



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 11 July 2019

Memo to Jiří Buriánek, Secretary-General
 Thomas Wobben, Director, Legislative Work 2

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 24th meeting of the Commission for Economic
 Policy on 9 July 2019 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 97

Participants: 87

Full members: 49

Alternate members: 38

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

The ECON Commission appointed the following rapporteur (pending Bureau decision):

Dominique Leveque (FR/PES)

for the Opinion on *the European Commission communication "Annual competition policy report 2018"*

Own-initiative opinion – Rule 41 b) i)

Adoption in ECON on 22 October 2019

Adoption in plenary of 4-5 December 2019

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

There were no renunciations.

Adoption of the opinion on *The socioeconomic transformation of coal regions in Europe*

Rapporteur **Mark Speich (DE/EPP)**

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) ii)

COR-2018-06337-00-00-PA

ECON-VI/041

Following a statement by the rapporteur, the Member European Parliament and chair of the outgoing EP Committee for Industry, Research and Energy, Mr Jerzy Buzek (EPP/PL), and Mr Nicola de Michelis, Director for Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV, European Commission DG REGIO made statements. The Rapporteur and speakers took part in a debate with ECON members.

18 amendments and 3 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

10 amendments were adopted (including 2 rapporteur amendments), 4 amendments were rejected, 2 amendments were withdrawn and 5 amendments fell.

The opinion was adopted by majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 7-9 October 2019.

Adoption of the opinion on *Implementation report on public procurement*

Rapporteur **Thomas Habermann (DE/EPP)**

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) ii)

COR-2019-01136-00-00-PA

ECON-VI/043

After the rapporteur's presentation, Mr David Blanchard, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Unit G4 Innovative and electronic procurement, made a statement and took part in the debate with ECON members.

5 amendments and 1 rapporteur amendment were tabled.

4 amendments were adopted (including 1 rapporteur amendment), 1 amendment was withdrawn and 1 amendment fell.

The opinion was adopted by majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 7-9 October 2019.

Adoption of the opinion on *Contribution from regions and cities towards a new EU policy framework for SMEs*

Rapporteur **Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA)**

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) ii)

COR-2019-02041-00-00-PA

ECON-VI/046

Following a statement by the rapporteur, Ms Kristin Schreiber, Director for COSME Programme and SME Policy, European Commission, DG GROW, made a statement and took part in the debate with ECON members.

15 amendments and 6 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

14 amendments were adopted (including one through a split vote and 6 rapporteur amendments and 1 oral compromise), 1 amendment was rejected, and 6 amendments fell.

The opinion was adopted by unanimity; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 7-9 October 2019.

Opinions - Exchange of views

Improving administrative capacity of local and regional authorities to strengthen investments and structural reforms in 2021-2027

COR-2019-02043-00-00-DT

Rapporteur **Manuela Bora (IT/PES)**

ECON-VI/047

ECON members contributed their views following statements by the rapporteur and Mr Stefan Appel, Head of Unit DG REGIO E1, European Commission, Administrative Capacity Building and European Solidarity Fund.

Opinions - Exchange of views

A European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy

COR-2019-01951-00-00-DT

Rapporteur **Peter Florianschütz (AT/PES)**

ECON-VI/048

ECON members contributed their views following statements by the rapporteur and Mr Zachary Kilhoffer, Researcher at CEPS.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

The next ECON meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 in Brussels.

Bert Kuby

Annex. Updated ongoing work programme



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COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (ECON)

ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME

JULY – DECEMBER 2019

Document (Rapporteur)	Legal basis	Inter- institutional framework	24th commission meeting 9 July	136th plenary session 7-9 October	25th commission meeting 22 October	137th plenary session 4-5 December	25th commission meeting 13 December
Opinion on Socioeconomic structural change in Europe's coal regions Rapporteur: Mark Speich (DE/EPP) COR-2018-06337-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/041	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption	Adoption			
Opinion on the Implementation report on public procurement Rapporteur: Thomas Habermann (DE/EPP) COR-2019-01136-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/043	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption	Adoption			

Document (Rapporteur)	Legal basis	Inter- institutional framework	24th commission meeting 9 July	136th plenary session 7-9 October	25th commission meeting 22 October	137th plenary session 4-5 December	25th commission meeting 13 December
Opinion on Contribution from regions and cities towards a new EU policy framework for SMEs Rapporteur: Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA) COR-2019-02041-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/046	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption	Adoption			
Opinion on Improving administrative capacity of local and regional authorities to strengthen investments and structural reforms in 2021-2027 Rapporteur: Manuela Bora (IT/PES) COR-2019-02043-00-00-DT-TRA ECON-VI/047	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)		Exchange of views		Adoption	Adoption	
Opinion on A European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy Rapporteur: Peter Florianschütz (AT/PES) COR-2019-01951-00-00-DT-TRA ECON-VI/048	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)		Exchange of views		Adoption	Adoption	
Opinion on Annual competition policy report 2018 Rapporteur: Dominique Leveque (FR/PES) COR-2019-0xxxx-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/xxx	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Scheduled for mid-July 2019	Appointment of rapporteur		Adoption	Adoption	

