



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 3rd ECON "hybrid" meeting on 23 June 2020

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 104

Members participating remotely: approximately 64

Members participating in meeting room: 7

Organisation of future work

The Ongoing Work Programme was approved. It is annexed to this summary, and includes the planned timeline for all current opinions.

- Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) was appointed Rapporteur-General for the Opinion on the *Recovery and Resilience facility and the Technical Support Instrument*
- Willy Borsus (BE/Renew E.) was appointed Rapporteur for the Opinion on *the Trade Policy Review*

Decisions not to draw up an opinion - Rule 67

The three proposals for renunciations were approved.

Adopted opinions

The voting on amendments took place via surveys on Wednesday 24 June and the voting on the opinions "as amended" took place via a survey on Thursday 25 June.

1. SME strategy

Rapporteur Eddy van Hijum (NL/EPP)

ECON-VII/008

14 amendments and 4 rapporteur amendments were tabled. 12 amendments were adopted, 6 amendments fell, 0 amendments were rejected and 0 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by majority. It will be presented for adoption at the October plenary.

The Coordinators and the Members participated in a debate with the rapporteur on EU SMEs policy being at the heart of the recovery and on its implications for regional and local authorities.

2. *A new industrial strategy for Europe*

Rapporteur Jeannette Baljeu (NL/Renew E.)

ECON-VII/007

30 amendments and 5 rapporteur amendments were tabled. 23 amendments were adopted, 8 amendments fell and 4 amendments were rejected and 0 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by unanimity. It will be presented for adoption at the October plenary.

The Coordinators and the Members participated in a debate with the rapporteur on the need, and particularly after the COVID crisis, and the relevance of a strong industrial policy.

3. *A strategy for Europe's digital future and a strategy for data*

Rapporteur Mark Weinmeister (DE/EPP)

ECON-VII/004

48 amendments and 15 rapporteur amendments were tabled. 34 amendments were adopted, 19 amendments fell, 10 amendments were rejected and 0 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by majority. It will be presented for adoption at the October plenary.

The Coordinators and the Members participated in a debate with the rapporteur on the access to digital services, relevance of start-ups, links to security matters, ethical models concerning data use, infrastructure for smart cities and smart regions.

4. *Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan*

Rapporteur Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA)

ECON-VII/006

22 amendments and 3 rapporteur amendments were tabled. 16 amendments were adopted, 5 amendments fell, 4 amendments were rejected and 0 amendment was withdrawn.

The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by unanimity. It will be presented for adoption at the October plenary.

The Coordinators and the Members participated in a debate with the rapporteur on the barriers to SMEs and areas to improve to truly operate in a Single European Market.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

The next ECON Commission meeting will be held on 29 September in Brussels.



Bert Kuby

Annex. Updated ongoing work programme

Document	Legal basis	139 th plenary session 1-2 Jul. 2020	4 th ECON meeting 29 Sep. 2020	140 th plenary session 12-14 Oct. 2020	5 th ECON meeting 19 Nov. 2020	141 st plenary session 9-10 Dec. 2020
Opinion on the <i>European Commission report on the implementation of free trade agreements</i> Rapporteur: Michael Murphy (IE/EPP) COR-2019-04764-00-02-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/001	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)	Adoption				
Revised opinion on <i>The services package: An updated view from Europe's local and regional authorities</i> Rapporteur: Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/RE) COR-2020-00150-00-02-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/003	Opinion on the basis of Rule 57	Adoption				
Opinion on the <i>Economic Governance Review</i> Rapporteur: Elio Di Rupo (BE/PES) COR-2020-01370-00-00-PA-TRA ECON-VII/005	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)		Adoption			Adoption
Opinion on <i>Industrial Strategy</i> Rapporteur: Jeannette Baljeu (NL/Renew E.) COR-2020-01374-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/007	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption		
Opinion on <i>A Strategy for Europe's Digital Future and a Strategy for Data</i> Rapporteur: Mark Weinmeister (DE/EPP) COR-2020-02354-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/004	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption		

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<p>Opinion on <i>Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA) COR-2020-02355-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/006</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption		
<p>Opinion on <i>SME Strategy</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Eddy van Hijum (NL/EPP) COR-2020-01373-00-00-PAC-TRA ECON-VII/008</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of European Commission documents - Rule 41 b) i)			Adoption		
<p>Opinion on <i>The Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument</i></p> <p>Rapporteur-General: Christophe Rouillon (FR/PES) COR-2020-xxxx-00-00-PA -TRA ECON-VII/00x</p>	Opinions on the basis of consultations - Rule 41 a)		Exploratory debate	Adoption		
<p>Opinion on the <i>Trade Policy Review</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Willy Borsus (BE/RE) COR-2020-xxxx-00-00-DT-TRA ECON-VII/00x</p>	Own-initiative opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) ii)		Exchange of views		Adoption	