



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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 WOBEN, 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 amendmnets.

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amendments were tabled. 28 amendments were carried, including 4 rapporteur's amendments and 7 oral compromises, 4 were withdrawn and 2 were not subjected to vote as they concerned only the Spanish translation.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)**

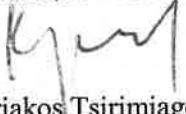
The draft opinion will be presented for first discussion and adoption at the SEDEC commission meeting of 27 April 2020, and for adoption at the CoR plenary session of 1-2 July 2020. Statements by Marshall Hsia, DG GROW, and Marek Przeor, DG REGIO.

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**.


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Head of Unit

Annex: Updated ongoing work programme

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

Documents (rapporteur)	Legal basis	Inter-institutional framework	2 nd SEDEC meeting 24 February 2020	13 th CoR plenary session 25-26 March 2020	3 rd SEDEC meeting 27 April 2020	14 th CoR plenary session 6-7 May 2020	14 th CoR plenary session 1-2 July 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		First discussion and adoption	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		Exchange of views		First discussion and adoption		Adoption
<u>Opinion on Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust</u> <u>Rapporteur: Guido Rink (NL/PES)</u> <u>SEDEC-VII/003</u>	<u>Opinion under Rule 41 b) i) of the CoR Rules of Procedure</u>	<u>Commission's communication published on 19/02/2020</u>	<u>Appointment of rapporteur</u>		<u>Exchange of views</u>		