



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

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Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 8 March this year, in which you share with us not only your excellent work in the region of Saarland but also your latest resolution on *Die Großregion durch gemeinsames Handeln und grenzüberschreitende Abstimmung entschlossen aus der Corona-Krise führen*.

With great interest I have taken note of the contents of your letter and I see your concerns on the future of all regions and cities mentioned in the resolution adopted during the 65th Summit of the Greater Region on 5 February 2021. In light of the current pandemic, the challenges we are facing and those that lie ahead of us are far from easy and I recognize your political interest in facing them together regardless of national and regional borders.

I understand that ongoing issues before the pandemic have now grown to an even bigger extent. However, I firmly believe that we can better address them together, when all levels of government look for the best possible solutions and help to implement them. I would therefore like to thank you for your work in favour of local and regional democracy and for taking part in designing the future of the European Union.

Let me assure you that the content of the resolution will be duly taken into account by our Committee and also considered by all our members in the future work. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in and cooperation with the European Committee of the Regions.

Yours sincerely,

Apostolos Tzitzikostas