



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 7 May 2019

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 23rd meeting of the Commission for Economic
 Policy on 6 May in Druskininkai, Lithuania

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 103
Participants: 71
Full members: 36
Alternate members: 35

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

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

Peter Florianschütz (AT/PES)

Opinion on a *European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy*
Own-initiative opinion – Rule 41 b) ii) of RoP
Decision by the Bureau on 25 June 2019
Exchange of views in ECON on 9 July 2019
Adoption in ECON on 22 October 2019
Adoption in plenary of 4-5 December 2019

Adoption of the opinion on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): a basis for a long-term EU strategy for a sustainable Europe by 2030

Rapporteur Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP)
Communication from the Commission – Reflection paper towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030
COM(2019) 22 final

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) i)
COR-2019-00239-00-00-PA
ECON-VI/044

Following a statement by the rapporteur, representatives of the other CoR commissions were invited to take the floor in order to reflect the cross-cutting nature of this issue. Mr Turlais, representing COTER, Ms Hertell, representing ENVE, Ms Gintere representing SEDEC and Mr Rouillon for CIVEX all took the floor, as did several ECON members.

44 amendments and 10 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

40 amendments were adopted (including 10 rapporteur amendments), 4 amendments were rejected, and 10 amendments fell.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted unanimously; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 26-27 June 2019.

Adoption of the opinion on *Towards a more efficient and democratic decision making in EU tax policy*

Rapporteur Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES)

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council: Towards a more efficient and democratic decision making in EU tax policy, 18 February 2019 COM(2019) 8 final

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) i)
COR-2019-00845-00-01-PA
ECON-VI/045

After the rapporteur's presentation, Mr Mederer, Head of Unit of the Legal Affairs, direct taxation Unit, at the European Commission's DG TAXUD made a statement and took part in the debate with ECON members.

20 amendments and 3 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

8 amendments were adopted (including 1 rapporteur amendment and 1 oral compromise), 9 amendments were rejected, and 6 amendments fell.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 26-27 June 2019.

Adoption of the opinion on *A place-based approach to EU industrial policy*

Rapporteur Jeannette Baljeu (NL/ALDE)

Own-initiative opinion - Article 41 b) ii)
COR-2018-05941-00-01-PA
ECON-VI/042

Following a statement by the rapporteur, ECON members discussed the draft opinion.

49 amendments and 9 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

40 amendments were adopted (including one through a split vote and 9 rapporteur amendments), 4 amendments were rejected, and 14 amendments fell.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 26-27 June 2019.

Exchange of views on the proposals of the CoR for the new European Union legislative mandate 2019-2024

COR-2019-01354-00-01-TCD

This document was debated by ECON members who requested a few changes before approving the document.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

The next ECON meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 in Brussels.

Bert Kuby

Annex. Ongoing work programme updated 7 May 2019



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COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (ECON)

**ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME
OCTOBER 2018 – FEBRUARY 2019**

Document (Rapporteur)	Legal basis	Interinstitutional framework	135th plenary session 26-27 June	24th commission meeting 9 July	136th plenary session 7-9 October	25th commission meeting 22 October
Opinion on A place-based approach to EU industrial policy Rapporteur: Jeannette Baljeu (NL/ALDE) COR-2018-05941-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VI/042	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Adoption			

Document (Rapporteur)	Legal basis	Interinstitutional framework	135th plenary session 26-27 June	24th commission meeting 9 July	136th plenary session 7-9 October	25th commission meeting 22 October
<p>Opinion on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): a basis for a long-term EU strategy for a sustainable Europe by 2030</p> <p><i>COM(2019) 22 – final</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP) COR-2019-00239-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VI/044</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents -Rule 41 b) i)	Published on 30/1/2019 Council Conclusions in Sibiu 09/05/2019	Adoption			
<p>Opinion on Towards a more efficient and democratic decision making in EU tax policy</p> <p>Rapporteur: Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) COR-2019-00845-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VI/045</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) i)		Adoption			
<p>Opinion on Socioeconomic transformation of coal regions in Europe</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mark Speich (DE/EPP) COR-2018-06337-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/041</p>	Own-initiative opinion - Rule 41 b) ii)			Adoption	Adoption	
<p>Opinion on the Implementation report on public procurement</p> <p>Rapporteur: Thomas Habermann (DE/EPP) COR-2019-01136-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/043</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)			Adoption	Adoption	

Document (Rapporteur)	Legal basis	Interinstitutional framework	135th plenary session 26-27 June	24th commission meeting 9 July	136th plenary session 7-9 October	25th commission meeting 22 October
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	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-2019-0xxxx-00-00-DT-TRA ECON-VI/047	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)			Exchange of views		Adoption
Opinion on a European framework for regulatory responses to the collaborative economy Rapporteur: Peter Florianschütz (AT/PES) COR-2019-0xxxx-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VI/0xx	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Decision by the Bureau			Adoption