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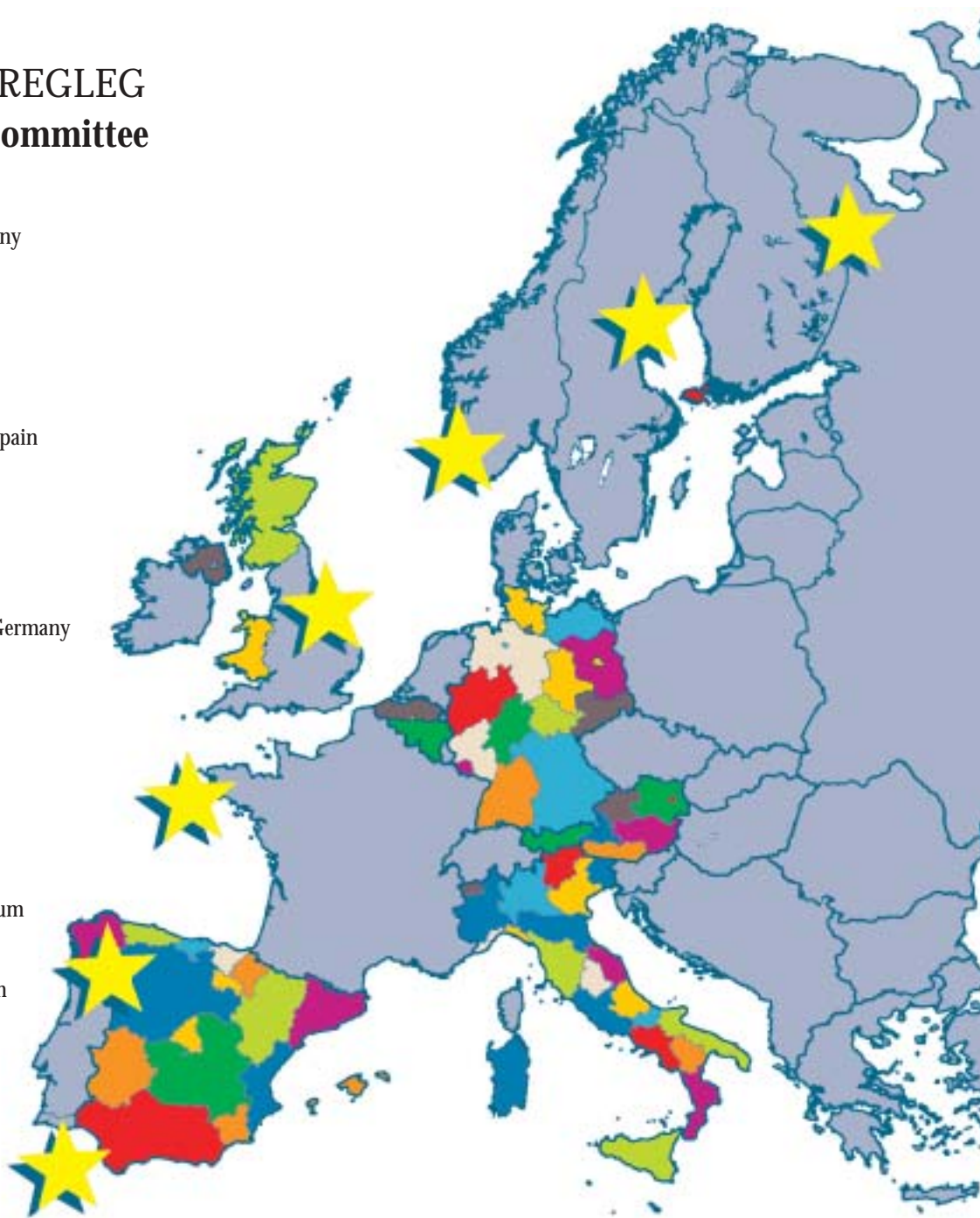
Tirol [Tyrol], Austria

Toscana [Tuscany], Italy

Vlaanderen [Flanders], Belgium

Wales, United Kingdom

Wallonie [Wallonia], Belgium



The regions with legislative powers in the EU. About half of the EU population lives in these regions.



REGLEG

REGLEG – the Group of Regions with Legislative Powers – is an informal association of regions with legislative powers within the European Union (EU).

Regions with legislative powers exist in Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Finland and the United Kingdom.

Regions with legislative powers have their own governments and parliaments. They have often comparable responsibilities to those of Member States within their areas of competence in the three domains of government: legislative, executive and judiciary. They are responsible for transposing EU law directly into domestic law within their areas of competence.

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Present and previous REGLEG Presidents



REGLEG President 2003-04



Annual conference – Salzburg November 2003



Scotland

The aim of REGLEG is to achieve a greater role in the EU for legislative regions – many of which are larger in population and economy than many Member States. This means an increased political and legal status for the regions with legislative powers in the EU, according to their competences and responsibilities. This includes an enhanced role in the Council, appropriate involvement of the regional parliaments and the right to bring an action before the European Court of Justice so as to preserve their prerogatives.

REGLEG grew out of regional co-operation to prepare for discussions in the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) in 2000. In 2001 the legislative regions wished to respond to the demand for a broad and far-reaching debate on the future of the EU as formulated in a declaration annexed to the Treaty of Nice.

Their initiatives resulted in the recognition of the concept of a “region with legislative powers” in an important document of the European Council: the Declaration of Laeken. Efforts to involve the legislative regions in the subsequent Convention on the future of the EU also proved fruitful. Five of the six members of the delegation of the Committee of the Regions were representatives of regions with legislative powers.

Following the agreement of the new EU Constitutional Treaty, REGLEG continues to plan for the implementation of the Treaty.

All legislative regions will have a role in implementing and transposing legislation agreed at EU level within their own regions. REGLEG attaches particular importance to commitments to subsidiarity in the Treaty and to these being fulfilled in practice, for example through greater use of framework legislation at EU level, with scope for regional variation in how this is implemented, and through direct consultation with regions on new legislation.

The Presidential year runs from November to November. A “troika” of the current President of REGLEG, together with the predecessor and successor, co-ordinates the running of REGLEG. A Co-ordination Committee of officials is charged with organising the Annual Conference and ensuring the continuity of the activities of the network. The Region hosting the Annual Conference co-ordinates the work of this group. Annual Conferences have been held each year since 2000 in Barcelona, Liège, Florence and Salzburg. The 2004 Conference will be held on 29-30 November in Edinburgh.

Presidents of REGLEG

- 2000 - 01 Jean-Claude van Cauwenberghe, Minister-President of Wallonia
- 2001 - 02 Claudio Martini, President of the Regional Government of Tuscany
- 2002 - 03 Franz Schausberger, Governor of Land Salzburg
- 2003 - 04 Jack McConnell, First Minister of Scotland



Salzburg



Tuscany



Wallonia



Catalonia