



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Brussels, 5 March 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING

6th Mandate - Commission CIVEX

Meeting No	23
Chair	Barbara DUDEN (DE/PES)
Venue	Committee building, rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels (JDE52)
Date	01/04/2019 11:00 - 13:30
Amendment deadline	19/03/2019 15:00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	29/03/2019 at midnight (Brussels time)

Draft agenda:

- 1. Adoption of the draft agenda**
COR-2019-00951-00-03-CONVPOJ-TRA
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the 22nd meeting**
COR-2019-00550-00-00-PV-TRA
- 3. Statement by the chair**
- 4. Organisation of future work**

For decision:

- 4.1 Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.2 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b i))
 - Decision to draw up an opinion
 - Appointment of rapporteurs

- 4.3 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b ii))
- Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
 - Provisional appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.4 Decisions not to draw up an opinion
- 4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president
COR-2019-01067-00-00-TCD-TRA
- 4.6 CIVEX external activities
COR-2019-00954-00-02-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

- 4.7 Exchange of views on the proposals of the CoR for the new European Union legislative mandate
COR-2019-01406-00-00-TCD-TRA
- 4.8 Follow-up to opinions
COR-2019-01069-00-00-TCD-TRA

For information:

- 4.9 CIVEX-related activities
COR-2019-01068-00-00-TCD-TRA

5. Spot on Regions and Cities

6. Opinions - Exchange of views

6.1	Title	Action Plan against Disinformation
	Rapporteur	Randel LÄNTS (EE/PES)
	Commission document	Joint communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action Plan against Disinformation JOIN (2018) 36 - final
	Document	COR-2019-01053-00-00-DT-TRA
	Type of opinion	Own-initiative
	Dossier	CIVEX-VI/040
	Statement by	Ms Tina Zournatzi, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Communication, European Commission Mr Jorgis Vilšinskas, Deputy Head of Division for Strategic Communications, European External Action Service

Adoption (planned) in the commission 25/06/2019
Adoption planned in the plenary session 08/10/2019

7. **Thematic debate on Countering disinformation**

To frame the thematic debate, facts on current trends in disinformation will be shared, followed by a review of the efforts by the EU bodies and institutions to counter it. CIVEX members are invited to share examples of disinformation and endeavours in raising awareness about it and debunking disinformation at local and regional level. General comments on disinformation trends and techniques would also fit well into the debate. Suggestions on effective ways to combat disinformation are especially welcome.

Background note for the thematic debate on Countering disinformation

COR-2019-01203-00-00-TCD-TRA

Speakers:

Mr Joe B. Lynam, Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM), European Commission

Mr Jon Roozenbeek, researcher, University of Cambridge

Mr Ruurd Oosterwoud, founder of the Platform for critical news consumers (DROG)

Mr Andreas Guske, Police officer, Trauerstein, Bavaria, Germany

8. **Any other business**

9. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting: 25 June 2019**

End of meeting

Working languages: 23/23

Interpreting: 16 ES/CS/DE/ET/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/HU/NL/PL/PT/RO/SL

(participants may speak in their own language)

(participants may listen in) 13 ES/CS/DE/ET/EL/EN/FR/IT/HU/PL/PT/RO/SL

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