



Declaration on Good Governance - Castellón -

The Local Intermediate Authorities listed below shall agree to integrate within their government action these commitments made in the Political Council of Partenia held in Peñíscola, Castellón (Spain) on 1 October 2015.

1. Multilevel Governance

Multilevel Governance constitutes one of the most important keys to success of the European integration process. Cross-border cooperation and networking shall be managed by Authorities at all territorial levels for providing solutions to challenges of global nature. This governance also promotes the subsidiarity, proportionality and association principles in the implementation of European policies.

2. Open Government

The Open Government seeks to create value for society through a better use and re-use of the public data. The implementation of transparency processes in the governance of institutions will allow us to be held accountable to any individual and be more demanding as public officials, as well as reaching a greater involvement of the citizens with their territory.

3. Democratic Legitimacy

Claiming democratic legitimacy that enables the Local Intermediate Authorities to take decisions by focusing on particular policies and competences over the others. It will depend on the aims that work for the common good and the needs of the citizens with proximity and effective competency.

4. Direct election to public office

Improving the quality of democracy within the election processes to the Local Government representatives at all levels by ensuring the direct relationship between the voter and the elected would represent the government's approach to citizens and it will also mean a further involvement in decision-making by citizenship.



5. Financial Sustainability

The intelligent management of all resources and the necessary rationalisation of the public administrations structure guarantee their financial sustainability, as well as the control of spending levels in matters involved.

6. Effective Participation

Establishing a legal standard for the effective citizen participation mechanisms as a mandatory requirement for the Local Intermediate Governments group. Tools and channels for the active listening, dialogue and talent put together a unique democratic opportunity for improving political actions.

7. One administration, one competency

Clarifying and delimiting competences for every public administration to know precisely its own responsibilities and duties. Every service must be provided by the administration concerned in a better and more efficient way. This means that inappropriate competences will be over and the economic efforts will be focused.

8. Power of Citizenship

It is mandatory to take a new direction in the public action and move the centre of power from administrations –or political representatives- to citizenship. New technologies give citizens the chance to create and transfer opinions and demonstrate. Given that reality, administrations have to be capable of making up citizen's perspective of change in their political model.

9. Corporate Social Responsibility

The Local Intermediate Authorities play a momentous role in social and economic fabric of our territories. It is therefore crucial to enter into socially responsible commitments with our citizens and our social environment through the values of transparency, political ethics, civil society participation, solidarity, cooperation, equality, quality of life or sustainability. The CSR constitutes a workable solution for disaffection among the population and improvement of welfare.

10. Regaining Confidence

In public administrations, we all have the duty to restore prestige to politics and confidence to citizenship. Proposals for regenerating politics and democracy must be carried out, as well as the promotion of the public official exemplary role.