



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

Unit C.3  
SEDEC - Commission for Social Policy,  
Education, Employment, Research and Culture  
Head of Unit

Brussels, 13 February 2020  
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**Note to:** **Mr Petr BLÍŽKOVSKÝ, Secretary General**  
**Mr Thomas WOBEN, Director, Directorate C – Legislative Work 2**

**Object:** **Summary of decisions of the constitutive meeting of the commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture (SEDEC) held in Brussels on 13 February 2020**

**PRESENT: 47**

**Full Members: 44**

**Alternate Members: 3**

**1. Opening of the meeting by the eldest member of the Commission**

The eldest member present Declan McDonnell (IE/EA) welcomed all the members of the new SEDEC Commission.

**2. Adoption of the agenda of the 1st Commission meeting (COR-2019-5877-00-00-CONVPOJ-TRA) (for decision)**

The agenda of the 1st SEDEC Commission meeting was adopted.

**3. Election of the chair, 1st vice-chair and other vice-chairs**

Mr McDonnell informed the members that according to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure, each commission elects from among its members a chair, a first vice-chair and no more than two other vice-chairs. The Members of the SEDEC commission elected by acclamation:

**Ms Anne Karjalainen (FI/PES) as the chair of the SEDEC Commission**

**Mr Matteo Bianchi (IT/ECR) as 1st vice-chair**

**Mr Francisco Igea Arisqueta (ES/Renew E.) as 2nd vice-chair**

After the elections, the meeting continued with the newly-elected chair, **Ms Karjalainen**.

#### **4. Statement by the new chair**

The chair thanked the audience and briefly introduced herself.

#### **5. Organisation of the future work of the Commission (COR-2019-5877-00-01-PSP-TRA) (for information)**

##### **5.1 Remits and related ongoing opinions from the previous mandate**

The chair announced the remits of the SEDEC Commission, following the decision of the Plenary Assembly:

1. Employment Policy
2. European Pillar of Social Rights, including Social Policy, Social Protection
3. Equality
4. Social Economy
5. Demographic Change
6. Labour Mobility
7. Education and Training (including Lifelong Learning)
8. Innovation, Research and Technology and smart specialisation
9. Bio-economy
10. Artificial Intelligence
11. EU Information Society, including Trans-European ICT Networks
12. Audio-visual Industry and Media Technologies
13. Youth
14. Sport
15. Multilingualism and Promotion of Minority Languages
16. Culture and Cultural Diversity and Creativity

##### **5.2 Rapporteurs**

The chair announced that following the plenary decision yesterday on the remits of the commissions, these dossiers are attributed to the SEDEC commission:

- Opinion on "Demographic change: proposals on measuring and tackling its negative effects in the EU regions", rapporteur János Ádám Karácsony (HU/EPP)
- Opinion on "Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies", rapporteur Mikel Irujo Amezaga (ES/EA).

##### **5.3 External events**

The chair announced the following external activities, already agreed upon by the outgoing commission and falling into the remits of SEDEC Commission:

- External meeting and conference on *Relevance of social economy for LRAs*, on 25-26 November 2020 in Mannheim, Germany. Hosted jointly by Heike Raab (DE/PES), State Secretary, Representative of the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate to the Federal Government, with Responsibility for Europe, the Media and Digital Affairs, and Peter Kurz (DE/PES), Mayor of Mannheim
- Seminar on *Cultural Diversity in the Mediterranean* on 18 September 2020 in Trapani, Italy. Hosted by Gaetano Armao (IT/EPP), Vice-President of the Region of Sicily and regional minister for the economy.

#### 5.4 Coordinators of political groups

**The chair announced and presented the coordinators:**

**Mr HORVÁTH Jácint (HU/PES)**  
**Mr BORBOLY Csaba (RO/EPP)**  
**Mr IRUJO AMEZAGA Mikel (ES/EA)**  
**Ms FEENEY Kate (IE/Renew E.)**  
**Ms BALLICO Daniela (IT/ECR)**  
**Mr KÂHYA Ufuk (NL/GREENS)**

#### 6. Any other business

There were no comments.


#### 7. Confirmation of the dates of the next meetings of the Commission

The next meeting of the SEDEC Commission will be held on 24 February 2020 in Brussels.

The dates of the forthcoming meetings of the SEDEC Commission are:

- 27 April 2020
- 9 July 2020
- 1 October 2020
- 25-26 November 2020 in Mannheim, Germany.

(signed)

  
 Kyriakos Tsimiriagos  
 Head of Unit

Annex: Updated ongoing work programme

**COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL POLICY, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH AND CULTURE (SEDEC)**  
**ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME**  
*(February – July 2020)*

<b>Documents</b> (Rapporteur)	<b>Legal basis</b>	<b>Interinstitutional framework</b>	<b>138th CoR plenary session 11-13 February 2020</b>	<b>2nd<del>7th</del> SEDEC meeting 24 February 2020 (tbc)</b>	<b>139th CoR plenary session 25-26 March 2020 (tbc)</b>	<b>3rd SEDEC meeting 27 April 2020</b>
Opinion on Platform work local and regional regulatory challenges Rapporteur: Dimitrios Birmpas (EL/PES) SEDEC-VI/051	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure					
Opinion on Brain drain in the EU: addressing the challenge at all levels Rapporteur: Emil Boe (RO/EPP) SEDEC-VI/052	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		Adoption			
Opinion on Culture in a Union that strives for more: the role of regions and cities Rapporteur: Vincenzo Bianco (IT/PES) SEDEC-VI/054	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		Adoption			
Opinion on Demographic change: proposals on measuring and tackling its negative effects in EU regions Rapporteur: János Ádám Karácsony (HU/EPP) SEDEC-VII/001	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure			First discussion and adoption	Adoption	

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<p>Opinion on Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies Rapporteur: Mikel Irujo Amezaga (ES/EA) SEDEC-VIII/002</p>	<p>Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure</p>			<p><del>First discussion and adoption (Plenary adoption foreseen 1-2 July 2020)</del>Exchange of views</p>		<p>First discussion and adoption</p>