European Parliament

The Chair
Committee on Regional Development

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) that the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development (REGI) will hold on **Tuesday 7 November 2023.**

The discussion on the future Cohesion Policy post 2027 is important for the EU, and I consider that having this debate in the European Parliament in collaboration with National Parliaments is of first importance. This meeting will also be a chance for Members of the European Parliament and Members of National Parliament to exchange views on cohesion policy that has become the largest budget heading of the European Union.

The meeting will follow the discussion that started last week at the European Council level in Murcia, and will ensure the involvement of National Parliaments in the debates regarding this key EU policy.

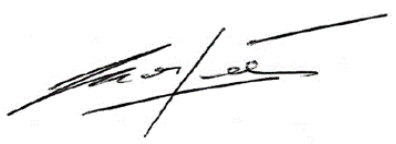
The title of this Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting will thus be : "***The Future of Cohesion Policy: Opportunities, Challenges and Next Steps".***

I would be pleased to welcome up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from your national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our Members and other participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme of the meeting. A final copy will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting. Practical details regarding the event will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I am looking forward to your participation in this event on 7 November 2023 and to a constructive and fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,



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