



## ***Background Paper No1. Information related to the work of the Task Force***

For ease of reference, this paper provides a selection of documents which are relevant to the work of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and Doing Less More Efficiently.

### **Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union**

- (1) [Protocol no. 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality](#)<sup>i</sup>.

### **European Commission**

- (2) **The Commission's policy on better regulation including stakeholder consultation.**
- [Better regulation guidelines](#)<sup>ii</sup>.
  - [Better regulation toolbox](#)<sup>iii</sup>.
  - *Better regulation for better results - An EU agenda*: Commission Communication of 19 May 2015, [COM\(2015\) 215 final](#)<sup>iv</sup>.
  - *Completing the Better Regulation Agenda: Better solutions for better results*: Commission Communication of 24 October 2017, [COM\(2017\) 651 final](#)<sup>v</sup>.
- (3) **Subsidiarity control mechanism (application of subsidiarity and proportionality).**
- [Practical arrangements for applying the subsidiarity control mechanism](#)<sup>vi</sup>.
  - [How the subsidiarity control mechanism works](#)<sup>vii</sup>.
  - [Annual reports on subsidiarity and proportionality](#)<sup>viii</sup>.
- (4) **[White Paper on the Future of Europe](#) (including *Scenario 4: Doing less more efficiently*)<sup>ix</sup>.**

### **European Parliament**

- (5) **[Rule 42 of the EP's rules of procedure](#): Examination of respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality<sup>x</sup>.**
- (6) **EP resolutions on Commission Annual Reports on subsidiarity and proportionality:**
- [Draft report by Mady Delvaux](#) on Commission Annual Reports 2015-2016 on subsidiarity and proportionality (2017/2010(INI))<sup>xi</sup>.
  - EP Resolution of 29 March 2017 on Commission Annual Report 2014 on subsidiarity and proportionality<sup>xii</sup>.
- (7) **[EP subsidiarity scrutiny](#)** - with monthly notes on reasoned opinions received<sup>xiii</sup>.

**European Committee of the Regions**

- (8) [Subsidiarity monitoring at the CoR](#)<sup>xiv</sup>.
- (9) [Rules 55 and 58 of the CoR's rules of procedure](#)<sup>xv</sup>.
- (10) [Subsidiarity annual reports and work programmes](#)<sup>xvi</sup>.

**Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)**

- (11) [Twenty-third Bi-annual Report](#): Improving the procedure for reasoned opinion/political dialogue of 6 May 2015<sup>xvii</sup>.
- (12) [Report of the COSAC Working Group on improving the "yellow card" procedure](#) - Warsaw 13 May 2015<sup>xviii</sup>.

**Council of the European Union**

- (13) [The Council's rules of procedure](#)<sup>xix</sup>.

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- xiii <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/relnatparl/en/about/subsidarity.html> - Monthly State-of-Play notes on reasoned opinion from national Parliaments. These notes are drafted by the EP Directorate for Relations with national Parliaments before each EP plenary session.
- xiv <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/subsidarity/whatis/Pages/Subsidarity-monitoring-at-the-CoR.aspx>
- xv See Rules 55 and 58 in particular): <http://cor.europa.eu/en/documentation/Documents/Rules-of-Procedure-of-the-Committee-of-the-Regions/EN.pdf>
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