



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 17 February 2020

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the constitutive meeting of the Commission for Economic Policy on 13 February 2019 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 100

Participants: 58

Full members: 54

Alternate members: 4

Opening of the meeting by the eldest member of the ECON Commission

In his capacity as the eldest member present, Per Bødker Andersen (DK/PES) opened the meeting.

Election of the Chair, First Vice Chair and other Vice Chairs

The following members of the ECON Commission were elected by acclamation:

Michael Murphy (IE/EPP) as Chair

Dainis Turlais (LV/Renew E.) as First Vice Chair

Robert Negoitǎ (RO/PES) as Second Vice Chair

Mr Murphy took over the chairmanship of the meeting and delivered his statement, stressing in particular the importance of the ECON remit in the overall political agenda of the EU.

Organisation of the future work of the ECON Commission

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The Chair announced the **following remits of the ECON Commission**, as decided by the Plenary Assembly:

- Economic Governance and European Semester
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Governance
- Industrial Policy and Industry 4.0
- SME Policy and entrepreneurship
- Economic and Monetary Policy
- Taxation Policy
- Internal Market and Digital Single Market
- International Trade and Tariffs (including WTO issues)
- Competition and State Aid Policy
- Local/Regional Finance and Investment
- Public Procurement
- Public Investment
- Public Services

Approval was granted to continue working on the **following dossiers attributed to ECON**, following the plenary decision:

- Opinion on the *Implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs): The regional and local perspective*. Michael Murphy (IE/EPP) will continue as rapporteur.
- Revised opinion on *The Budgetary Instrument for Convergence and Competitiveness (BICC)*. Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) will continue as rapporteur.
- Revised opinion on *The services package: A services economy that works for Europeans*. Jean Luc Vanraes (BE/Renew E.) will continue as rapporteur.

The Chair announced the two **upcoming ECON external activities for 2020**:

- ECON seminar on 29 May in Zagreb, Croatia, upon invitation from Bruno Hranić (HR/EPP), on the *implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Croatia and their impact on the local economy and entrepreneurship*.
- ECON meeting on 28 and 29 September 2020 in Wismar, Germany, upon invitation of Tilo Gundlack (DE/PES), with a conference on *digital solutions for private and public services of general interest*.

The Chair announced and presented the **ECON political coordinators**:

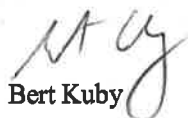
- Eddy Van Hijum (NL/EPP)
- Isolde Ries (DE/PES)
- Juan José Martínez Lozano (ES/Renew E.)
- Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA)
- Rob Jonkman (NL/ECR)
- Muhterem Aras (DE/GREENS)

Confirmation of the dates of the next meetings of the ECON Commission

The next meeting of the ECON commission will be held on 2 March 2020 in Brussels.

The other meetings of the ECON commission will be held on 24 April 2020; on 24 June 2020; on 28-29 September 2020 in Wismar, Germany; and on 19 November 2020.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bert Kuby', written in a cursive style.

Bert Kuby

Annex. Updated ongoing work programme