

Committee of the Regions press release on its new headquarters (5 July 2004)

Caption: In June 2004, the Committee of the Regions moves into its new headquarters at 101 rue Belliard in Brussels.

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Committee of the Regions moves into new headquarters

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is moving home in Brussels' European Quarter.

Its newly refurbished headquarters is at 101 rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels. Telephone and fax numbers, together with email addresses, remain unchanged.

The eight-storey building, once occupied by the European Parliament, will be shared with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

The structure, which has been designed to meet the specific needs of the two EU advisory bodies, was badly needed to cope with the extra demands brought about by enlargement.

CoR President Peter Straub said: "This building will not just be a home to the Committee of the Regions: it will be a place where local and regional politicians can meet and make their voices heard in Brussels."

"It will also have many practical benefits for our partners in the local and regional offices, such as conference rooms with interpretation facilities, as well as providing working space for our members when they are in Brussels. This very much reflects our policy ambitions."

"We expect the building to become a real focal point and meeting place. This will truly be a house of the regions."

The CoR welcomed 95 new members following enlargement on 1 May, together with the same number of alternates. It has also expanded its staff numbers, particularly in the translation field, to cope with the expansion of the EU.