Note to: Mr Petr BLÍŽKOVSKY, Secretary General
Mr Thomas WOBKEN, Director, Directorate C – Legislative Work 2

Object: Summary of decisions of the 2nd meeting of the commission for social policy, education, employment, research and culture (SEDEC) held in Brussels on 24 February 2020

PRESENT: 74
Full Members: 41
Alternate Members: 33

The meeting was chaired by Ms Anne Karjalainen (FI/PES), Chair of the SEDEC commission.

1. Organisation of future work

The SEDEC commission:

– was informed that the legal basis for the opinion Demographic change: proposals on measuring and tackling its negative effects on EU regions changed from 41 b) ii) (own-initiative) to 41 b) i) (request from the current Presidency of the Council).

– appointed Guido Rink (NL/PES) as rapporteur for the opinion on White Paper "Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust".

The adoption schedule is:

– Exchange of views: 27 April 2020
– First discussion and adoption in SEDEC Commission: 1 July 2020
– Adoption at plenary session: 12-14 October 2020
3. Approved the contribution of the SEDEC commission to the 2019 Annual Impact Report (COR-2020-00351-00-00-TCD-TRA) without amendments.

4. Approved in principle the SEDEC Work Programme for 2020 (COR-2020-00353-00-02-TCD-TRA) and asked the SEDEC secretariat to consult the Political Coordinators once the suggestions raised at meeting are incorporated in the text.

5. **Opinions: First discussion and adoption**
   - Opinion on *Demographic change: proposals on measuring and tackling its negative effects in EU regions*, SEDEC-VII/001, Rapporteur: János Ádám Karácsony (HU/EPP)

     Statements by Kees Van Duin, Deputy Head of Unit, Secretariat-General of the European Commission. 39 amendments and 9 rapporteur's amendments were tabled. 28 amendments were carried, including 4 rapporteur's amendments and 7 oral compromises, 4 were withdrawn and 2 were not subjected to vote as they concerned only the Spanish translation. The draft opinion was put to the vote and adopted by majority. This opinion will be presented for adoption at the plenary session of 25-26 March 2020.

6. **Opinions: Exchange of views**
   - Opinion on *Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies*, SEDEC-VII/002, Rapporteur: Mikel Irujo Amezaga (ES/EA)

     The draft opinion will be presented for first discussion and adoption at the SEDEC commission meeting of 27 April 2020, and for adoption at the CoR plenary session of 1-2 July 2020. Statements by Marshall Hsia, DG GROW, and Marek Przewor, DG REGIO.

7. **Presentations**
   - Director General Joost Korte (DG EMPL) presented the recent European Commission’s communication on a Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions, followed by a debate with members.
   - Dr Beate Prettner, vice-president of ELISAN, deputy-governor of Carinthia, regional minister for health and social affairs of Carinthia presented "ELISAN – a network for a social Europe".

8. **Date of the next meeting**

     The Chair informed the members that the next meeting of the SEDEC commission will be held on **27 April 2020 in Brussels**.

     Kyriakos Tsirimiagos
     Head of Unit

     Annex: Updated ongoing work programme
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