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of the Regions**

**COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL POLICY,  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT,  
RESEARCH AND CULTURE (SEDEC)**

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**Note to:** Mr Jiří BURIÁNEK, Secretary General, CoR  
Mr Thomas WOBLEN, Director, Directorate C – Legislative Work 2

**Object:** Summary of decisions of the 22nd meeting of the commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture (SEDEC) held in Palermo on 18 February 2019

**PRESENT: 76**

**Full Members: 38**

**Alternate Members: 38**

The meeting was chaired by Mr José Ignacio Cenicerós González, Chair of the SEDEC Commission.

### **1. Organisation of Future Work**

#### **Rapporteur appointments**

There were no rapporteurs to be appointed.

#### **Decisions not to draw up an opinion**

There were no dossiers for renunciation.

The SEDEC Commission

- approved the SEDEC contribution to the CoR impact report 2018;
- approved the Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP) 2019 Action Plan;
- decided to extend the mandate of the members of the Broadband platform till next term.

## 2. Opinions

### a. Opinion on **A sustainable bioeconomy for Europe: strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment** (exchange of views)

Document COR-2018-06433-00-00-DT-TRA  
Type of opinion Rule 41 b) i) of the RoP  
Dossier SEDEC-VI/048  
Rapporteur **Jácint Horváth (HU/PES)**

A working document was presented by the rapporteur and an exchange of views followed. This opinion will be presented for first discussion and adoption of the draft opinion at the SEDEC meeting on 2 April 2019 and adoption at the plenary session on 26-27 June 2019.

### b. Opinion on **Strengthening STE(A)M education in the EU** (exchange of views)

Document COR-2018-06435-00-00-DT-TRA  
Type of opinion Rule 41 b) ii) of the RoP  
Dossier SEDEC-VI/049  
Rapporteur **Csába Borboly (RO/EPP)**

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## 3. Presentation on "Athens: the European Capital of Innovation 2018"

Mr Konstantinos Champidis, Chief Digital Officer, Municipality of Athens gave a presentation about the main aspects that lead Athens to be awarded the iCapital prize in 2018.

Mr Fabrizio Colimberti, Policy Officer, DG RTD, Innovation Ecosystems presented the characteristics of the 2019 edition of the prize that will be launched in Athens on 20 February.

## 4. Presentation of the WiFi4EU initiative

Ms Nancy Pascall, DG CONNECT, Investment in High-Capacity Networks, presented the results of the first call of the WiFi4EU initiative. A second call will be soon launched in 2019.

## 5. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2 April in Brussels.

  
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**ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME**  
*(April – October 2019)*

Documents (rapporteur)	Legal basis	Interinstitutional framework	23rd SEDEC meeting 2 April 2019	134th CoR plenary session 10-11 April 2019	135th CoR plenary session 26-27 June 2019	24th SEDEC meeting 11 July 2019	25th SEDEC meeting 30 September 2019	136th CoR plenary session 8-9 October 2019
Opinion on A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment  Rapporteur: Mr Jácint Horváth (HU/PES) SEDEC-VI/048	Opinion on the basis of Rule 41 b) i) of RoP  COM(2018) 673 final	Commission's proposal published on 11 October 2018	First discussion and adoption		Adoption			
Opinion on Strengthening STE(A)M education in the EU  Rapporteur: Mr Csába Borboly (RO/EPP)  SEDEC-VI/049	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		First discussion and adoption		Adoption			
Opinion on Research Infrastructures: the Future of the European Research Area (ERA) from a Regional and Cross-border Perspective  Rapporteur: Mr Eamon Dooley (IE/ALDE)  SEDEC-VI/050	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		Exchange of views			First discussion and adoption		Adoption

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