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Estudies on regionalism in the European Union

Alli Aranguren, Juan-Cruz (Eusko Ikaskuntza. Pl. Castillo, 43 bis - 3ºD. 31001 Iruñea): Las regiones en la construcción de Europa (The regions in the construction of Europe) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 19-38

Abstract: The process of European regionalisation began with the regional policy and co-operation until it attained institutional recognition in the Committee of the Regions. The regions are political communities and cultural and political spaces. The European Union assumed the regions as areas of political decision and participation that are boosted by the principle of subsidiarity. They play an important role in the economic, social and territorial cohesion and, as the processes of decentralisation make headway within the States, they also play an important role in the formation of community will.

Key Words: Europe. Regions. Regional policy. Inter-regional and cross-border co-operation. Committee of the Regions. Subsidiarity. Globalisation.

Renyer, Jaume (Univ. Rovira i Virgili. Fac. de Ciències Jurídiques. Avda. Catalunya, 35. 43002 Tarragona): Regionalismo e integració europea: una visió desde Catalunya (Regionalism and European integration: a vision from Catalunya) (Orig. es)

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Key Words: Region. Self-determination. Catalunya. Market. State.

Zelaia Garagarza, Maite (Euskal Herriko Unib. Zuzenbide Fak. Manuel de Lardizabal Pasealekua, 2. 20018 Donostia): Eskualde edo Erregioaren kontzeptua (The concept of Region) (Orig. eu)

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Abstract: There is no doubt, because of the interest that it provokes, that such a heterogeneous concept as that of a Region has been under discussion in numerous centres or forums. We therefore find ourselves before a topic that has been analysed not only from a doctrinal point of view, but also from the institutional point of view. In addition to studying the approximations to the concept that have been made, generally at the European level, within the area of the European community by various institutions and organisations, the main object of our study will be the definitions provided by the Assembly of European Regions and by the Council of Europe - and within it, by the European Council of Local and Regional Powers.

Key Words: Region. Regionalization. Territorial entity. Sub-state territorial entity.

Castro Ruano, José Luis de (Univ. del País Vasco. Fac. de CC. Sociales y de la Comunicación. Barrio Sarriena. 48940 Leioa): La Cámara de las Regiones del Consejo de Europa, pionera de la representación regional diferenciada (The Chamber of the Regions of the Council of Europe, a pioneer in differentiated regional representation) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 63-75

Abstract: In the present work we deal with one of the less-well studied aspects of the many that configure the regional phenomenon in Europe; this is, regional participation in the Council of Europe, analysing the interesting innovations this phenomenon has had in this organisation through the Congress of Local and Regional Powers and concretely, after the creation of their novel Chamber of the Regions. In fact, if the Council of Europe was the first international organisation to integrate territorial representatives in their organisational structure upon setting up the Conference of Local and Regional Powers, today it is experiencing in a pioneering manner the differentiated and singular representation of the Regions separated from other territorial powers in its Chamber of the Regions, becoming a possible antecedent of similar solutions in other forums, like the Committee of the Regions of the European Union.

Key Words: Europe. Regions. Chamber of the Regions. Council of Europe.

Corriente Cordoba, José A. (Univ. Pública de Navarra. Dpto. de Derecho Publico. Area de Derecho Internacional Público y Relaciones Internacionales. Campus Arrosadia. 31006 Iruñea): Principio de subsidiariedad y regionalismo en la Unión Europea (Principle of subsidiarity and regionalism in the European Union) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 77-104

Abstract: Current State of the political concept of State. The European Union confronts the challenge of finding its own political form. The role that the principle of subsidiarity can play in the reasonable and useful setting up and operation, of administrative and political organisations. Appearance and evolution of the principle of subsidiarity in the treaties of Maastricht and Amsterdam (Subsidiarity and regulation of the exercise of responsibilities. Principles of speciality and proportionality. Jurisdictional guarantee). Lines of concretion.

Key Words: Principle of Subsidiarity. Political model. European Union. Treaties of Maastricht and Amsterdam.

Labayle, Henri (Univ. de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour. Fac. Pluridisciplinaire. 29-31 cours du Comte de Cabarrus. F-64100 Bayonne): Les compétences exclusives des Etats membres au sein de l'Union Européenne / Las competencias exclusivas de los Estados miembros en el seno de la Unión Europea (Exclusive responsibilities of Member States within the European Union) (Orig. fr/es)

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Abstract: In this volume devoted to the operation of the regions in the European Community, it is necessary to analyse certain problems that affect the system of jurisdictions in the European Communities. The jurisdictions that are exclusive to the States have been classically established as a horizontal-type delimitation. However, this is a situation that is quite incomprehensible without the aid of a grid for the vertical analysis of such jurisdictions, as they are all regulated by the principle of action. In fact, a reflection on the allotment of jurisdictions between the State Members and the Community is necessary, starting from the fact that in the European Communities there isn't such a thing as a system of allotment of jurisdictions based on a list included in treaties. This situations compels us all towards a vertical approximation.

Key Words: Community Law. Community jurisdiction system. Community jurisdiction allotment – Member States.

