

European Parliament Resolution on the Committee of the Regions (23 April 1993)

Caption: European Parliament Resolution of 23 April 1993 on the Committee of the Regions. In its Resolution, Parliament calls for original provisions concerning the Committee of the Regions, officially created by the Treaty on European Union, to be reviewed in accordance with the tasks and powers entrusted to the newly established Committee.

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Resolution B3-0516/93

The European Parliament,

A. whereas under the Treaty on European Union it is considered essential for the regions to be involved in cohesion policy and other policies when these affect particular areas and population groups,

B. whereas the European Parliament and the regional and local authorities have repeatedly called for the creation of a Committee of the Regions consisting of elected members,

C. noting the establishment of the Committee of the Regions pursuant to Article 198a of the Treaty on European Union,

D. concerned at the opinions expressed by certain governments, who appear to consider the Committee of the Regions as an appendage to the Economic and Social Committee, and its members as seconded officials,

1. Welcomes the establishment of the Committee of the Regions, which it had called for in its resolution of 22 November 1990 on the Intergovernmental Conferences in the context of the European Parliament's strategy for European Union ⁽¹⁾, and hopes that in the interests of improved efficiency and strengthened democratic supervision of Community policies it will quickly become integrated into the Community decision-making process;
2. Considers that the Committee of the Regions must be seen as an important element with a view to greater decentralization and regionalization and more effective involvement of the regional and local authorities, thus contributing to the reduction of the current democratic deficit;
3. Considers that the Committee of the Regions must be conceived as an authoritative contributor to the process of constituting the European Union, and that its present form must not be considered as definitive: the Committee itself must be consulted on the most appropriate arrangements for improving regional and local authority representation and participation in anticipation of the review of the Treaty in 1996 and the future Constitution of the European Union;
4. Considers it essential to the success of future cohesion policy and to the indispensable participation by regional and local authorities in Community activities and the process of securing European Union for the following conditions to be satisfied in establishing the Committee of the Regions:
 - it should be guaranteed that its members, whether full members or alternates, should be elected representatives at sub-central government level and/or that they should derive direct democratic legitimacy from a regional or local assembly;
 - in those Member States with a predominantly regional structure each one of the constitutionally recognized regions should be represented in it;
 - there should be representation of regional and local authorities commensurate with the recognition they enjoy in the institutional system of the Member States;
 - the structure and operation of the Committee of the Regions should be equal to the tasks and powers entrusted to it;
 - the Committee should be allocated adequate funding and staffing, and its establishment plan and budget should be fully self-sufficient;

5. Reiterates its firm determination to establish direct standing contacts with the Committee of the Regions, in particular through its committee responsible for regional policy;
6. Calls for the opinions of the Committee to be officially forwarded to it as well, not only to the Council and Commission as laid down in Article 198c of the Treaty;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments and governments of the Member States, the Assembly of the Regions of Europe and the Council of District and Regional Authorities in Europe.

(¹) OJ No C 324, 24.12.1990, p. 219.