

Directorate C – Legislative Work 2

Head of Unit C1 - Commission for Territorial Cohesion
Policy and EU Budget



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of the Regions

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Memo for the attention of: Mr Petr Blizkovsky, Secretary General
Mr Thomas Wobben, Director - Directorate for Legislative Work 2

Subject: Summary of the decisions taken at the hybrid 4th meeting of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget on 10 July 2020

Total number of members in the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget: 106

Participants: 78

Full members: 63, Alternate members: 15

Members participating remotely: 72

Members participating in the meeting room: 6

1. Organisation of the future work of the COTER Commission

a) The COTER commission appointed rapporteurs for the following dossiers:

Mr Mieczyslaw STRUK (PL/EPP)

Rapporteur general on the opinion on *The REACT-EU package*, pending official appointment by the CoR President

Mandatory referral (Rule 41(a))

Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN (NL/RE)

Rapporteur on the opinion on *The role of the EU's cohesion policy with respect to intelligent and innovative economic change in the regions against the backdrop of the coronavirus crisis*

Presidency referral (Rule 41(b)i)

b) Decisions not draw up an opinion: the COTER commission decided not to draw up an opinion on the following three dossiers (COR-2020-02990-00-01-TCD-TRA):

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 pandemic
COM(2020) 260 final (*rule 67(2) of the Rules of procedure*)

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards the resources for the specific allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative -
COM(2020) 206 final (*rule 67(1) of the Rules of procedure*)

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No

223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the COVID 19 crisis - COM(2020) 223 final (*rule 67(2) of the Rules of procedure*)

c) External activities:

The COTER commission agreed to postpone to 2021 the 2020 external seminar initially planned in Bratislava for 19/20 May 2020.

The COTER commission was informed of the postponement to 26/27 November 2020 of the 2020 external meeting and conference, initially planned in Bordeaux for 24/25 September 2020 (as far as the situation will allow so).

d) Ongoing work programme (COR-2020-00410-00-05-TCD-TRA): **adopted**

2. Opinions: the opinions were dealt with as follows, according to the procedures for **remote voting** on amendments and opinions:

a) Opinion on Equitable standards of living as a joint challenge for all levels of government in Europe

Bernd Lange (DE/EPP)

Own-initiative - Rule 41(b)(ii)

COR-2020-02612-00-00-PA - COTER-VII/004

Presentation of the draft opinion by the rapporteur, statement by a representative of the European Commission and discussion with COTER members.

33 amendments and 14 amendments of the rapporteur were tabled.

The vote on the amendments took place remotely on 10 July: 28 amendments were adopted (of which 14 rapporteur's amendments), 3 amendments were rejected and 16 amendments fell.

The vote on the opinion as amended took place remotely on 13 July. The opinion was **adopted by a majority** (2 votes against, no abstention).

It will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session on **12-14 October 2020**.

b) Opinion on European Year of Rail 2021

Mandatory (Rule 41a)

Jarosław Piotr Stawiarski (PL/ECR)

COR-2020-2633-00-00-PA – COTER-VII/006

Presentation of the draft opinion by the rapporteur, statement by a representative of the European Commission and discussion with COTER members.

19 amendments and 3 amendments of the rapporteur were tabled.

The vote on the amendments took place remotely on 10 July: 15 amendments were adopted (of which 3 rapporteur's amendments), no amendment was rejected and 3 amendments fell. 4 linguistic amendments which only affected the French version were not voted.

The vote on the opinion as amended took place remotely on 13 July. The opinion was **adopted by a majority** (1 vote against, no abstention).

It will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session on **12-14 October 2020**.

3. Exchange of views: Opinion on the **Challenges for public transport in cities and metropolitan regions**

Adam Struzik (PL/EPP)

Own-initiative (rule 41 (b) (ii))

COR-2020-02613-00-00-DT

Presentation of the draft opinion by the rapporteur, statement by a representative of the European Commission and discussion with COTER members.

The opinion will be submitted for adoption at the COTER meeting of 24 September 2020.

4. Confirmation of the date of the next meeting of the COTER commission:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2020, in Brussels.



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