Bustos Gisbert, Rafael (Univ. de Salamanca. Fac. de Derecho. Campus Miguel de Unamuno. 37007 Salamanca): La insuficiencia de las formas de participación autonómica en los asuntos europeos (The insufficiency of the forms of participation of autonomic regions in European matters) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 181-195

Abstract: This study is intended to make a summary description of the system of autonomic participation in European matters, and especially the evolution of such formulas of participation until getting to the Internal Participation Agreement of the Autonomous Communities in European matters. The author notes, finally, the problems outlined by this system and the proposals for their reform. Concretely, the need for a direct participation and the convenience of involving the Parliaments in the internal process of decision-making in European matters.

Key Words: Autonomous Communities. European Union. Internal participation. Control of European activity.

Roig Molés, Eduard (Univ. de Barcelona. Dpto. de Derecho Constitucional. Avda. Diagonal 684. 08034 Barcelona): La diversidad de formas de participación autonómica en asuntos europeos y sus ejes definitorios (The diversity in autonomic participation in European matters and their defining lines) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 197-225

Abstract: With reference to the various processes of autonomic participation in European matters, the intention of this work is to determine the functionality of each one of such processes, especially that of the Committee of the Regions, and the contingent defects of the global system. For this various elements are presented that configure the different forms of participation: formalisation of procedures, their external or internal character, their joint or individual character, their decisive or advisory character, and their incorporation in the community decision-making process, their technical or political character and the basis of such participation.

Key Words: Autonomous Communities. European Union. Participation. Community decisive process. Community Law. Constitutional Law. Relationships between administrations. Committee of the Regions. Regional policy. Conference for matters related to the European Union. Sectoral Conferences.

Muñoz Ganuza, José María (Eusko Jauriaritza – Gobierno Vasco. Presidencia. Nafarroa Kalea, 2. 01007 Vitoria-Gasteiz): CIG 2000 y el Comité de las Regiones (CIG 2000 and the Committee of the Regions) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 227-237

Abstract: The Basque Country advocates for a CIG 2000 that will mean an important step towards a political union that guarantees the maintenance of peace, favouring economic development as a response to globalisation and the defence of European cultural diversity. The Basque Government works within the Committee of the Regions to favour a decentralised European political model that recognises the institutions that represent European Peoples, observing the principle of subsidiarity between the different levels of power.

Key Words: Towards a Political Union. Institutional reform, in preparation for amplification. Institutionalization Regions' Development Committee. Recognition of the regional level. Principle of subsidiarity.

Llimona i Balcells, Joaquim (Generalitat de Catalunya. Direcció General de Relacions Exteriors. Via Laietana, 26, 4ª Planta. 08003 Barcelona): Comité de Regiones y regiones con competencias legislativas (The Committee of Regions and regions with legislative responsibilities) (Orig. es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 239-245

Abstract: To design a system of regional participation in the European Union in addition to responding to political recovery is a guarantee of efficiency and good operation of the Union. This system, for regions with legislative responsibilities, it can not be supported solely on the Committee of the Regions. But in any event this Committee for conveying part of this participation must be reformed, both in terms of its structure, and in terms of the responsibilities that correspond to it and that would transform it into an institution.

Key Words: Committee. Efficiency and democratic legitimacy. Territorial heterogeneity. Regions with legislative responsibilities. Organs or institution. Responsibilities. Bilateral and operative structure.

Kiefer, Andreas (Director de la Oficina Europa del Land de Salzburgo. Postfach 527. Hellbrunnerstrasse 7. A-5010 Salzburg): Die österreichischen Länder und die europäische Integration / Los estados federales austríacos y la integración europea (The Austrian federal states and European integration) (Orig. de/es)

In: *Azpilcueta*. 16, 247-347

Abstract: This article describes the bases of law and practice of transborder and interregional co-operation of the Austrian länder, as well as the collaboration of the länder in Austrian European policy. One special particularity is the co-financing of the länder (about 18,3%) and of the municipalities (about 20,6%) of the quota that Austria pays as a member of the European Union. In this text, the author describes the important requirements of the länder in the Intergovernmental Conferences of 1996 and 2000, as well as the legal organisation of the Austrian Republic. The Treaty of Nice indicates that on the issue of the petition for a distribution of responsibilities, the conference concluded successfully as a result of the interregional lobby of the strong regions (Petition of the Austrian länder - 1996).

Key Words: Austria. Regionalism. Participation procedure of the länder. Political system. Intergovernmental Conference. Laws on Collaboration. European integration. Länder.

Zelaia Garagarza, Maite (Euskal Herriko Unib. Zuzenbide Fak. Manuel de Lardizabal Pasealekua, 2. 20018 Donostia): El Comité de las Regiones ante la Conferencia Intergubernamental de 2000. Conclusiones finales (The Committee of the Regions before the Intergovernmental Conference of the year 2000. Final conclusions) (Orig. es)

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Abstract: The objective of the pages that are presented below is fundamentally to describe the result of the synthesis of the positions of the speakers in the Study Session on The Committee of the Regions (CR) before the Intergovernmental Conference of 2000 (IGC'00). The Session was held on 14th April 2000 in Miramar Palace (Donostia - San Sebastián).

Key Words: Intergovernmental Conference. Region. Committee of the Regions.