



**European Committee
of the Regions**

“The Making of Europe” Virtual citizens’ dialogue

**Introduction
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Decision-making in the EU



The CoR in a nutshell



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A more active engagement between the European Commission and the national Parliaments and local and regional authorities to shape the Commission's work programme following the Letter of Intent.

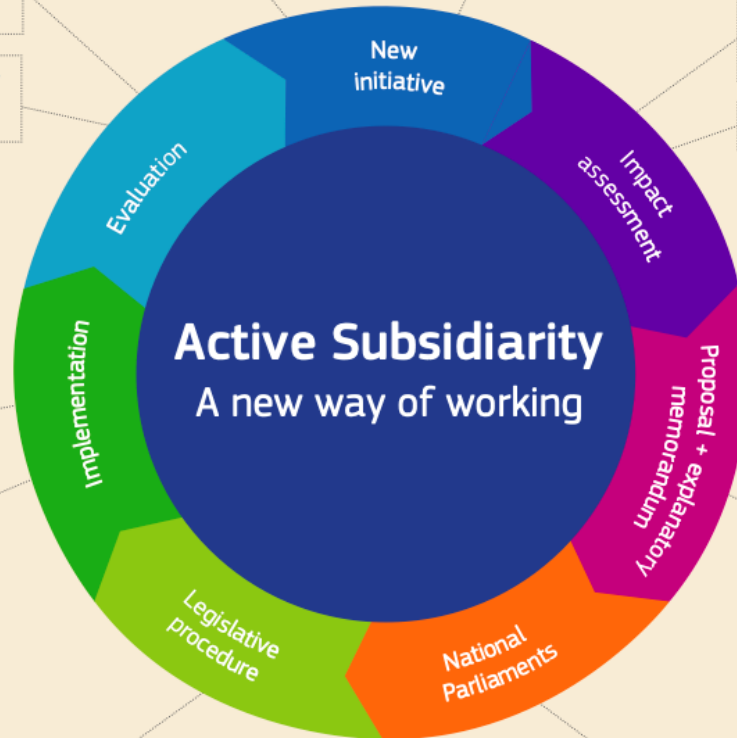
Promote opportunities for national Parliaments and local and regional authorities to participate at an early stage to shape new initiatives and signal concerns.

Capture better the experience of local and regional authorities.

Better evaluations from more monitoring of EU legislation.

Better involvement of local and regional authorities recognising their distinct role in implementing EU legislation.

Consideration of territorial impacts.



Commission and co-legislators take into account principle of multi-level governance and consider appropriate legislative density for efficient implementation.

Better EU and national implementation planning.

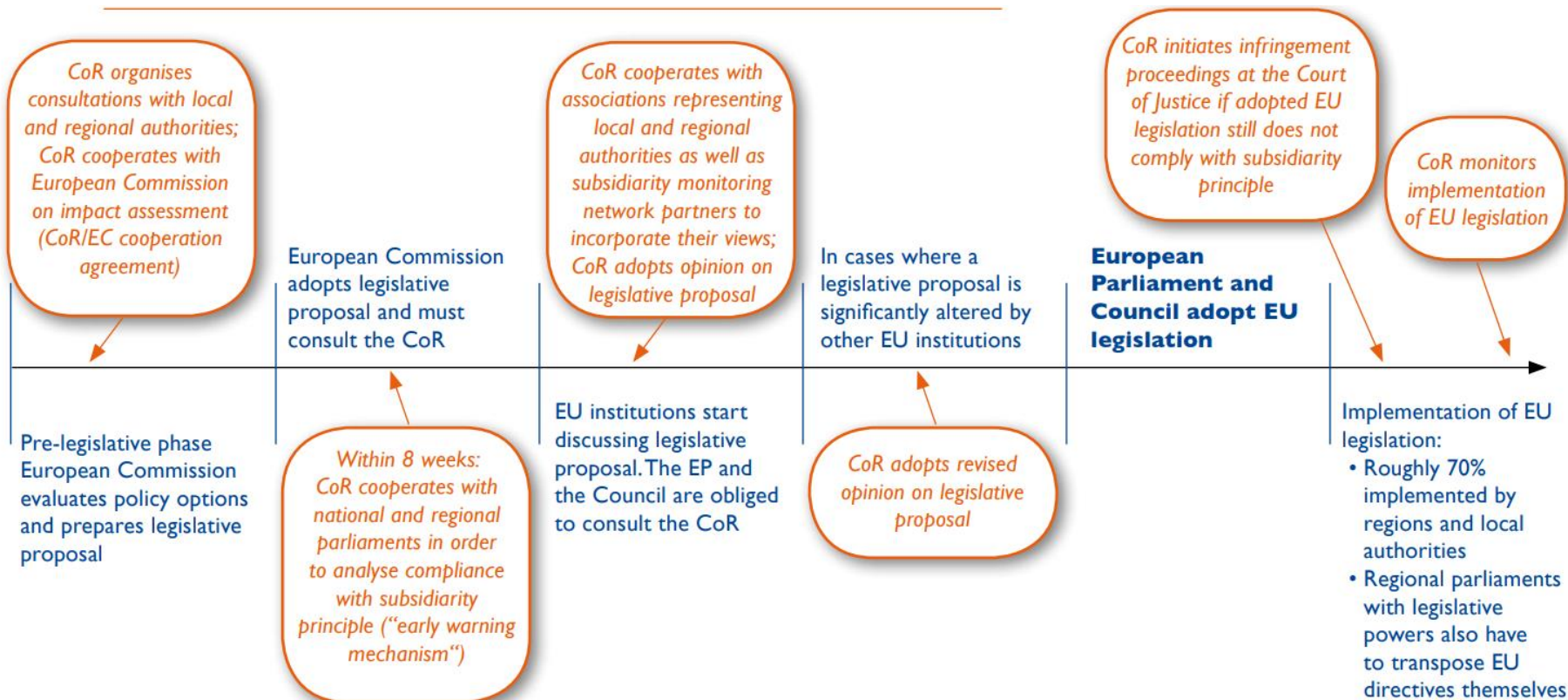
Common assessment of subsidiarity and proportionality.

Taking better account of the views of local and regional authorities and legislative density.

Co-legislators reflect better concern of national Parliaments and local and regional authorities about subsidiarity and proportionality role of local and regional authorities.

More effective control by national Parliaments (more time, better coordination and information sharing).

Defending local & regional interests



Example: European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

What is it?

- **European entity with legal personality** for territorial cooperation across borders (third countries included) **based on EU law**
- Can be **created by public entities for all areas the entities are responsible for** (EU Member States cannot block the creation)
- May get **public and private funding** (EU, states, regions etc)



Example

European Grouping in Territorial Cooperation

How was it done?



- [1998](#): CoR study
- [2000](#): CoR own-initiative opinion
- [2001](#): EC White Paper on Good Governance
- [2003](#): CoR proposal on territorial cohesion taken up by European Convention (text which later becomes the Lisbon Treaty)
- [2003](#): European Commission legislative proposal
- [2004](#): European Parliament endorses EC proposal
- [2006](#): Council agrees (Austrian Council Presidency)
- [Since 2006](#): 85 EGTCs, CoR EGTC platform



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Thank you !