

Application form – CALRE Awards 2023

Submitting assembly*

Tyrolean Parliament

Country : Austria

President : Sonja Ledl-Rossmann

Contact person*

Name : President Sonja Ledl-Rossmann

Tel. : +43 512 508 3000

E-Mail : sonja.ledl-rossmann@tirol.gv.at

Name : Mag.^a Renate Fischler, MAS

Position : director of the Parliamentary Administration of the Tyrolean Parliament

Tel. : +43 512 508 3010

E-Mail : renafe.fischler@tirol.gv.at

Name of the initiative*

“Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta”



Type of initiative*

Other

Start date of the initiative

In fact, the initiative started in the year 1991, when all the Members of the regional Parliaments of Tyrol (Austria), South Tyrol (Italy), Trentino (Italy) and Vorarlberg (Austria) met for the first time in Meran, South Tyrol, to discuss and debate issues of general cross-border interests and to adopt corresponding resolutions. This meeting marked the beginning of a success story that has lasted now for more than thirty years.

End date of the initiative

open - there is no end date for this initiative; there are rather constant efforts to maintain and further develop the “Dreier-Landtag”/“seduta congiunta” and to strengthen and improve the cooperation between the cross-border regions.

Web page of the initiative

[Dreier-Landtag | Südtiroler Landtag \(landtag-bz.org\)](http://landtag-bz.org)

The website is designed and supervised by the Parliamentary Administration of the South Tyrolean Parliament and provides all relevant background information on the joint plenary sessions, an overview of the adopted resolutions, the verbatim records of the sessions, the reports of the regional governors and the rules of procedure.

Short description of the initiative*

The “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” is a unique institution uniting three regional parliaments of two states, bringing together 106 elected Members from a wide variety of political groups to debate issues and adopt common resolutions on numerous topics and policy areas, i.e. alpine transit, agriculture, economy, health and socio-political topics with the focus on cross-border cooperation. So, in fact this initiative helps improving aspects of the economic, cultural and social life concerning the three regions involved.

The joint bilingual sessions usually take place alternatively every two years in Tyrol, South Tyrol or Trentino. The regional Parliament of Vorarlberg (Austria) is invited to participate with observer status.

As the joint sessions require votings on the content and organizational preparations, the Presidents of the three regional parliaments usually meet and coordinate in advance. In order to set the agenda of the joint sessions the Members of the so-called Interregional Commission (consisting of 6 members each from all three parliaments) pre-discuss submitted motions.

Main objective of this cross-border parliamentary exchange is to face current challenges together, to find common solutions and, as a medium and long-term goal, to strengthening cohesion in political and social terms.

Main features of the initiative*

The “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” focuses on the following cross-border issues by adopting common resolutions:

environment/transport/transalpine transit,
economy/agriculture/mountain farming,
tourism,
education,
culture,
social affairs/health.

A few selected resolutions adopted during the last joint sessions were the following :

Environment/transport/transalpine transit

- Brenner corridor - solve traffic problems and relieve the population!
- Strengthening the RoLa, if not now, when?
- The Alps like it quietly: Initiative to reduce engine noise in the EGTC Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino

Economy/agriculture/mountain farming

- Quality designation or designation of origin in the EGTC Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
- Safeguarding and strengthening mountain farming according to the European Union's new Common Agricultural Policy

Tourism

- Cross-border bicycle strategy in the sense of sustainable tourism
- Common tourism initiatives

Education and culture

- Promotion and expansion of exchange programs for students of the EGTC area and cultural passport
- "We are Euregio" - cross-border plan game for democracy formation

Social affairs/health

- Euregio round table for social inclusion and the fight against exclusion
- Promoting and ensuring affordable and adequate housing - Tyrol, South Tyrol and Trentino
- Launching cooperation in the health sector - removing legal obstacles
- Fighting skilled workers shortages in the care sector
- Extension of the emergency app "SOS EU ALPS" with a "check in" function

The governors of South Tyrol, Tyrol and Trentino periodically have to submit implementation reports to the regional parliaments on the adopted resolutions. In addition, the president in office of the EGTC may report during the joint sessions of the "Dreier-Landtag"/"La seduta congiunta".

Role of the assembly in the success of the initiative*

The success of the initiative is based on the will of the three historically connected regional parliaments to work more closely and intensively together in order to develop cross-border solutions for a wide range of issues. The key to success is the interaction of all three parliaments and the cross-border and inter-party cooperation between Members of the three Parliaments in preparation for the joint sessions of the "Dreier-Landtag"/"La seduta congiunta". Even though the adopted resolutions are legally not-binding, they are of political importance which shows the high degree of implementation of these resolutions in the three regions.

European orientation of the initiative*

As regional cooperations on a European level are becoming increasingly important the “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” not only enables European encounters and the exchange of experiences in a cross-border context, moreover – and unique at European level – is the interaction of the “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” and the EGTC “European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino”:

According to the rules of procedure of the “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” resolutions concerning EGTC topics can be addressed directly to the President of the EGTC “European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino”. In this way, democratically legitimized representatives of the member regions are able to contribute ideas and proposals directly to the crucial organs of the EGTC (which are the governors – and thus the executive – of the three regions). This makes the setting of “Dreier-Landtag”/“La seduta congiunta” and EGTC Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino so special.

Documentation

[broschüre aktuell de.indd \(tirol.gv.at\)](#)

[Dreier-Landtag | Land Tirol](#)

[Dreier-Landtag | Südtiroler Landtag \(landtag-bz.org\)](#)