



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 3 March 2020

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 2nd meeting of the Commission for Economic
Policy on 2 March 2020 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 102

Participants: 74

Full members: 38

Alternate members: 36

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

The following rapporteurs were appointed:

Elio Di Rupo (BE/PES)

Opinion on the *Economic Governance Review* – Rule 41 b) i)

ECON meeting of 24 April 2020: Exchange of views

ECON meeting of 24 June 2020: First discussion and adoption

Plenary of 12-14 October 2020: Adoption

Mark Weinmeister (DE/EPP)

Opinion on *A Strategy for Europe's Digital Future and A Strategy for Data* – Rule 41 b) i)

ECON meeting of 24 April 2020: Exchange of views

ECON meeting of 24 June 2020: First discussion and adoption

Plenary of 12-14 October 2020: Adoption

Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA)

Opinion on the *Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan* – Rule 41 b) i)

ECON meeting of 24 June 2020: First discussion and adoption

Plenary of 12-14 October 2020: Adoption

Eddy van Hijum (NL/EPP)

Opinion on the *SME Strategy* – Rule 41 b) i)

ECON meeting of 24 April 2020: First discussion and adoption

Plenary of 1-2 July 2020: Adoption (as per Rule 52.4 of the RoP)

Jeannette Baljeu (NL/Renew E.)

Opinion on the *Industrial Strategy* – Rule 41 b) i)

ECON meeting of 24 April 2020: First discussion and adoption

Plenary of 1-2 July 2020: Adoption (as per Rule 52.4 of the RoP)

The *Resolution on the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan (SEIP)*, to be drafted by ECON and submitted to the Bureau of 24 March 2020, with a planned adoption at plenary on 13-14 May 2020, was endorsed by the political coordinators.

The Contribution of the ECON Commission to the 2019 Impact Report was approved.

The ECON work programme for 2020 was approved; it will be submitted for adoption at the next CoR Bureau of on 24 March 2020.

The 2020 Action Plan for cooperation between the CoR and the EIB was adopted.

Adoption of opinions

Implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs): The regional and local perspective

Rapporteur Michael Murphy (IE/EPP)

ECON-VII/001

32 amendments and 6 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

26 amendments were adopted, 9 amendments fell, 2 amendments were rejected and 1 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by unanimity; it will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 13-14 May 2020. Commissioner Hogan participated in a debate with the rapporteur and ECON members on EU trade policy and its implications for regional and local authorities.

The Budgetary Instrument for Convergence and Competitiveness (BICC)

Rapporteur Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES)

ECON-VII/002

10 amendments and 2 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

3 amendments were adopted, 4 amendments fell and 5 amendments were rejected.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 25-26 March 2020.

The services package: An updated view from Europe's local and regional authorities

Rapporteur Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/RE)

ECON-VII/003

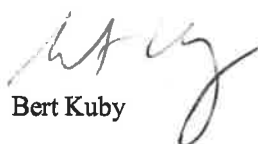
15 amendments and 1 rapporteur amendment were tabled.

9 amendments were adopted, 2 amendments fell and 5 amendments were rejected.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 25-26 March 2020.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 April 2020 in Brussels.



Bert Kuby

Annex. Updated ongoing work programme

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Opinion on the Implementation of free trade agreements Rapporteur Michael Murphy (IE/EPP) COR-2019-04764-00-00-PAC ECON-VII/001	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)				Adoption				
Opinion on the Budgetary Instrument for Convergence and Competitiveness (BICC) Rapporteur Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) COR-2020-00149-00-00-PAC ECON-VII/002	Opinion on the basis of Rule 57			Adoption					
Revised opinion on The services package: An updated view from Europe's local and regional authorities Rapporteur Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/RE) COR-2020-00150-00-00-PAC ECON-VII/003	Opinion on the basis of Rule 57				Adoption				

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Opinion on the Economic Governance Review Rapporteur Elio Di Rupo (BE/PES) COR-2020-00xxx-00-00-DT ECON-VII/00x	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Exchange of views		Adoption			Adoption
Opinion on A Strategy for Europe's Digital Future and A Strategy for Data Rapporteur Mark Weimer (DE/PP) COR-2020-00xxx-00-00-DT ECON-VII/00x	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Exchange of views		Adoption			Adoption
Opinion on the Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan Rapporteur Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA) COR-2020-00xxx-00-00-PA ECON-VII/00x	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)					Adoption			Adoption

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Opinion on the <i>SME Strategy</i> Rapporteur Eddy van Hijum (NL/EP) COR-2020-00xxx-00-00-PA ECON-VII/00x	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption			Adoption		
Opinion on the <i>Industrial Strategy</i> Rapporteur Jeannette Baljeu (NL/Renew E.) COR-2020-00xxx-00-00-PA ECON-VII/00x	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption			Adoption		