

For a cooperation around the

**Charter for
Multilevel Governance
In Europe**

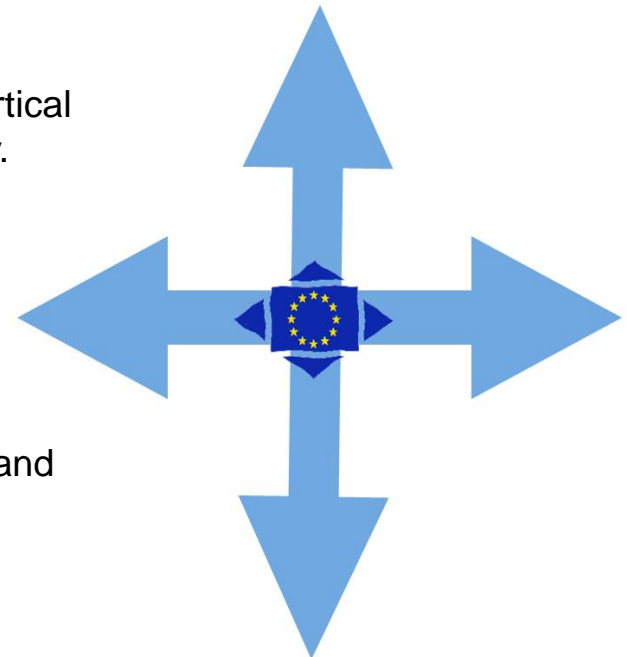


Multilevel Governance: a definition

- ❖ White Paper on Multilevel Governance (2009)
- ❖ Opinion “Building a European Culture of Multilevel Governance” (2012)

❖ Definition:

- MLG as “**coordinated action** by the EU, the Member States and regional and local authorities according to the **principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and in partnership**, taking the form of **operational and institutionalised cooperation** in the **drawing-up and implementation** of the European Union's policies.”
- **A dynamic, flexible process** with a horizontal and vertical dimension, which does not dilute political responsibility.
- Multilevel governance contributes to **strengthen ties between territories** and to **overcome administrative hurdles** in regulation and policy implementation.
 - ➔ MLG as a key to **efficient policy implementation** and **territorial cohesion**.



Promoting and streamlining MLG: the CoR's “Charter for multilevel governance in Europe”

- ❖ Drafting of MLG Charter requested by CoR White Paper to try and “**incorporate a shared understanding of European governance into the European Union's core values.**”
 - Launched on 9 May 2014, the Charter is now **open for signature to EU Local and Regional Authorities**, which are invited to initiate **joint projects and partnership** in the spirit of multilevel governance.
 - **All levels of governance**, territorial associations and political personalities are encouraged to **express their support** and implement Charter principles
 - The Charter was drafted to **facilitate the recourse to MLG by all potential users** (horizontal and vertical dimensions of Multilevel Governance include RLAs but also civil society) and identifies **concrete domains** where the use of MLG could bring clear added value.
- ❖ **Novelty of the Charter instrument:**
 - Charter is a non-binding instrument, but can be promoted as carrying a **strong political message** from Local and Regional Authorities on Good European Governance.
 - By encouraging RLAs to **exchange on best practices**, the Charter and its dedicated website aim at creating a virtual **community**. A successful development of exchange activities could allow an **extension of the CoR monitoring activities** down from the European to the national and regional levels.

