



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

Brussels, 15 November 2021

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**7th Mandate – NAT commission**

**In light of the current COVID-19 situation, this meeting will be in a hybrid (participation will be possible either remotely or onsite) format.**

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Meeting No	10
Chair	Ulrika LANDERGREN (SE/renew E.)
Venue	The meeting will be held in JDE 52 and by video conference
Date	22/11/2021 from 11:15 - 13:00 and 14:30 - 17:00
Amendment deadline	09/11/2021 15:00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	21/11/2021 at midnight (Brussels time)

**10:15-10:45 a.m. Meeting of the political coordinators (in camera) (Room JDE 52 and online)**

**11:15 – 13:00**

**Draft agenda:**

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda**  
COR-2021-04639-00-02-CONVPOJ-TRA
2. **Approval of the minutes of the 9th meeting**  
COR-2021-04658-00-00-PV-TRA
3. **Statement by the chair**
  - State of play on the conference on the future of Europe
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  
COR-2021-05327-00-00-TCD-TRA
- 4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president  
COR-2021-04936-00-02~~1~~-TCD-TRA
- 4.6 Contribution of the NAT commission to the Annual CoR Impact Report  
COR-2021-04929-00-00-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

- 4.7 Discussion on NAT Policy Priority Areas 2022 (Explanatory sheets to be annexed to the NAT Work programme 2022)  
COR-2021-05578-00-00-TCD-TRA
- 4.8 Follow-up to opinions  
COR-2021-04937-00-01-TCD-TRA

## 5. Opinions - First discussion and adoption

Title	<b>Long-term vision for rural areas</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Juan Manuel MORENO BONILLA (ES/EPP)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 COM(2021) 345
Document	COR-2021-03533-00-00-DT-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/021
Statement by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sofia Björnsson , Chair of Copa and Cogeca Working Party on Rural Development;</li><li>• Isidro Laso Ballesteros, Cabinet of Commissioner Gabriel; (tbc)</li></ul>
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22/11/2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	26-28/01/2022

## 6. Opinions - Exchange of views

Title	Future EU State aid rules for agriculture, rural areas and forestry
Rapporteur	<b>Guido MILANA (IT/PES)</b>
Commission document	
Document	COR-2021-05123-00-00-DT-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/022
Statement by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gereon Thiele, Head of Unit DG Competition, European Commission</li></ul>
Adoption (planned) in the commission	03/02/2022
Adoption planned in the plenary session	27-29/04/2022

## 7. EU matters for local and regional authorities: members' stories on:

- **Rural agenda**
- Joan Calabuig Rull (ES/PES) – Valencia the 2022 EU Smart Tourism Capital: cosmopolitan, intelligent and sustainable tourist destination

### 13.00-14.30 – Lunch break

14:30

## 8. Debate on the Strategic Outlook for Tourism

- István Ujhelyi, Vice Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and Vice Chair of the Task Force Tourism at the European Parliament;
- Ksenija Flegar, Acting Director for Tourism, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Slovenia;
- Valentina Superti, Director DG GROW, Ecosystems II: Tourism & Proximity;
- Manuel Alejandro Cardenete Flores (ES/RENEW), Deputy Minister for Tourism, Regeneration, Justice and Local Administration of the Regional Government of Andalusia;

## 9. Opinions - Exchange of views

Title	<b>Health Emergency Response Authority</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Christophe CLERGEAU (FR/PES)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Introducing HERA, the European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority, the next step towards completing the European Health Union COM(2021) 576 - COR-2021-04928-00-00-DT-TRA
Document	
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/023
Adoption (planned) in the commission	03/02/2022
Adoption planned in the plenary session	27-29/04/2022

## 10. Opinions – Exchange of views

Title	<b>New EU Forest Strategy for 2030</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Joan CALABUIG RULL (ES/PES)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - New EU Forest Strategy for 2030 COM(2021) 572 final COR-2021-04822-00-00-DT-TRA
Document	
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/024
Statement by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marc de Smet, DG AGRI, European Commission;</li><li>• Roby Biwer (LU/PES), Member of the CoR working group on Green Deal;</li></ul>

- Marco Onida, DG ENV, European Commission: 3 billion trees campaign;
- Ian Barber, Director for Communication: the CoR campaign on Green Deal going local

Adoption (planned) in the commission 03/02/2022

Adoption planned in the plenary session 27-29/04/2022

11. **Any other business**

12. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting:**

**End of meeting**

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