



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

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Note to: **Mr Petr BLÍŽKOVSKÝ, Secretary General**
Mr Thomas WOBLEN, Director, Directorate C – Legislative Work 2

Object: **Summary of decisions of the 3rd hybrid meeting of the commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture (SEDEC) held in Brussels on 9 July 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Total number of members of the SEDEC commission: 102

Members participating remotely: approximately 60

Members participating in room: 16

The meeting was chaired by **Ms Anne Karjalainen** (FI/PES), Chair of the SEDEC commission, except during the discussion of the draft opinion, for which the Chair was rapporteur – during the discussion on A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions, the meeting was chaired by **Mr Matteo Bianchi** (IT/ECR), the 1st Vice-Chair of the SEDEC commission.

1. Debate with Commissioner Schmit

The Commissioner spoke about the EU response to the pandemic and the measures taken to eliminate its negative effects. He referred to the Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions Communication and welcomed the CoR opinion on the topic. Commissioner Schmit also mentioned the concept of "active subsidiarity" when referring to the implementation of the Pillar of Social Rights. During the Q & A session with the SEDEC members, he briefly talked about the ongoing work of DG-EMPL and asked for the assistance and the contributions of the SEDEC members.

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2. Organisation of future work

The ongoing work programme was approved. It is annexed to this summary and includes the planned timeline for all current opinions.

- **Csaba Borboly (RO/EPP)** was appointed rapporteur for the opinion on **European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience**.

The adoption schedule is:

- Exchange of views: 1 October 2020
- First discussion and adoption in SEDEC Commission: 25 November 2020
- Adoption at plenary session: 2021

- **Romy Karier (LU/EPP)** was appointed rapporteur for the opinion on **Youth Employment Support: A Bridge to Jobs for the Next Generation Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee**.

The adoption schedule is:

- Exchange of views: 1 October 2020
- First discussion and adoption in SEDEC Commission: 25 November 2020
- Adoption at plenary session: 2021

- **Giuseppe Varacalli (IT/Renew E.)** was appointed rapporteur for the opinion on **The restart of cultural and creative sectors**.

The adoption schedule is:

- Bureau approval: 12 October 2020
- First discussion and adoption in SEDEC Commission: 25 November 2020
- Adoption at plenary session: 2021

- **Christian Illedits (AT/PES)** was appointed rapporteur for the opinion on **Future plan for care workers and care services – local and regional opportunities in the context of a European challenge**.

The adoption schedule is:

- Bureau approval: 12 October 2020
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External activities

The external meeting and conference on Social Economy planned for this November is postponed to May 2021, date tbc.

The external seminar which was scheduled in Trapani, Italy, is postponed to the first quarter of 2021, date tbc.

There will be no call for external activities in 2021 because, the external activities of 2020 have been postponed.

Opinions: First discussion and adoption

The voting on amendments took place via surveys on Thursday 9 July p.m. after the SEDEC commission meeting online, and the voting on the opinions "as amended" took place via a survey on Friday 10 July.

Opinion on Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies

Rapporteur: Mikel IRUJO AMEZAGA (ES/EA)

COR-2020-00517-00-100-PA-TRA

➔ For this opinion, 10 amendments and no rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 7 amendments were carried, 3 were rejected. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted **by majority**. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 12-14 October 2020.

Opinion on Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust

Rapporteur: Guido RINK (NL/PES)

COR-2020-02014-00-00-PA-TRA

➔ For this opinion, 25 amendments and 7 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 21 amendments were carried, including 7 rapporteur's amendments and 11 fell. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted **by majority**. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 12-14 October 2020.

Opinion on A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions

Rapporteur: Anne KARJALAINEN (FI/PES)

COR-2020-02167-00-00-PA-TRA

➔ For this opinion 30 amendments and 15 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 23 amendments were carried, 20 fell, 2 were rejected. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted **by majority**. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 12-14 October 2020.

Opinion on A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025

Rapporteur: Concepción ANDREU RODRÍGUEZ (ES/PES)

COR-2020-02016-00-00-PA-TRA

➔ For this opinion, 31 amendments and 7 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 20 amendments were carried, including the 7 rapporteur's amendments, 14 fell, 4 were rejected. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted **by majority**. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 12-14 October 2020.

Confirmation of the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **1 October 2020 in Brussels**.

Date of the next meeting

The Chair informed the members that the next meeting of the SEDEC commission will be held on **1 October 2020 in Brussels**.

(signed)

Kyriakos Tsirimiagos

Head of Unit

Annex: Updated ongoing work programme

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL POLICY, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH AND CULTURE (SEDEC)
ONGOING WORK PROGRAMME
(June 2020 – November 2020)

Documents (rapporteur)	Legal basis	Inter-institutional framework	3rd SEDEC meeting 9 July 2020	4th SEDEC meeting 1 October 2020	140th CoR plenary session 12-14 October 2020	5th SEDEC meeting 25 November 2020
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) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure Referral of the Croatian Presidency				Adoption	
Opinion on Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies Rapporteur: Mikel Irujo Amezaga (ES/EA) SEDEC-VII/002	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		First discussion and adoption		Adoption	
Opinion on White Paper on Artificial Intelligence A European approach to excellence and trust Rapporteur: Guido Rink (NL/PES) SEDEC-VII/003	Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure COM(2020) 64 - final		First discussion and adoption		Adoption	
Opinion on A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions Rapporteur: Anne Karjalainen (FI/PES) SEDEC-VII/004	Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure COM(2020) 14 -	Commission's communication published on 15/01/2020	First discussion and adoption		Adoption	

Documents (rapporteur)	Legal basis	Inter-institutional framework	3 rd SEDEC meeting 9 July 2020	4 th SEDEC meeting 1 October 2020	140 th CoR plenary session 12-14 October 2020	5 th SEDEC meeting 25 November 2020
Opinion on A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 Rapporteur: Concepción Andreu Rodríguez (ES/PES) SEDEC-VII/005	Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure COM(2020) 152 -		First discussion and adoption		Adoption	
Opinion on <u>Youth employment support: A bridge to jobs for the next generation Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee</u> Rapporteur: td Romy KARIER (LU/EPP) SEDEC-VII/...	Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure COM(2020) --- 276 final; COM(2020) 277 final;	Commission's communication published on 01/07/2020- (tbe)	Appointment of rapporteur (tbe)	Exchange of views		First discussion and adoption
Opinion on <u>Updated European Skills Agenda for Europe sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience</u> Rapporteur: td Csaba BORBOLY (RO/EPP) SEDEC-VII/...	Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure COM(2020) --- 274 final; COM(2020) 275 final	Commission's communication published on 01/07/2020- (tbe)	Appointment of rapporteur (tbe)	Exchange of views		First discussion and adoption
Opinion on The restart of Cultural and Creative Sectors Rapporteur: td Giuseppe VARACALLI (IT/Renew E.) SEDEC-VII/...	Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure		Appointment of rapporteur (tbe) , pending Bureau approval		Bureau approval	First discussion and adoption

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<u>Opinion on Future plan for care workers and care services – local and regional opportunities in the context of a European challenge</u> Rapporteur: <u>Christian ILLEDITS (AT/PES)</u> <u>SEDEC-VII/...</u>	<u>Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure</u>		<u>Appointment of rapporteur</u>		<u>Bureau approval</u>	<u>First discussion and adoption</u>