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

Object: Summary of decisions of the 23rd meeting of the commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture (SEDEC) held in Brussels on 2 April 2019

PRESENT: 76
Full Members: 38
Alternate Members: 38

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

1. Organisation of Future Work

The SEDEC Commission:

- Decided to request the Bureau to instruct SEDEC to draw up an own-initiative opinion\(^1\) on **Brain drain in the EU: addressing the challenge at all levels**, rapporteur: Mr José Ignacio Ceniceros González (ES/EPP)
  
  The calendar for adoption is:

  - Bureau approval: 25 June 2019
  - Exchange of views at SEDEC Commission: 30 September 2019
  - First discussion and adoption at SEDEC Commission: 27 November 2019
  - Adoption at plenary session: first plenary in 2020

- Decided to request the Bureau to instruct SEDEC to draw up an own-initiative opinion\(^2\) on **Platform work – local and regional regulatory challenges**, rapporteur Dimitrios Birmpas (EL/PES)

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\(^1\) Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure

\(^2\) Opinion under Rule 41 b) ii) of the CoR Rules of Procedure
The calendar for adoption is:
- Bureau approval: 9 April 2019
- Exchange of views at SEDEC Commission: 11 July 2019
- First discussion and adoption at SEDEC Commission: 30 September 2019
- Adoption at plenary session: 4-5 December 2019

- Decided to issue an opinion through motivated renunciation in the form of a letter, as provided for in Rule 67.2 of the CoR Rules of Procedure, regarding the Proposal for a Council decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, COM (2019) 151 final

- Decided to issue an opinion in the form of a letter on the Commission Recommendation on Cybersecurity of 5G networks, C(2019)2335 final

4. Opinions

Opinion on A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment

Document: COR-2018-06433-00-01-PA-TRA
Type of opinion: Rule 41 b) i) of the RoP
Dossier: SEDEC-VI/048
Rapporteur: Jacint HORVATH (HU/PES)

Statement by Waldemar Kütt, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation. 34 amendments and 12 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 26 amendments were accepted (AM4 as oral compromise), 3 were rejected and 17 fell. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted by unanimity. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 26-27 June 2019.

Opinion on Strengthening STE(A)M education in the EU

Document: COR-2018-06435-00-01-PA-TRA
Type of opinion: Rule 41 b) ii) of the RoP
Dossier: SEDEC-VI/049
Rapporteur: Csaba BORBOLY (RO/EPP)

Statement by Monika Kepe Holmberg, deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture. 23 amendments and 7 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 15 amendments were accepted and 15 fell. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted by unanimity. In view of the upcoming Council meeting (Education) on 22-23 May 2018, the SEDEC commission proposed to the President of the CoR to transmit this draft Opinion to the Council, Commission and European Parliament for information. The opinion will be submitted to the Plenary Session of 26-27 June 2019 for adoption, according to Rule 26 of RoP.

5. Exchange of views on the proposals of the CoR for the new European Union legislative mandate 2019/2024
After a short introduction to the topic by the SEDEC Chair, the following SEDEC members Ms Hendrickx, Ms Karjalainen, Mr Gonzalez Westling, Mr Clergeau, Mr McCarthy, Ms Melchior, Ms Kuhn-Theis, and Mr van Asten intervened highlighting the importance of the topics for the new legislative mandate for the SEDEC Commission. The strategic key proposals of the background document were validated.

6. Debate on the Sustainable Development Goals related to social policy, education and innovation

Statements by Ms Themis Christophidou, Director-General of DG Education and Culture, Mr Olivier Bontout, Deputy Head of Unit DG Employment, and Mr Arnoldas Abramavičius, CoR Rapporteur on "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): a basis for a long-term EU strategy for a sustainable Europe by 2030".

Ms Begoña Martínez Arregui, Ms Ligita Gintere and Mr Markku Markkula presented best practices in La Rioja (Spain), Jaunpils (Latvia), and Espoo (Finland).

Ms Karjalainen, Mr McCarthy, Mr Buchanan, Mr Borboly, and Ms Hendrickx intervened highlighting the importance of the SDGs at local and regional level.

7. Opinions - Exchange of views

7.1 Opinion on Research Infrastructures – the Future of the European Research Area (ERA) from a Regional and Cross-border Perspective

Document: COR-2019-00896-00-01-DT-TRA
Type of opinion: Rule 41 b) ii) of the RoP
Dossier: SEDEC-VI/050
Rapporteur: Eamon DOOLEY (IE/ALDE)

Statements by Ms Magda De Carli, Head of Unit, DG Research and innovation and Ms Keji Adunmo, Policy Officer, DG Research and innovation.

8. Date of the next meeting

The Chair informed members that the next meeting of the SEDEC commission will be held on 11 July 2019 in Brussels.

Kyriakos Tsimiagos
Head of Unit
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The Secretary suggests not to dwell upon the following dossier which have been attributed to the SEDCE Commission by the Com.