

WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

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**European Committee
of the Regions**

WHY A EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS ?



To give local and regional governments a say
over the drafting of EU legislation



To Bring Europe closer to its citizens
and foster a culture of subsidiarity



To give the possibility to regions & cities to **take part in a dialogue with the European institutions**



To provide a meeting place where regions & cities can **share best practices**



THE CoR TIMELINE

1993

Maastricht Treaty

creates the CoR

1994

First plenary session

in Brussels

1997

Treaty of Amsterdam

strengthens the CoR

2003

Treaty of Nice

"CoR members must hold an electoral mandate or be politically accountable"

2007

Lisbon Treaty

enhances the status and political role of the CoR



WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHEN IT COMES TO EUROPEAN ISSUES

SPECIAL EUROBAROMETER (EB 70)

50%

Of Europeans*

**consider that
LRAs are the
most-trusted
Political
institutions**

* = average EU 27

21%

Of Europeans

**consider that
LRAs are best
placed to
defend their
interests**

26%

Of Europeans

**consider that LRAs
are best placed to
explain the impact
of EU policies on
their daily life**



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CoR MEMBERS

350

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(and 350 alternates)

24



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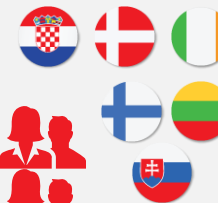
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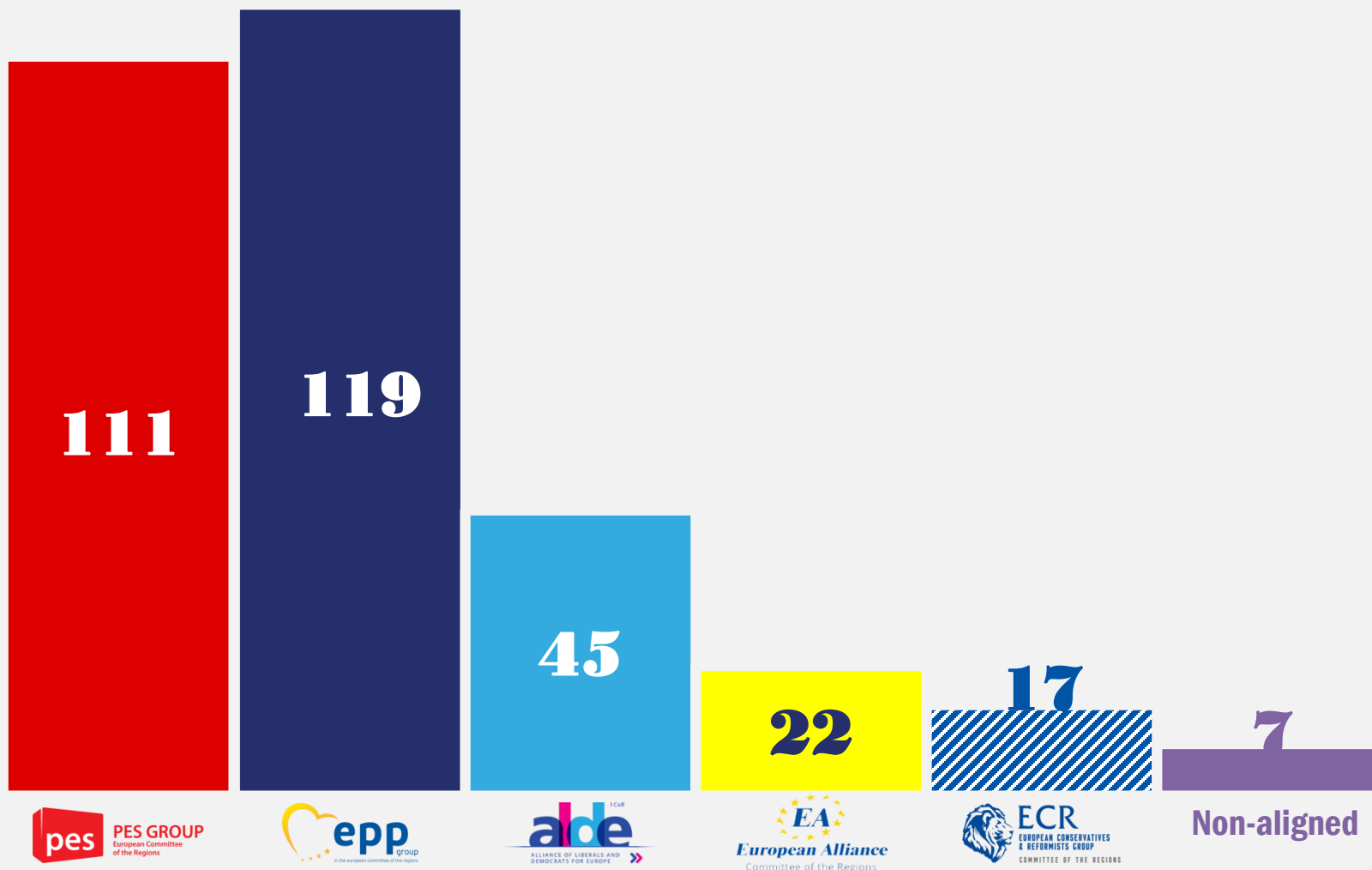
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CoR POLITICAL BALANCE



President



Karl-Heinz Lambertz

Senator and member of the German-Speaking community Parliament



1st Vice-President



Marku Markkula

Member of Espoo City Council



- > **Elected by CoR Members**
- > **2½ year term**
- > **+ 1 Vice-President by Member State**



