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Brussels, 11 June 2021

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**7th Mandate – COTER commission**

**In light of the current COVID-19 situation, the meeting will be held by video conference only.**

**VOTING ON AMENDMENTS AND OPINIONS WILL TAKE PLACE REMOTELY DURING THE MEETING.**

Members will have access to a PRACTICAL GUIDE (COR-2021-01645-00-02-TCD-TRA) on how to connect to the remote meeting platform and how to vote on amendments and opinions in due time before the meeting. All documents for the meeting, including documents relating to voting, will be available exclusively on the Members' Portal. Please note that the delegation for the meeting will also cover the votes.

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| Meeting No | 9 |
| Chair | Isabelle BOUDINEAU (FR/PES) |
| Venue | Online meeting (via Interactio) |
| Date | 22/06/2021 11:00 – 16:30 |
| Amendment deadline | 09/06/2021 15:00 (Brussels time) |
| Deadline for submitting  a delegation of presence | 21/06/2021 at midnight (Brussels time) |

10:00 – 10:30: The political coordinators' meeting will be held in camera

* **New and improved procedure for voting on amendments and on the opinion Since April 2021**

**Please note that, as during the COTER meeting of 23 April, you will no longer vote via an online form. Instead, you will vote online, during the meeting. A step-by-step guide to voting is available on the Members' Portal (COR-2021-01645-00-02-TCD-TRA)**

**Draft agenda:**

**11:00 – 13:00**

# **Adoption of the draft agenda**

COR-2021-02469-00-03-CONVPOJ-TRA

# **Approval of the minutes of the 8th meeting**

COR-2021-02465-00-00-PV-TRA

# **Statement by the chair**

COR-2021-02466-00-00-LET-TRA

# **Organisation of future work**

For decision:

## Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) – Appointment of rapporteurs

## Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b) i))

* Decision to draw up an opinion
* Appointment of rapporteurs

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

* Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
* Provisional appointment of rapporteurs

## Decisions not to draw up an opinion

## Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president

COR-2021-00486-00-04-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

## Follow-up to opinions

COR-2021-00494-00-03-TCD-REF

# **Opinions - First discussion and adoption**

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|  | Title | **Effectively engaging local and regional authorities in the preparation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes for the 2021-2027 period** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Juraj Droba (SK/ECR)** |
|  | Commission document | N/A |
|  | Document | COR-2021-02505-00-00-PA-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative – Rule 41 (b) (i) |
|  | Dossier | COTER-VII/012 |
|  | Statement by | Witold WILLAK (Deputy Head of Unit Coordination of programmes, DG REGIO, European Commission) |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 22 June 2021 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 11–13 October 2021 |

# **Presentation of the State of Play of the European Week of Cities and Regions by Ian BARBER, Director for Communication at the CoR, followed by a debate with members**

**13:00 – 14:30: Lunch break**

**14:30 – 16:30**

# **Opinions – Exchange of Views**

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|  | Title | The gender dimension of structural and cohesion funds 2021-2027, with a focus on the preparation of the operational programmes |
|  | Rapporteur | **Donatella PORZI (IT/PES)** |
|  | Commission document | N/A |
|  | Document | COR-2021-02503-00-00-DT-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative – Rule 41 (b) (ii) |
|  | Dossier | COTER-VII/014 |
|  | Statement by | A representative of the European Commission (tbc) |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 28 October 2021 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 1-3 December 2021 |

# **Update on the European Year of Rail 2021**

# Statements by:

# Matthew BALDWIN, Deputy Director-General at DG MOVE, European Commission,

# João JESUS CAETANO, Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union,

# Conor GILLIGAN, Trainee at the COTER commission of the CoR ("The EYR and the Y-factor project").

# Followed by a discussion with members.

# COR-2021-01972-00-02-TCD-TRA

# **Cooperation with OECD**

Presentation by Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, and discussion with members.

COR-2021-02962-00-01-TCD-TRA

# **Any other business**

# **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting:**

28 and 29 October 2021 (external meeting) – (tbc)

**End of meeting**

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| **Working languages:** | **23** | BG/ES/CS/DA/DE/ET/EL/EN/FR/HR/IT/LV/LT/HU/MT/NL/PL/PT/RO/SK/SL/FI/SV |
| **Interpreting:**  (participants may speak in their own language) | **13** | BG/ES/CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/NL/PL/PT/RO/SL |
| (participants may listen in) | **13** | BG/ES/CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/NL/PL/PT/RO/SL |

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