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# Interregional groups at the Committee of the Regions

## ➤ What are the CoR interregional groups?

Interregional groups:

- Are **platforms to exchange views** and promote the **emergence of ideas** to enrich the work of the bodies of the CoR.
- Can organise conferences and seminars.
- Don't form constituent bodies of the CoR.
- Can't take positions on behalf of the CoR or its constituent bodies.

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## ➤ How are CoR interregional groups created?

The interregional groups have to be made up by **minimum 10 full members** of the CoR including:

- At least four national delegations; or
- A group of regions representing a cross-border cooperation.

Members wishing to form an interregional group shall submit to the president of the CoR a **detailed proposal** setting out:

- A sphere of activity; and
- An indicative work programme.

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## ➤ How do the CoR interregional groups work?

Interregional groups:

- Carry out their activities **autonomously**.
- Set up a **secretariat** which is external to the Committee's structures and which manages the group's work and organisational aspects (usually a regional representation office in Brussels).
- Submit an **activity report** every two and a half years to the CoR Bureau.
- Usually hold short meetings (1.00 - 1.30), most often in conjunction with plenary sessions, either at the CoR premises or outside (in representation offices, for example).

N.B. No extra reimbursement is provided for the CoR members for the participation in these meetings.

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## ➤ What services are offered to interregional groups by the CoR?

The CoR:

- Can make **rooms** available.
- Can, where necessary and if financially and logistically possible, provide **interpretation** for their meetings (maximum twice a year and maximum three languages).

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## ➤ Existing interregional groups:

- Adriatic-Ionian (Created in January 2013)
- Alpine Macroregion (Created in June 2014)
- Baltic sea regions (Created in February 2008)
- Brexit (Created in January 2018)
- Carpathians (Created in February 2016)
- Cross-border Cooperation (Created in July 2015)
- Future of the Automotive Industry (Created in 2009)
- Health (Created in November 2010)
- Insular regions (Created in April 2015, reactivated in December 2018)
- Less developed regions (Created in March 2015)
- Nord Stream 2 (Created in December 2017)
- Regions with legislative power (Created in June 2007)
- Saar-Lor-Lux (Created in June 2007)

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## ➤ Insular regions (Created in April 2015, reactivated in December 2018):

- Missions:
  - ✓ tackle the common issues in order to cooperate and find development strategies in the tourist and cultural field, as well as in the industrial, agricultural, health, energy and education sectors;
  - ✓ help the implementation of the deliberations of the European Committee of the Regions and European Parliament concerning islands;
  - ✓ proactive action and cooperation in the area of migration, which affects more than ever the island lands where people flee from war and poverty are looking for a chance of survival and hope.
- Chair: Gaetano Armao (IT/EPP).
- Intergroup secretariat: Sicily region.

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## ➤ More info:

- Website: <https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/Interregional-groups.aspx>
- Decision No 0009/2010 on interregional groups at the Committee of the Regions
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# Thank you for your attention

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