

CoR Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform

- energy focus –

“Governance regionale e coinvolgimento degli stakeholder locali”

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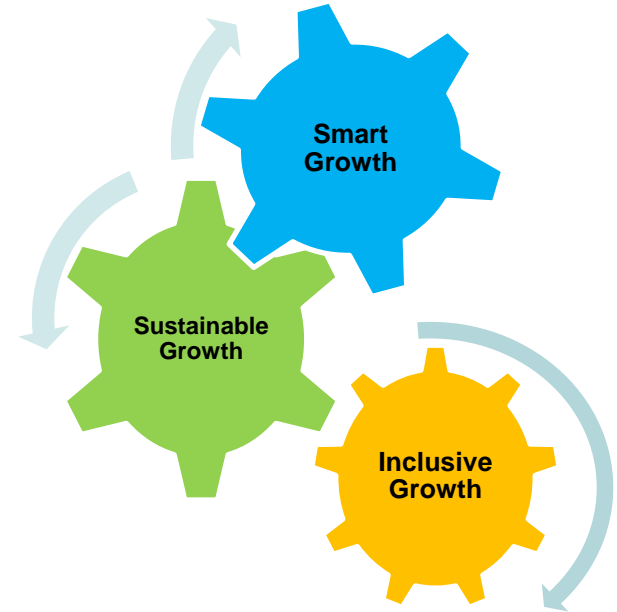


Committee of the Regions

- Created by Maastricht Treaty (1993)
- To give local and regional governments a say over the drafting of EU legislation (70% of EU laws are implemented at local/regional level)
- To bring Europe closer to its citizens and to encourage a culture of subsidiarity
- To provide a meeting place where regions and cities can share best practice and take part in a dialogue with the European institutions
- 344 members representing local and regional governments plus 344 alternates

Europe 2020 - boosting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

HEADLINE TARGETS	EMPLOYMENT	75% of 20-64 year-olds to be employed
	RESEARCH & INNOVATION	3% of EU's GDP to be invested in research and innovation
	CLIMATE CHANGE / ENERGY	20% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions 20% of energy from renewables 20% increase in energy efficiency
	EDUCATION	Reducing school drop-out rates below 10% At least 40% of 30-34 year-olds completing tertiary education
	SOCIAL INCLUSION	lifting at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty and social exclusion



7 Flagship Initiatives of Europe 2020

I. Digital agenda for Europe
II. Innovation Union
III. Youth on the move

IV. Resource efficient Europe
V. An industrial policy for the globalisation era

VI. An agenda for new skills and jobs
VII. European platform against poverty

The CoR on Europe 2020

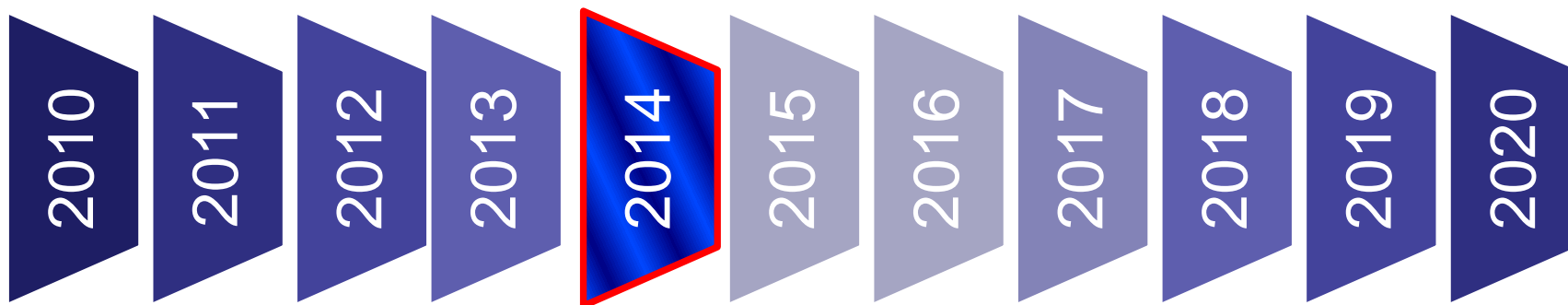
CoR welcomed Europe 2020, provided that...