MANDATORY CONSULTATION



Economic, social and territorial cohesion



Youth and Education



Culture



Public health



Trans-European networks



Transport



Employment



Social affairs



Environment



Vocational training



Energy



Climate change



Civil protection



Tourism



COMMISSIONS

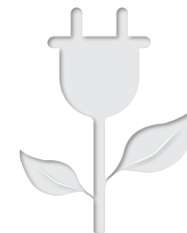
CIVEX

Citizenship, Governance,
Institutional & External Affairs



ENVE

Environment, Climate Change
and Energy



COTER

Territorial Cohesion Policy



NAT

Natural Resources



ECON

Economic Policy

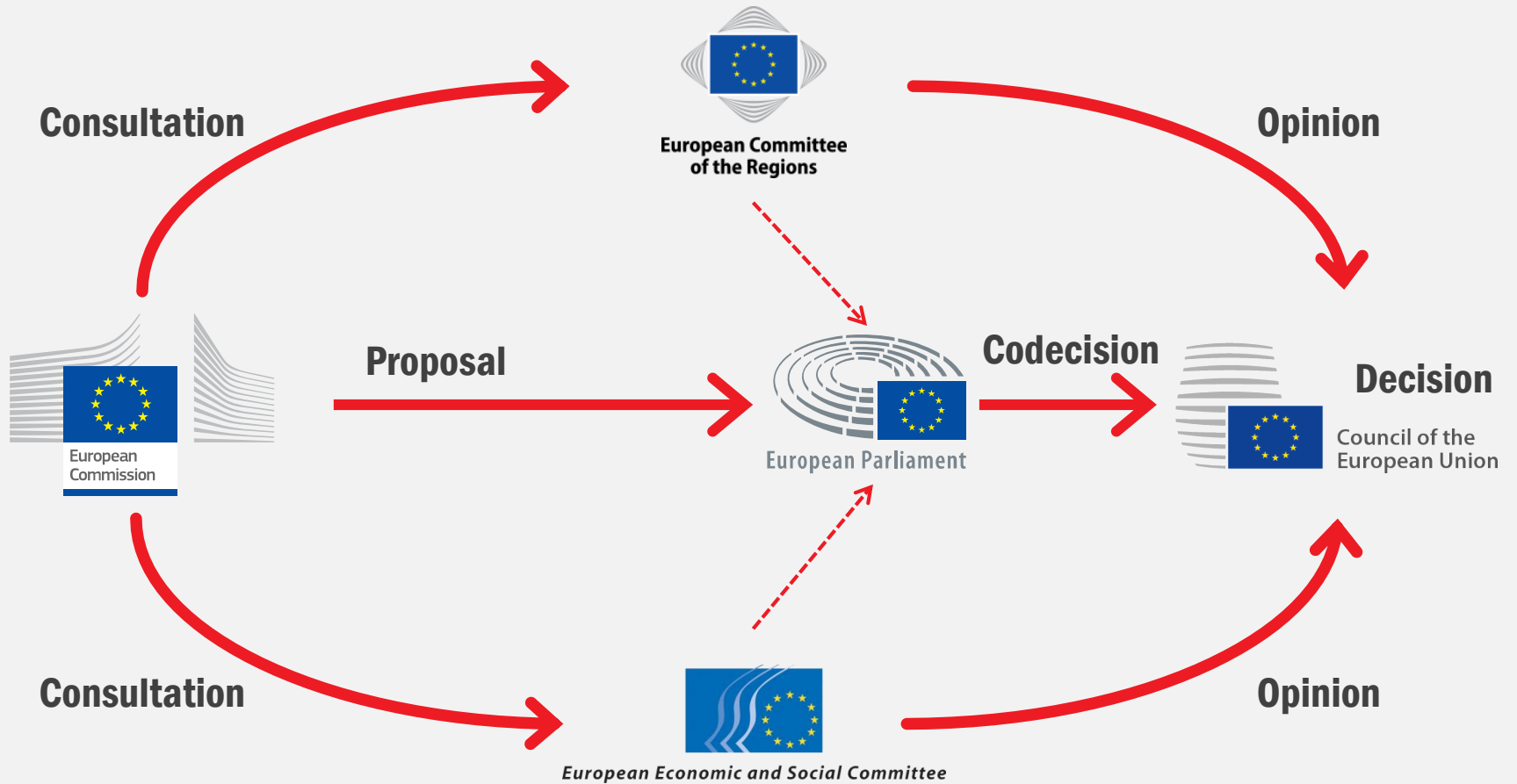


SEDEC

Social Policy, Education,
Employment, Research
and Culture



THE CoR IN THE EU DECISION MAKING



THE CoR AND THE BREXIT NEGOTIATIONS

- **CoR adopted a resolution on the ‘Implications for local and regional government of the UK’s decision to leave the EU’**
- **Territorial cooperation programmes?**
- **Budgetary impact in different policy areas?**
- **Cohesion policy, CAP, Research, Education ?**



THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

- **Established in July 2006**
- **The first European cooperation structure with a legal personality**
- **EGTCs may apply for EU funding**
- **At least 2 EU Member States**
- **EUCOR: The European Campus (Basel, Freiburg, Haute-Alsace, Strasbourg, Karlsruhe): cross-border science & research**



THE CoR AND THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY

- **Brings together local and regional authorities voluntarily committed to implementing climate & energy objectives**
- **Mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable and affordable energy**
- **Reduce CO₂ emissions by at least 40% by 2030**



THE CoR AND THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- **1st Circle: Enlargement countries: Joint Consultative Committees and Working Groups**
- **2nd Circle: Neighbourhood: ARLEM and CORLEAP**
- **3rd Circle: Decentralized Cooperation**



THANK YOU!

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