



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

Directorate for Legislative Work 2  
Commission for Economic policy (ECON)

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 1 October 2020

Memo to Petr Blížkovský, Secretary-General  
Thomas Wobben, Director, Legislative Work 2

Subject Summary of the decisions from the 4th remote ECON meeting on 29 September 2020

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#### Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 109  
Full members (who logged on to the meeting): 56  
Alternate members (who logged on to the meeting): 23

#### Organisation of future work

See the Ongoing Work Programme (OWP) on page 3 for timelines of ongoing and future opinions.

#### Appointment

- **Isolde Ries (DE/PES)** was appointed Rapporteur for the Opinion on *the Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials*. Adoption planned for March 2021.
- It was agreed that the European Commission's communication on the *Fair and simple taxation supporting the recovery strategy* did not warrant an opinion, as several aspects of this package can be included in opinions on other future initiatives like the *Business Taxation for the 21st century* scheduled for end of October and the *Digital Services Act* planned for early next year. The Chair will therefore draft a motivated letter to the Chair of the newly set up subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC) in the European Parliament.

## Adoption of the opinion on the *Economic Governance Review*

Rapporteur **Elio Di Rupo (BE/PES)**

ECON-VII/005

The Members participated in a debate with European Parliament rapporteur **Margaridas Marques** on the economic governance review and on its implications for regional and local authorities.

The voting on amendments was done via an online form on Wednesday 30 September and the voting on the opinion as amended was done via an online form on Thursday 1 October.

20 amendments and 4 rapporteur amendments were tabled: 16 amendments were adopted, 2 amendments were rejected, 5 amendments fell, and 1 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was adopted by a majority. It will be presented for adoption at the plenary of 9-10 December 2020.

## Debates and exchange of views

- The Members participated in an exchange of views on the *Trade Policy Review*, with rapporteur **Willy Borsus (BE/RE)** and guest speaker **Ignacio Garcia Bercero**, Director at DG TRADE
- The Members participated in a debate on the developments in future EU-UK economic and trade relations and the new Brexit Adjustment Reserve, with guest speaker **Dr Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive and Chief Economist of the European Policy Centre.
- The Members participated in an exploratory debate on the *European recovery plan: Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument*, with rapporteur-general **Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES)** and **Vincenzo Baccaro**, Legal Adviser at DG ECFIN, European Commission. The opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 12-14 October 2020.

## Next meeting

The next ECON Commission meeting will take place on Thursday 19 November 2020 (setup to be confirmed).



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Annex. Updated OWP

Document	Legal basis	140 <sup>th</sup> plenary session 12-14 Oct. 2020	5 <sup>th</sup> ECON meeting 19 Nov. 2020	141 <sup>st</sup> plenary session 9-10 Dec. 2020	6 <sup>th</sup> ECON meeting 25 Jan. 2021 (tbc)	142 <sup>nd</sup> plenary session 3-4 Feb. 2021 (tbc)	143 <sup>rd</sup> plenary session 17-18 Mar. 2021 (tbc)
Opinion on the <i>Economic Governance Review</i>  Rapporteur: Elio Di Rupo (BE/PES) COR-2020-01370-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VII/005	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption			
Opinion on <i>Industrial Strategy</i>  Rapporteur: Jeannette Baljeu (NL/Renew E.) COR-2020-01374-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/007	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Adoption					
Opinion on <i>A Strategy for Europe's Digital Future and a Strategy for Data</i>  Rapporteur: Mark Weinmeister (DE/EPP) COR-2020-02354-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/004	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Adoption					
Opinion on <i>Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan</i>  Rapporteur: Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA) COR-2020-02355-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/006	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Adoption					
Opinion on <i>SME Strategy</i>  Rapporteur: Eddy van Hijum (NL/EPP) COR-2020-01373-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/008	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Adoption					

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<p>Opinion on <i>The Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument</i></p> <p>Rapporteur-General: Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) COR-2020-03381-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/009</p>	Opinions on the basis of consultations - Rule 41 a)	Adoption					
<p>Opinion on the <i>Trade Policy Review</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Willy Borsus (BE/RE) COR-2020-03380-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VII/010</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption			Adoption	
<p>Opinion on the <i>Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Isolde Ries (DE/PES) COR-2020-0xxxx-00-00-DT-TRA ECON-VII/0xx</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)		Exchange of views		Adoption		Adoption