



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

Brussels, 20 September 2021

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **7th Mandate – NAT commission**

**In light of the current COVID-19 situation, this meeting will be in a hybrid (participation will be possible either remotely or onsite) format.**

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Meeting No	9
Chair	Ulrika LANDERGREN (SE/renew E.)
Venue	The meeting will be held in JDE 52 and by video conference
Date	27/09/2021 from 11:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:00
Amendment deadline	14/09/2021 15:00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	24/09/2021 at midnight (Brussels time)

**10:30 – 11:00 Meeting of the political coordinators (in camera)**

**11:00 – 13:00**

**Draft agenda:**

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda**  
COR-2021-03985-00-03-CONVPOJ-TRA
2. **Approval of the minutes of the 8th meeting**  
COR-2021-02531-00-00-PV-TRA
3. **Statement by the chair**
4. **Organisation of future work**

For decision:

- 4.1 Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) – Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.2 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b i))
  - Decision to draw up an opinion
  - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.3 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b ii))  
COR-2021-04363-00-00-TCD-TRA
  - Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
  - Provisional appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.4 Decisions not to draw up an opinion
- 4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president  
COR-2021-03986-00-01-TCD-TRA
- 4.6 Update on situation and proposals of external activities for 2021/2022  
COR-2021-03931-00-00-TCD-TRA  
COR-2021-03931-01-00-TCD-TRA  
COR-2021-03931-02-00-TCD-TRA  
COR-2021-03931-03-00-TCD-TRA  
COR-2021-03931-04-00-TCD-TRA

For discussion:

- 4.7 Follow-up to opinions  
COR-2021-03987-00-01-TCD-TRA

#### 4.8 **Debate on NAT contribution to the Conference on the Future of Europe: strengthening EU health policy framework**

- Maria João Rodrigues, President of FEPS, member of the CoR HLG on Democracy
- Vytenis Andriukaitis, UNWHO Special Envoy and former Commissioner for Health

#### 4.9 **Signing ceremony: Joint Action Plan UNDRR-CoR**

- Statement by Octavian Bivol, Chief of UNDRR Regional Office for Europe
- Introduction to the Making Cities Resilient 2030 campaign

#### 4.10 **EU matters for regions and cities**

- Cross-border cooperation on health in Schleswig Holstein, Bernd Voss (DE/Greens)
- Fight against forest fires in Attica region, Georgios Patoulis (EL/EPP)

### 5. **Opinions - First discussion and adoption**

Title	<b>EU action plan for organic farming</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Uroš BREŽAN (SL/GREENS)</b>
Commission document	COM(2021) 141 final
Document	COR-2021-01968-00-00-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/019
Adoption (planned) in the commission	27/09/2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	03/12/2021

**13.00-14.30 – Lunch break**

**14:30 – 17:00**

### 6. **Opinions – First discussion and adoption**

Title	<b>Sustainable blue economy and aquaculture</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Bronius MARKAUSKAS (LT/EA)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030 COM(2021) 236 final
Document	COR-2021-03054-00-00-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative

Dossier	NAT-VII/020
Statement by	Isabel Carvalhais (PT/S&D), European Parliament; Lorella de la Cruz Iglesias, Deputy Head of Unit, MARE.A.2 European Commission
Adoption (planned) in the commission	27/09/2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	03/12/2021

#### 7. **Opinions – First discussion and adoption**

Title	<b>Europe's Beating Cancer Plan</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Birgitta SACRÉDEUS (SE/EPP)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Europe's Beating Cancer Plan COM(2021) 44 final
Document	COR-2021-02072-00-01-PA-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/018
Statement by	Bartosz Arłukowicz (PL/EPP), Chair of BECA Committee, European Parliament
Adoption (planned) in the commission	27/09/2021
Adoption planned in the plenary session	03/12/2021

#### 8. **Opinions – Exchange of views**

Title	<b>Long-term vision for rural areas</b>
Rapporteur	<b>Juan Manuel Moreno BONILLA (ES/EPP)</b>
Commission document	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas – Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 COM(2021) 345 final
Document	COR-2021-03533-00-00-DT-TRA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative
Dossier	NAT-VII/021
Statement by	Franc Bogovič (SI/EPP) , Co-chair of the RUMRA & Smart Villages Intergroup, European Parliament; Deša Srsen, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Dubravka Šuica, European Commission
Adoption (planned) in the commission	22/11/2021

Adoption planned in the 26-28/01/2022  
plenary session

9. **Any other business**

10. **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting: 22 November 2021**

**End of meeting**

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passive)

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