



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Brussels, 17 March 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

7th Mandate – Commission NAT

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, and in accordance with the recent decision of the CoR president and the NAT chair, this meeting will be online (with no participation possible onsite)

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Meeting No	7
Chair	Ulrika LANDERGREN (SE/renew E.)
Venue	Committee building, rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel (JDE 52)
Date	22/03/2021 11:00-17:30 (breaks 13.00-14.30/16:00-16.15)
Amendment deadline	09/03/2021 15:00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	19/03/2021 at midnight (Brussels time)
Voting slot on amendments	23/03/2021 from 9:00 to 13:00
Voting slot on opinions	24/03/2021 from 9:00 to 13:00

Draft agenda:

11.00-13.00

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda**
COR-2021-00383-00-03-CONVPOJ-TRA
2. **Approval of the minutes of the 6th meeting**
COR-2021-00384-00-00-PV-TRA

3. **Statement by the chair**

4. **Organisation of future work**

For decision:

- 4.1 Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) – Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.2 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b i))
 - Decision to draw up an opinion
 - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.3 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b ii))
 - Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
 - Provisional appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.4 Decisions not to draw up an opinion
- 4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president
COR-2021-00386-00-00-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

- 4.6 Follow-up to opinions
COR-2021-00387-00-02-TCD-TRA

5. **Opinions - Second discussion and adoption**

Title	Experiences and lessons learned by regions and cities during the COVID-19 crisis
Rapporteur	Joke SCHAUVLIEGE (BE/EPP)
Document	COR-2020-04155-00-02-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Optional (outlook), (Rule 41a)
Dossier	NAT-VII/011
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22 March 2021

Adoption planned in the plenary session 5-7 May 2021

- Intervention of Marie-Helene Boulanger, DG JUST, Head of Unit for "Union citizenship rights and Free movement" presenting the Digital Green Certificate initiative published on 17 March.
- Political debate: Representatives of the Secretariat-General of the European Commission and the Portuguese Presidency (tbc).
- Presentation of the '**I'll do it**' vaccination campaign - CoR Social Media team.

13.00 End of the morning session

14.30-17.30

6. Opinions - First discussion and adoption

Title	European Health Union – Reinforcing the EU’s resilience
Rapporteur	Roberto CIAMBETTI (IT/ECR)
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Building a European Health Union: Reinforcing the EU’s resilience for cross-border health threats; COM (2020) 724 - final
Document	COR-2020-05487-00-00-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative, (Rule 41b, i)
Dossier	NAT-VII/013
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22 March 2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	5-7 May 2021

7. Opinions - First discussion and adoption

Title	Regulation for tackling cross-border health threats and legislative proposal for changing the mandate of the European Center for Disease Control (ECDC)
Rapporteur	Olgierd GEBLEWICZ (PL/EPP)
Commission document	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control; COM (2020) 726 - final
Document	COR-2020-05624-00-01-PA-TRA

Type of opinion	Mandatory, (Rule 41a)
Dossier	NAT-VII/014
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22 March 2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	5-7 May 2021

8. **Opinions – First discussion and adoption**

Title	A pharmaceutical strategy for Europe and legislative proposal for changing the mandate of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
Rapporteur	Birgitta SACRÉDEUS (SE/EPP)
Commission document	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices; COM (2020) 725 - final Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe COM (2020) 761 - final
Document	COR-2020-05525-00-00-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Mandatory, (Rule 41a)
Dossier	NAT-VII/015
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22 March 2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	5-7 May 2021

9. **Opinions – Exchange of views**

Title	New Consumer Agenda – Strengthening consumer resilience for sustainable recovery
Rapporteur	Alexia BERTRAND (BE/Renew E.)
Commission document	COM (2020) 696 final
Document	COR-2021-00407-00-00-DT-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative, (Rule 41b, i)
Dossier	NAT-VII/016
Adoption (planned) in the commission	20 May 2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	11-13 October 2021

10. **Opinions – Exchange of views**

Title	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the resilience of critical entities
Rapporteur	Mario GUARENTE (ECR/IT)
Commission document	COM (2020) 829 final - 2020/0365 COD
Document	COR-2021-00570-00-00-DT-TRA
Type of opinion	Optional, (Rule 41a)
Dossier	NAT-VII-017
Adoption (planned) in the commission	20 May 2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	29 June – 1 July 2021

11. **Any other business**

12. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting: 20 May 2021**

End of meeting

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