- it is implemented in a flexible way, to take into account territorial differences in development levels, assets and institutional capabilities
- it involves the local and regional authorities as partners of the other levels of government



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Europe's growth strategy

Up-coming Europe 2020 review



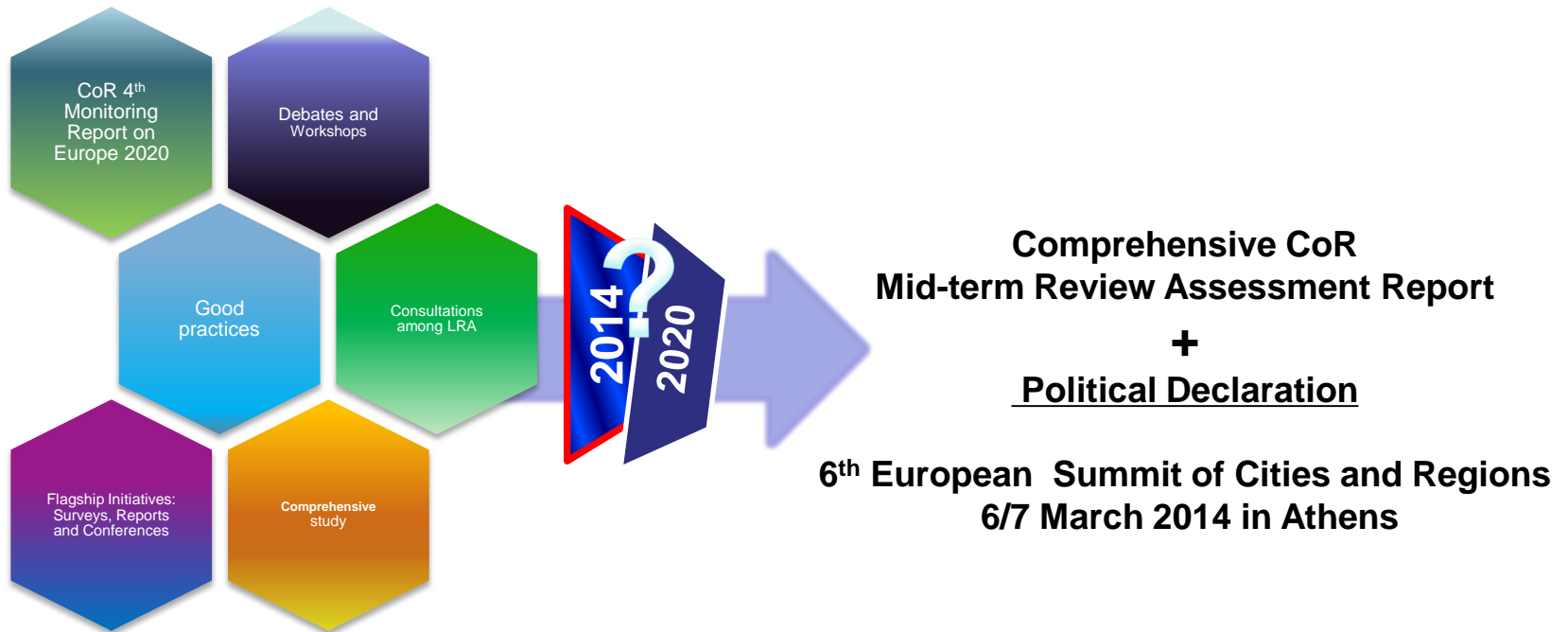
03/03/2010,
Launch of the Europe 2020 Strategy

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- CoR intends to participate at an early stage in the review of the strategy.
- CoR will contribute to the mid-term review foreseen by the Commission and the Council in 2014/2015 from a local and regional perspective taking due account of the actual division of powers between government levels.



