

Organic Law No. 111-14 on regions

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Organic Law 111-14 organises the region as a local authority: composition and functioning of the regional council, its own, shared and transferred powers, the regional development programme, finances and administrative oversight. It places the region at the centre of land-use planning and investment policy.

Powers of the region

- Own powers in economic development, vocational training, land-use planning and transport.
- Powers shared with the State, exercised on a contractual basis.
- Preparation of the regional development programme and the regional land-use planning scheme.

Functioning and oversight

- The regional council is elected by direct universal suffrage; its president authorises expenditure under the region's budget.
- The wali of the region ensures the implementation of decisions falling within the State's remit and assists the president.
- The council's acts are subject to administrative oversight and may be referred to the administrative courts.

Points to watch

- Agreements concluded with the region involve specific powers: check that the subject matter falls within the remit of the signatory authority.
- Decisions taken outside the scope of regional powers may be annulled for lack of competence.
- Regional investment aid follows its own procedures, distinct from those of the Investment Charter.

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