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Subject: Regions

The EU has increasingly packaged and presented itself as recognising and supporting the regions, but its structural architecture is, understandably, Member State based. Yet, in many Member States, the regions are gaining in autonomy, but the facilities for them to be heard at the centre, in Brussels, are weak. Given this dichotomy, how in fact are the regions to have an effective say?