Europe 2020 Mid-term assessment



➡ **Follow-up: at the institutional level all the relevant stakeholders will be addressed**

➤ **2014 Spring European Council (March 2014)**

- President of the European Council
- Rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU and Council administration;
- European Commission - both the present and the new College (appointment in the second part of 2014);
- European Parliament
- Permanent Representatives of the EU Member States
- European Economic and Social Committee

Towards the mid-term review of Europe 2020

*“The Europe 2020 Strategy is the most relevant policy area of the EU to overcome the financial, economic and social crisis. Preliminary results of CoR assessment of the Strategy at local level also clearly show the **key role of cities and regions in developing place-based strategies for growth and employment**. If we want the Europe 2020 Strategy to succeed, we need a new approach to **strengthen its territorial dimension** and truly ensure **multi-level partnership** in its planning and implementation” |*

(Valcárcel to Barroso, 09.09.2013)

*“We will also be **reflecting on the experience of the Europe 2020 strategy so far** and considering **whether we need adaptations** to encourage the reforms needed to accelerate growth and create new jobs.”*

(Barroso to Schulz, 11.09.2013)



Energy related functions of local and regional authorities



1. Energy consumers and service providers
 2. Planners, developers and regulators
 3. Advisors, motivators, role models
 4. Producers& suppliers
 5. Buyers
- due to the differences in the division of powers (national-regional-local) these functions and their scale varies across EU28 *(see detailed charts)*

Examples of relevant CoR Opinions (1)

- [ENVE-V/010](#): Communication from the Commission - energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond -a blueprint for an integrated European energy network
 - [ENVE-V/033](#): Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Making the internal energy market work
 - [ENVE-V/005](#): Outlook opinion on the EU energy action plan
 - [ENVE-V/27](#): Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the regions - Renewable Energy: a major player in the European energy market
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- BUDG-V 005, 272/2013: Synergies between private investment and public funding at local and regional levels
 - COTER-V 027, 650/2012: Future Cities: Environmentally and socially sustainable cities
 - COTER-V-039, 2994/2013: Urban-rural partnership
 - COTER-V-031, 1684/2013: Community Led Local Development
 - ECOS -V-05, 21/2010: Mobilising private and public investment for recovery and long term structural change: developing Public Private Partnerships
 - ECOS-V-44, 3303/2013: Long-term financing of the European economy

Examples of relevant CoR Opinions (2)


CoR Opinion on Energy Roadmap 2050:

- "We wholeheartedly support the Commission's strategy but proper funding and support is needed if we are to unlock the potential of local and regional authorities in delivering these ambitious goals".
- **"Local and regional authorities are on the front line when it comes to delivering planning, managing public contracts, managing production and controlling energy consumption.** They are involved in implementing national energy plans and are also responsible for certain forms of energy production, processing, transport, storage and waste treatment infrastructure".
- The CoR also raised concerns about the lack of reference to the energy efficiency of buildings in the Roadmap. Though buildings use about 40% of all primary energy in the EU, insufficient investment was being directed into reducing building energy emissions, an area of responsibility for local and regional authorities

“Transforming the energy system is not only a responsibility towards future generations, but also represents a real opportunity for Europe in terms of growth, development, jobs, competitiveness and increasing energy independence”

CoR opinion on Energy Roadmap 2050

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CoR standpoint

- **Priority should be given to integrating renewable energy into the distribution network, produced at local level,**
- **The CoR advocates investment in integrating locally produced renewable energy into the grid.**
- In addition to the ERDF funding, **public–private partnerships for sustainable local and regional investment should be encouraged** through funding mechanisms such as low/zero interest loans, bank guarantees, local revolving funds and other innovative financial engineering tools.

CoR President, Ramon Luis Valcarcel Siso
2/3.09.2013 Resource Efficient Europe Conference





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