experts. The CoR also produces publications for both regional and local decision-makers and the general public.

You can find further information here:



The CoR's Areas of Responsibility

The CoR is entitled to express its views on all major issues of local and regional relevance, on which the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission are required to consult it. These various issues account for two thirds of the legislative output of the European Union.