

Directorate C – Legislative Work 2

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



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

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

**COMMISSION FOR TERRITORIAL COHESION POLICY ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME
(MARCH 2020- JULY 2020)**

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<p>Opinion on the Renewal of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities Own-initiative opinion Rapporteur: Juan ESPADAS CEJAS (ES/PES) COTER-VII/001</p>	<p>Article 307(4) TFEU Rule 41(b)(ii)</p>	<p>New Leipzig Charter to be adopted during the upcoming German Presidency of the Council (2nd half of 2020)</p>	<p>The opinion was adopted by a majority.</p>	<p>Adoption</p>	<p>Adoption</p>			
<p>Opinion on the Just Transition Fund Mandatory referral Rapporteur-general: Vojko OBERSNEL (HR/PES) COTER-VII/002</p>	<p>Mandatory Rule 41(a)</p>	<p>COM(2020) 22 final COM(2020) 23 final</p>	<p>A general exploratory debate took place.</p>	<p>Adoption</p>				
<p>Opinion on Cross-border public services (CPS) in Europe (<i>working title</i>) Rapporteur: Pavel BRANDA (CZ/ECR), pending Bureau approval</p>	<p>Article 307(4) TFEU Rule 41(b)(ii)</p>		<p>The COTER commission decided to draw up an opinion and appointed Mr Branda as rapporteur, pending Bureau approval of 24.03.2020</p>			<p>Exchange of views</p>		

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