Note to: Mr Petr BLÍŽKOVSKÝ, Secretary General
        Mr Thomas WOBKEN, 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

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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 Tsirimigos
Head of Unit

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**Final Discussion**

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- Session 25
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**Reports**

- WMOInfo America
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- Support