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**Meeting of the political Bureau of the AER**  
(Stuttgart, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2000)

The political Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2000 in Stuttgart – Baden-Württemberg (D).

The meeting will be chaired by AER President Luc Van den Brande. On this occasion the 60 representatives of the European Regions which make up the Bureau will give priority to the following two themes:

1. The White paper of the European Commission on the new forms of European governance - this theme is of primordial importance due to it being debated by all of the AER member Regions at its next General Assembly (Seinäjoki-FIN – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2000) - , the Intergovernmental Conference, the Charter of Fundamental rights of the European Union.
2. The Assembly of European Regions' own directions, the AER's role and activities are in constant evolution according to the political transformations in Europe. Its role as a privileged forum for discussion for the Regions and a hub for interregional cooperation is more current than ever, in particular in view of the enlargement of the European Union.

*The AER is the political movement of the Regions of Europe, committed since 1985 in favour of the promotion of regionalism in Europe and the development of interregional cooperation.*

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