



**European Committee
of the Regions**

NOTICE OF MEETING

**COMMISSION FOR CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONAL
AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (CIVEX)**

Meeting No	20
Chair	Barbara DUDEN (DE/PES)
Venue	Divani Caravel Hotel, Vasileos Alexandrou 2, Athens 161 21, Greece
Date	20 September 2018, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Amendment deadline	31 August 2018, 3 p.m. (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	19 September 2018 at midnight (Brussels time)

9.30 – 10 a.m. The political coordinators' meeting will be held *in camera*.

Draft agenda:

10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

COR-2018-03819-00-02-CONVPOJ-TRA

2. Approval of the minutes of the 19th meeting

3. Welcome by

- Georgios PATOULIS (EL/EPP), Mayor of Maroussi and President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece
- Nikolaos CHIOTAKIS (EL/EPP), Municipal Councillor of Kifissia, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

4. Statement by the chair

5. Organisation of future work

For decision:

- 5.1 Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 5.2 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b i))
- 5.3 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b ii))
- 5.4 Decisions not to draw up an opinion
- 5.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president
COR-2018-04209-00-01-TCD-TRA
- 5.6 CIVEX external activities in 2019
COR-2018-04274-00-00-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

- 5.7 Follow-up to opinions
COR-2018-04217-00-00-TCD-TRA

For information:

- 5.8 CIVEX related activities
COR-2018-04208-00-00-TCD-TRA
- 6. **Spot on regions and cities**
COR-2018-04264-00-00-TCD-TRA

7. **Opinion - discussion and adoption**

Title	EU Enlargement Package
Rapporteur	Franco Iacop (IT/PES)
Commission document	COM (2018) 450- final
Document	COR-2018-02352-00-00-PA-TRA
Dossier	CIVEX-VI/033
Statement by	Darko FRAS, President of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS), Mayor of Sveta Trojica v Slovenskih Goricah, Slovenia
Adoption planned for the plenary session	5-6 December 2018

8. Opinion – exchange of views

Title	Neighbourhood and the world
Rapporteur	Hans Janssen (NL/EPP)
Commission document	COM (2018) 460- final
Document	COR-2018-04008-00-00-DT-TRA
Dossier	CIVEX-VI/38
Statement by	Frank Engel (LU/EPP), Co-rapporteur on the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument 2021–2027, European Parliament (tbc)
Adoption in CIVEX commission	29 November 2018
Adoption planned for the plenary session	6-7 February 2019

9. Opinion – general exploratory debate

9.1 Title	Rights and Values Programme
Rapporteur-General	François Decoster (FR/ALDE)
Commission document	COM (2018) 383 - final
Document	COR-2018-03994-00-00-PAC-TRA
Dossier	CIVEX-VI/34
Adoption planned for the plenary session	8-10 October 2018

12.30 – 2 p.m. - Lunch break

10. Thematic debate on Migration: Why should cities and regions step up efforts to integrate migrants and how can they do so?

- Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (tbc)
- Susana DÍAZ PACHECO (ES/PES), President of Andalusia and CoR Rapporteur on European Social Fund Plus (tbc)
- Asef FARJAM, Migrant representative from European Migrant Board, Athens
- Andreas HOLLSTEIN, Mayor of Altena, Germany
- Georgios KAMINIS (EL/PES), Mayor of Athens and member of the European Committee of the Regions
- Claire CHARBIT, Head of Unit, Territorial Dialogues and Migration, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
- Vincenzo BIANCO (IT/PES), Member of Catania Municipal Council and CoR Rapporteur on the reform of the Common European Asylum System
- Dimitrios KALOGEROPOULOS (EL/EPP), Politically accountable to the Municipal Council of Palaio Faliro and CoR Rapporteur on the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration

11. Opinion – general exploratory debate

11.1	Title	Asylum and Migration Fund
	Rapporteur-General	Peter Bossman (SI/PES)
	Commission document	COM (2018) 471 – final
	Document	COR-2018-04007-00-00-PAC-TRA
	Dossier	CIVEX-VI/35
	Adoption planned for the plenary session	8-10 October 2018

12. Any other business

13. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting:** 29 November 2018

4 p.m. – End of meeting

Working languages:	23	
Interpreting:	10	ES/CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/NL/PL/PT
(participants may speak in their own language in:)		
(participants may listen in:)	10	ES/CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/NL/PL/PT

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Conference

Security challenges - Regional and local approaches

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21 September 2018

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Vasileos Alexandrou 2, Athens 161 21, Greece

Draft Programme

Security challenges, such as terrorism and violent extremism, must be addressed effectively in order to ensure that people live in an area of freedom and security, as outlined in the European Agenda on Security. Addressing terrorism and violent extremism requires an innovative and comprehensive approach due to the constantly changing nature of terrorism and radical activities. The global nature of threats requires cooperation and a common platform of interests and values. Though the Member States are mainly responsible for security, cities and regions are often the first levels of governance confronted with crisis and as a result are places where problems emerge, but also where solutions can be found.

9 - 9.30 a.m. Registration

9.30 - 10.15 a.m. **Opening session**

Welcome by Georgios Patoulis (EL/EPP), Mayor of Maroussi and President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece and **Apostolos Tzitzikostas** (EL/EPP), Head of the Region of Central Macedonia

– **Barbara Duden** (DE/PES), Member of Hamburg City Parliament and Chair of the CoR Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)

Keynote speech

- **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (tbc)

10.15 a.m. - 11.45 p.m. Session 1: **Assessing Public Perceptions of Security - Perceptions vs. Evidence**

Despite the decreasing number of successful terrorist attacks in the European Union, the public's perceptions of their security are not improving. The causes of the differences between perception and evidence are varied. This panel will discuss the differences between perceptions of security and the evidence that illustrates the current conditions with the EU and its Member States, as well as the roles that cities and regions may have in bridging the gap.

- **Andreas I. Pottakis**, The Greek Ombudsman
- **Maria Letizia Albergati**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Communication, Media, Monitoring and Analysis Unit – Europeans' attitudes towards security - Eurobarometer
- **Jean-François Barnier** (FR/ALDE), rapporteur on "*Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces*"
- **Efthymios Lekkas**, Disaster and Crisis Management, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- **Marta Zorko**, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science

Exchange of views

11.45 p.m. -12 noon Coffee break

12 noon – 1 p.m. Session 2: **Security and Freedoms in the Digital Era – A Challenge for Cities and Regions**

There is significant debate over the balance between security of the state and the freedoms of individuals. With the increasing use of digital space as a method of recruitment and radicalisation many Member States have pushed for extensive powers in areas relating to online data collection and retention. However, there are guarantees outlined in EU and Member State laws that are designed to protect the freedoms of citizens. This panel will discuss the role of cities and regions in the debate between security and freedoms.

- **Nathalie Van Raemdonck**, Associate Analyst in the field of Cyber Diplomacy, EU Institute for Security Studies
- **Louis Marinos**, Risk and Threat Management, Representative of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)
- **Romain Robert**, Legal adviser, European Data Protection Board

Exchange of views

Interpreting arrangements

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