

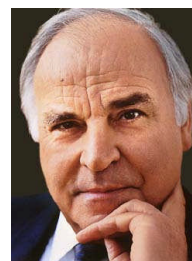
## Declaration

The Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) as a European, supra-regional, non-party and independent institution for all European regions and municipalities inside and outside of the EU, has the aim to strengthen the political as well as the economic position of the regions and municipalities in Europe. The IRE's activity hence corresponds to the idea of a "Europe of the Regions" at the basis of the principle of Subsidiarity, which is one of the supporting pillars of the European Union and which is also defined in the Constitutional Treaty.

I do support the aims of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) and I agree on being member of the "Board of Patrons".



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