



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 17 December 2018

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

Subject        Summary of the decisions taken at the 21st meeting of the Commission for Economic  
                  Policy on 13 December 2018 in Brussels

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### **Attendance**

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 108

Participants: 74

Full members: 42

Alternate members: 32

### **Organisation of future work**

The annexed updated ongoing work programme was approved.

### **2019 ECON Work Programme**

The 2019 ECON Work Programme of the Commission was approved; the comments provided by the Chair and members will be included in the version to be submitted to the next Bureau meeting.

### **The ECON Commission appointed the following rapporteurs**

#### **Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP)**

*Opinion on the Reflection Paper "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030, on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change"*

Own Initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) i) of RoP

Exchange of views in ECON on 14 February 2019

Adoption in ECON (external meeting) on 6-7 May 2019

Adoption in plenary session on 26-27 June 2019

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

*Opinion on the Implementation report on public procurement*

Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii) of RoP

Adoption in ECON on 9 July 2019

Adoption in plenary session on 7-9 October 2019

**Jeannette Baljeu (NL/ALDE)**

*Opinion on A place-based approach to EU industrial policy*

Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii) of RoP

Presentation of the study results in ECON on 14 February 2019

Adoption in ECON (external meeting) on 6-7 May 2019

Adoption in plenary session on 26-27 June 2019

External activities 2019

The ECON Commission agreed with the proposal submitted by Markku Markkula (FI/EPP) to hold a seminar in the Helsinki Region (Espoo) in the autumn of 2019, on SDGs and industry 4.0, with a focus on business development and start-ups.

**Exchange of views on the opinion on *The European Semester and Cohesion Policy: aligning structural reforms with long-term investments***

Referral from the Romanian Presidency

Rapporteur Rob Jonkman (NL/ECR)

ECON-VI/040

Adoption in ECON on 14 February 2019

Adoption in plenary session on 10-11 April 2019

Statements from **Reinhard Felke**, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Moscovici, European Commission and **Eric von Breska**, Director for Policy, DG REGIO, European Commission. A debate with members followed.

**Debate on the role of regions and cities in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**

Statements from **Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP)**, representative of the CoR at the EU multi-stakeholders' platform on SDGs, from **Lucian Parvulescu**, Policy officer, Natural resources, Energy Union and Sustainability Unit, Secretariat-General of the European Commission, and from **Tadashi Matsumoto**, Coordinator, National Urban Policy Programme, Climate Change and Green Growth, OECD. A debate with members followed.

The joint CoR-OECD survey on *The key contribution of regions and cities to sustainable development* was launched on the day of the meeting.

**Confirmation of the date of the next meeting**

The next ECON meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2019 in Brussels.

Bert Kuby

Annex. Summary of decision updated 13 February



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**COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (ECON)**

**ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME**

DECEMBER 2018 – MAY 2019

<b>Document (Rapporteur)</b>	<b>Legal basis</b>	<b>Inter- institutional framework</b>	<b>21st commission meeting 13 Dec.</b>	<b>133rd plenary session 6-7 Feb.</b>	<b>22nd commission meeting 14 Feb.</b>	<b>134th plenary session 10-11 Apr.</b>	<b>23rd external commission meeting (&amp; conference) 6 (&amp; 7) May</b>
<b>Opinion on Socioeconomic transformation of coal regions in Europe</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Mark Speich (DE/EPP)</b> <b>COR-2018-06337-00-00-DT-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/041</b>	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)				Exchange of views		Adoption
<b>Opinion on The European Semester and Cohesion Policy: aligning structural reforms with long-term investments</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Rob Jonkman (NL/ECR)</b> <b>COR-2018-05504-00-00-DT-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/040</b>	Romanian Presidency referral of 15/10/2018  Rule 41 b) i)	The 2019 AGS, which the opinion will also cover, was published on 21/11/2018	Exchange of views		Adoption	Adoption	

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<b>Opinion on the Reflection paper towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030, on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP)</b> <b>COR-2018-0xxxx-00-00-DT-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/0xx</b>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Scheduled on 19/12/2018	Appointment of rapporteur		Exchange of views		Adoption
<b>Opinion on the Implementation report on public procurement</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Thomas Habermann (DE/EPP)</b> <b>COR-2018-0xxxx-00-00-PA-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/0xx</b>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Appointment of rapporteur	Bureau decision			
<b>Opinion on A place-based approach to EU industrial policy strategy</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Jeannette Baljeu (NL/ALDE)</b> <b>COR-2018-0xxxx-00-00-PA-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/0xx</b>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Appointment of rapporteur	Bureau decision	Presentation of the study results (no exchange of views)		Adoption
<b>Opinion on SME policy at the regional and local level</b>  <b>Rapporteur: tbc</b> <b>COR-2018-0xxxx-00-00-xx-TRA</b> <b>ECON-VI/0xx</b>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)				Appointment of rapporteur (tbc) pending Bureau decision		