



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 17 December 2019

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 26th meeting of the Commission for Economic Policy on 13 December 2019 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 103
Participants: 62
Full members: 33
Alternate members: 29

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

The ECON Commission appointed the following rapporteurs:

Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES)

for the Opinion on *the Budgetary Instrument for Convergence and Competitiveness (BICC)*

Own-initiative opinion – Rule 41 b) i) / Revised previous Opinion (Rule 57)

Timeline:

- 2 March 2020: discussion and adoption in ECON meeting
- 25-26 March 2020: discussion and adoption in plenary. The President will be requested to put this opinion on the draft agenda of this plenary session according to RoP 15.4.

Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/RE)

for the Opinion on *The services package: A services economy that works for Europeans*

Own-initiative opinion – Rule 41 b) i) / Revised previous Opinion (Rule 57)

Timeline:

- 2 March 2020: discussion and adoption in ECON meeting
- 6-7 May 2020: discussion and adoption in plenary

Decisions not to draw up an opinion (renunciations) - Rule 67 of the CoR Rules of Procedure

There were no renunciations.

The ending ECON mandate: stocktaking and ideas for the future

On the basis of a working document presenting ECON activities from the second part of the current mandate, members exchanged ideas and contributed input on ECON activities under the new mandate.

Opinions - Exchange of views

Implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs): The regional and local perspective

Rapporteur: Michael Murphy (IE/EPP)

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Following a statement by Rapporteur Michael Murphy, Geraldine Emberger, Senior Advisor on FTA Implementation, Directorate G - Trade Strategy and Analysis, Market Access, DG Trade took the floor. The rapporteur and speaker took part in a debate with ECON members. This opinion is planned for adoption in ECON on 2 March 2020 and in plenary on 6-7 May 2020.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

ECON Commission constitutive meeting: 13 February 2020 (2nd day of the plenary session)

ECON Commission meeting: Monday 2 March 2020 in Brussels

Bert Kuby



Annex. Updated ongoing work programme