

## 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 first and constitutive meeting of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget held on 13 February 2020 in Brussels

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

**Participants: 68**

**Full members: 59, Alternate members: 9**

### 1. Election of the chair, the 1st vice-chair and other vice-chairs

The following members of the COTER commission were elected by acclamation:

**Ms Isabelle BOUDINEAU (FR/PES) as Chair;**  
**Mr Ivan ŽAGAR (SI/EPP) as First Vice-Chair;**  
**Ms Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS (FR/EA) as Vice-Chair.**

### 2. Organisation of the future work of the COTER Commission

#### 2.1 Remits

The newly elected chair announced the remits of the COTER commission as decided by the Plenary Assembly.

#### 2.2 Rapporteurs

The chair announced the rapporteur for the ongoing opinion that was taken over from the previous mandate:

- Opinion on the *Renewal of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities* (COTER-VI/058, new: **COTER-VII/001**). **Mr Juan ESPADAS CEJAS (ES/PES)** will continue as rapporteur.

Members confirmed the rapporteur for the ongoing opinion by acclamation.

The chair informed members that on 27 January 2020 the interim President of the CoR appointed **Mr Vojko OBERSNEL (HR/PES)** as rapporteur-general for an opinion on the *Just Transition Fund* (**COTER-VII-002**).

### 2.3 External events

The chair announced that the outgoing COTER commission had already agreed on an invitation from **Mr Juraj DROBA (SK/ECR)**, to hold an external seminar on *The future of European metropolitan regions: their position and challenges post 2020* on 20 May 2020 in Bratislava (Slovakia).

The chair informed members that a new call for applications for the organisation of a COTER external meeting and conference in 2020 will be launched on 14 February 2020, with a deadline of Sunday 23 February before midnight. The decision on the external meeting and conference will then be taken at the COTER meeting on 3 March 2020.

### 2.4 Coordinators of the political groups

**The chair** announced the names of the coordinators:

- Mr Emil BOC (RO) for the EPP group;**
- Ms Manuela BORA (IT) for the PES group;**
- Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN (NL) for the RE group;**
- Mr Pavel BRANDA (CZ) for the ECR group;**
- Ms Marie-Antoinette MAUPERTUIS (FR) for the EA group.**
- Mr Zdeněk Hřib (CZ) for the Green group;**

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

The next meeting of the COTER commission will be held on **Tuesday, 3 March 2020** in Brussels.

The dates of the other meetings of COTER commission are:

- 28 May 2020 in Brussels
- 10 July 2020 in Brussels
- 30 October 2020 in Brussels
- 14 December 2020 in Brussels

(The meeting dates in the second semester are subject to change in view of the upcoming decision on the external COTER commission meeting and conference, to be taken at the COTER meeting of 3 March 2020).



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