



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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**NOTICE OF MEETING
7th term of office – CIVEX commission**

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- ✓ All times are Brussels time (CEST)

Meeting No	9
Chair	Vincenzo BIANCO (IT/PES)
Venue	Online (via Interactio): link received via email the week before On site (JDE52): only for those who received confirmation to attend.
Date	28 September from 11:00 to 17:00
Amendment deadline	Wednesday 15 September at 15:00

Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence Midnight from 27 to 28 September
Deadline for confirming a face-to-face attendance Monday 20 September 2021

The political coordinators meeting will be held from 10:00 to 10:30. (in camera).

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda**

COR-2021-04228-00-03-CONVPOJ-TRA

2. **Approval of the minutes of the 8th meeting**

COR-2021-03337-00-01-PV-TRA

3. **Statement of 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 41 b) i)
Decision to draw up an opinion
Appointment of rapporteurs

4.3 Own-initiative opinions – Rule 41 b) ii)
Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
Provisional appointment of rapporteurs

4.4 Decision not to draw up an opinion – Rule 67(2)

4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president
COR-2021-04230-00-00-TCD-TRA

4.6 CIVEX external activities in 2022
COR-2021-03302-00-01-TCD-TRA

For information

4.7 Follow up to opinions
COR-2021-02178-01-01-TCD-TRA

4.8 CIVEX-related activities
COR-2021-04320-00-01-TCD-TRA

5. **Spot on Regions and Cities**

6. Opinions – Discussion and adoption

6.1 Title	<i>Better regulation: Joining forces to make better laws</i>
Rapporteur	Piero Mauro Zanin (IT/EPP)
Commission document	COM(2021) 219 final
Document	COR-2021-04071-00-00-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Own initiative – Rule 41 b) i)
Dossier	CIVEX-VII/007
Statement by	Antonina Cipollone, Head of Unit Evaluation & Impact Assessment, Regulatory Scrutiny Board Secretariat, European Commission
Adoption in CIVEX	28 September 2021
Adoption in plenary session	1-3 December 2021

13:00 to 14:30

Lunch break

7. Thematic debate on the Conference on the Future of Europe: Equality as a building block of European democracy

Background note

COR-2021-04353-00-00-TCD-TRA

Statements by:

- Joaquín Almunia, former member of the European Commission, member of the CoR High Level Group on European Democracy
- Leonie Martin, President of Young European Federalists

First reaction from Concepción Andreu Rodríguez (ES/PES), President of the Regional Government of La Rioja, CoR rapporteur on "A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025"

Exchange of views with CIVEX members

8. Supporting EU cities and regions by funding inclusive communities through the new MFF

Statements by:

- Francesco Fusaro, policy officer at the Legal Pathways and Integration unit, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- Joan Calabuig Rull (ES/PES), Regional Secretary for the European Union and External Relations of the Government of Valencia, CoR member
- Petra Hueck, Director of International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe/SHARE Network
- Otilia Ciobanu, policy assistant at the Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

- Inti Bertocchi, coordinator of the project S.A.L.U.S. "W" SPACE - Sustainable Accessible Livable Usable Social space for intercultural Wellbeing, Welfare and Welcoming
- Marianne Doyen, policy officer at the European Social Fund+ unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Pehr Granfalk (SE/EPP), mayor of Solna (Sweden), member of ECON and NAT commissions, member of the CoR's Cities and Regions for Integration of Migrants network

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9. **Any other business**

10. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021

End of the meeting

Working languages: 12

Interpreting:

(participants may speak in their own language) (12): ES, DE, EL, EN, FR, IT, HU, NL, PL, PT, FI, SV

(participants may listen in) (12) ES, DE, EL, EN, FR, IT, HU, NL, PL, PT, FI, SV

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