



***Discussion paper No. 1:
Initial exchange of views on the work of the Task Force.***

This paper supports the first exchange of views of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and Doing Less More Efficiently. This initial exchange of views is important to elucidate Members' views, ideas and expectations for the work of the Task Force. It will help to frame the discussions at future meetings which will explore key aspects of the three tasks set out in the Decision of President Juncker of 14 November.

The initial exchange of views is structured, therefore, around the three tasks:

(1) Subsidiarity, proportionality and working more efficiently.

- How can the institutions account better for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in their work?
- Are there ways to enable the Union and its institutions to work more efficiently?

(2) Re-delegation of policies to the Member States.

- On what basis can Union policies be identified with a view to passing some of these responsibilities back to the Member States?

(3) Involving local and regional authorities in EU policymaking and its implementation.

- How can local and regional authorities be more effectively involved in designing and implementing Union legislation nationally and at Union level?
- How can EU institutions better reflect local and regional authorities' contributions when designing Union legislation?
- How can stakeholder consultation and feedback processes more systematically attract contributions from local and regional authorities?