



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 22 October 2019

Memo to Pedro Cervilla, Secretary-General
Thomas Wobben, Director, Legislative Work 2

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 25th meeting of the Commission for Economic Policy on 22 October 2019 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 99

Participants: 70

Full members: 41

Alternate members: 29

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

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

Michael MURPHY (IE/EPP)

for the Opinion on *the European Commission report on the implementation of free trade agreements*

Own-initiative opinion – Rule 41 b) i)

Timeline:

- 13 December 2019: Exchange of views in the ECON meeting
- 2 March 2020: discussion and adoption in the ECON meeting
- 6-7 May 2020: discussion and adoption in the CoR Plenary

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

No renunciation decisions were taken during the meeting. However the Chair reminded members that a decision not to draw up an opinion had been taken by written procedure since the last ECON meeting

on the Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (*COM(2019) 397 final*).

Proposals for external activities in 2020

The ECON Commission approved the organisation of two external activities in 2020:

- One seminar for a quarter of all members on the "*Implementation of the SDGs in Croatia and their impact on the local economy and entrepreneurship*" to be held in spring 2020 in Zagreb, Croatia, at the invitation of Bruno Hranić.

- One external meeting and conference for all members on "*Digital solutions for public and private services of general interest*" to be held in September 2020 in Wismar, Germany, at the invitation of Tilo Gundlack.

Adoption of the opinion on the Annual competition policy report 2018

Rapporteur: Dominique LÉVÊQUE (FR/PES)

COR-2019-3686-00-02-PA

ECON-VI/049

Following a statement by the rapporteur, Mr Karl Soukup Director of State aid, European Commission DG COMP took the floor. The rapporteur and speakers took part in a debate with ECON members.

12 amendments and no rapporteur amendments were tabled.

11 amendments were adopted and 1 amendment was rejected.

The opinion was adopted by unanimity; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 4-5 December 2019.

Adoption of the 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-2019-02043-00-01-PA

ECON-VI/047

After the rapporteur's presentation, Mr Daniele Dotto, Head of Unit, Governance and public administration, Structural Reform Support Service, European Commission, made a statement. The rapporteur and speakers took part in a debate with ECON members.

4 amendments and 1 rapporteur amendment were tabled.

3 amendments were adopted (including 1 rapporteur amendment), 2 amendments fell.

The opinion was adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 4-5 December 2019.

Adoption of the opinion on A European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy

Rapporteur: **Peter FLORIAN SCHÜTZ (AT/PES)**

COR-2019-01951-00-00-PA

ECON-VI/048

The rapporteur made a statement and took part in a debate with ECON members.

8 amendments and 2 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

The 2 rapporteur amendments were adopted, 2 amendments fell and 5 amendments were rejected. One amendment was the subject of a split vote, with the first part rejected and the second part adopted.

The opinion was adopted by unanimity; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 4-5 December 2019.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

The next ECON meeting will be held on Friday 13 December 2019 in Brussels.

Bert Kuby

Annex. Updated ongoing work programme



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COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (ECON)

**ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME
OCTOBER – FEBRUARY 2020**

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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				
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 on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption				

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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 on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		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-PA-TRA ECON-VI/047	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)			Adoption	Adoption		
Opinion on A European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy Rapporteur: Peter Florianschütz (AT/PES) COR-2019-01951-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/048	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)			Adoption	Adoption		

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Opinion on Annual competition policy report 2018 Rapporteur: Dominique Leveque (FR/PES) COR-2019-03686-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/049	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption	Adoption		
Opinion on the European Commission report on the implementation of free trade agreements Rapporteur: Michael Murphy (IE/EPP) COR-2019-XXXX-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/050	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Rapporteur appointment		Exchange of views	
