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 2nd meeting of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget held on 3 March 2020 in Brussels

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Total number of members in the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget: 106
Participants: 76
Full members: 52, Alternate members: 24

1. **Organisation of the future work of the COTER Commission**

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

      **Mr Pavel Branda (CZ/ECR)**
      Opinion on *Cross-border public services in Europe* (working title)
      Own-initiative opinion (Rule 41b ii)), pending Bureau approval.
      The proposal will be forwarded to the Bureau for final decision on 24 March 2020

      **Mr Adam Struzik (PL/EPP)**
      Opinion on *Challenges for public transport in urban areas and metropolitan regions* (working title)
      Own-initiative opinion (Rule 41b ii)), pending Bureau approval.
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      **Mr Bernd Lange (DE/EPP)**
      Opinion on *Equitable standards of living as a joint challenge for all levels of government in Europe* (working title)
      Own-initiative opinion (Rule 41b ii)), pending Bureau approval.
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   b) The ongoing work programme (COR-2019-04823-00-01-TCD-TRA) was **adopted**.

   c) The **COTER contribution to the CoR impact report 2019** (COR-2020-00411-00-01-TCD-TRA) COR was **adopted**.
d) The work programme of the COTER commission for 2020 (COR-2019-04827-00-01-TCD-TRA) was adopted with the deletion of chapter 1 (institutional background). The secretariat was asked to check that elements mentioned in members' comments were effectively covered in the document.

The work programme of the EGTC Platform for 2020 (COR-2019-04827-02-00-TCD-TRA) was adopted as well.

e) External activities 2020 (COR-2020-00412-00-00-LET-TRA, COR-2020-00412-00-00-TCD-TRA)

The COTER commission approved a proposal put forward by Isabelle Boudineau (FR/PES) for an external COTER meeting and a conference on "Experience from the current period and challenges for the future programming of cohesion policy (provisional title)", to be held in Bordeaux on 24-25 September 2020 (date tbc).

2. The opinions were dealt with as follows:
   a) Opinion on The renewal of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities

      Own-initiative - Rule 41(b)(ii)
      Juan ESPADAS CEJAS (ES/PES)
      COR-2019-04829-00-00-DT-REF - COTER-VII/001

      Discussion and adoption of the draft opinion: 43 amendments and 7 rapporteur's amendment were tabled: 36 amendments were adopted (thereof 7 rapporteur's amendments), 1 amendment was rejected and 13 amendments fell. The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority (3 votes against, no abstentions). It will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session on 6-7 May 2020.

   b) Opinion on Just Transition Fund

      Mandatory referral (Rule 41a)
      Mr Vojko OBERSNEL (HR/PES)
      COR-2020-00418-00-01-PAC-TRA – COTER-VII/002

      Presentation of the draft opinion by the rapporteur-general and general exploratory debate with COTER members. Amendments may be submitted by all CoR members before 10 March at 3 p.m. The opinion will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 25-26 March.

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

   The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 May 2020 in Brussels.

   Marie-Claire NEILL-COWPER
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