



The substance behind the rhetoric of a 'Europe of the Regions' and the main impediments to the establishment of an EU-wide system of regional governance?

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