



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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

The Head of Unit

Brussels, 23 October 2018

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

Subject Summary of the decisions taken at the 20th meeting of the Commission for Economic Policy on 23 October 2018 in Brussels

Attendance

Total number of members in the Commission for Economic Policy: 111

Participants: 76

Full members: 50

Alternate members: 26

Organisation of future work

The annexed ongoing work programme was approved.

The ECON Commission appointed the following rapporteurs

Rob Jonkman (NL/ECR)

Opinion on the European Semester and Cohesion Policy: aligning structural reforms with long-term investments

It is based on the request of the Romanian Presidency to the CoR to draw up an opinion on the link between regional development strategies under Cohesion Policy and Country Specific recommendations. It will also consider the upcoming European Commission communication (expected to be published on 21 November) on the 2019 Annual Growth Survey.

Opinions on the basis of consultations – Rule 41 a) of RoP

Exchange of views in ECON on 13 December

Adoption in ECON on 14 February 2019

Adoption in plenary session of 10-11 April 2019

Mark Speich (DE/EPP)

Opinion on Socio-economic transformation of coal regions in Europe

Own-initiative opinion – Article 41 b) ii) of RoP

Exchange of views in ECON on 14 February 2019

Adoption in ECON on 30 April 2019

Adoption in plenary session of 26-27 June 2019

Election of new Chair

Following the resignation of Michel Delebarre as Chair of the ECON Commission, Olga Zrihen (BE/PES) was elected new Chair for the remainder of the current mandate.

External activities 2019

The ECON Commission agreed with the proposal submitted by Mr Abramavicius and Mr Malinauskas to hold an external meeting and conference in Druskininkai, Lithuania, on the topic of *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local level: How Cities and regions contribute to sustainable economic growth*. The meeting will be held in the first half of May 2019.

The call for proposals to hold a seminar or study-visits will be relaunched for the December meeting.

First discussion and adoption of the opinion on Taxation of the digital economy

Rapporteur Jean-Luc Vanraes (BE/ALDE)

ECON-VI/035

6 amendments and 0 rapporteur amendment were tabled.

2 amendments were adopted and 4 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 5-6 December.

Statement from Krister Andersson, EESC Rapporteur on the Taxation of the Digital Economy.

First discussion and adoption of the opinion on the EU reform and stabilization support

Rapporteur Olga Zrihen (BE/PES)

ECON-VI/037

16 amendments and 2 rapporteur amendments were tabled.

9 amendments were adopted (including 2 rapporteur amendments), 7 amendments were rejected, and 2 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 5-6 December.

Statement from Dr Wolfgang Merz, Chair of the Economic Policy Committee of the Council of the European Union.

First discussion and adoption of the opinion on the InvestEU programme

Rapporteur Konstantinos Agorastos (EL/EPP)
ECON-VI/039

31 amendments and 0 rapporteur amendment were tabled.
29 amendments were adopted, 1 amendment was rejected, and 1 amendment fell.
The opinion was put to the vote and adopted by a majority; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 5-6 December.

Statements from Lucas Lenchant, Policy Advisor at the European Investment Bank (EIB), and from Filippo Munisteri, Policy Officer, DG ECFIN, European Commission.

First discussion and adoption of the opinion on Financing sustainable growth

Rapporteur Tilo Gundlack (DE/PES)
ECON-VI/034

14 amendments and 1 rapporteur amendment were tabled.
11 amendments were adopted (including 1 rapporteur amendment), 3 amendments were rejected, and 1 amendment fell.
The opinion was put to the vote and adopted unanimously; it will be presented for adoption at the Plenary Session of 5-6 December..

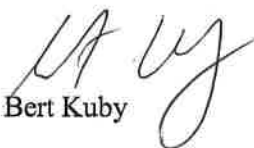
First discussion and adoption of the opinion on the Single Market programme

Rapporteur Deirdre Forde (IE/EPP)
ECON-VI/038

18 amendments and 3 rapporteur amendments were tabled.
14 amendments were adopted (including 3 rapporteur amendments and 1 oral compromise), 2 amendments were rejected, and 5 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 5-6 December.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

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


Bert Kuby

Annex. Summary of decision updated 24 October