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## Committee on Regional Development

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### **MINUTES**

Meeting of Tuesday 23 July 2019

Brussels

The meeting opened at 10:03 on Tuesday, 23 July 2019, with Younous Omarjee, (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of agenda**

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The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

**2. Chair's announcements**

The Chair paid tribute to one of the committee's substitute members, André Jorge Dionisio Bradford, who had died suddenly on 18 July, aged 48. On behalf of the committee, he expressed his condolences to Mr Dionisio Bradford's family. Pedro Marques took the floor to speak about Mr Dionisio Bradford's political career and personal attributes. The committee observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**3. Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chairs**

On a proposal from the Renew group, Mr Christian Ghinea was elected 2nd vice-chair by acclamation. On a proposal from the S-D group, Mr Adrian-Dragos Benea was elected 3rd vice-chair by acclamation. There were two candidates for the post of 4th vice-chair: Ms Francesca Donato (proposed by the ID group) and Ms Isabel Benjumea Benjumea (proposed by the EPP group). An electronic secret ballot was held. Ms Benjumea Benjumea received 26 votes in favour; Ms Donato received 8 votes in favour; there were 7 abstentions. The Chair declared Ms Benjumea Benjumea elected as 4th vice-chair..

Details of the nominal vote are attached.

**Speakers:** Younous Omarjee, Niklas Nienaaß, Ondřej Knotek, Andrea Cozzolino, Alessandro Panza, Raffaele Fitto and Andrey Novakov.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28.

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*In camera*

**4. Coordinators' meeting**

The coordinators met in camera.

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The meeting resumed on Wednesday 23 July 2019 at 15:03 with Younous Omarjee (Chair) presiding.

**23 July 2019, 15.00 – 18.30**

**5. Exchange of views with Katri Kulmuni, Minister of Economic Affairs, President in office of the Council, on the priorities of the Finnish Presidency of the Council.**

Ms Kulmuni presented the programme of the Finnish Presidency and responded to questions from the Members.

**Speakers:** Younous Omarjee, Katri Kulmuni, Pedro Marques, Andrey Novakov, Ondřej Knotek, Niklas Nienäß, Francesca Donato, Raffaele Fitto, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Pascal Arimont, Rosa D'Amato, Tamás Deutsch, Jill Evans, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Julie Ward, Mauri Pekkarinen, Peter Pollák, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Susana Solís Pérez.

**6. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections  
REGI/9/00551  
2019/2028(BUD)**

Chair:

Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL)

Responsible:

BUDG

- Exchange of views

**Speakers:** Younous Omarjee, Erik Bergkvist, Andrey Novakov, Ondřej Knotek, Alexandra Geese.

**7. Approval of coordinators' decisions**

The Committee approved the decisions taken by the REGI coordinators in the course of their meeting in the morning of 23 July 2019, namely that:

## **1. Calendar of meetings for second semester 2019**

Tuesday, 3 September, 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
Tuesday, 3 September, 3 p.m. - 6.30p.m.

Wednesday, 2 October, 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, 2 October, 3p.m. - 6.30 p.m.  
Thursday, 3 October, 9a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Monday, 4 November, 3 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday, 5 November, 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 December, 3 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.  
Thursday, 5 December, 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

If necessary, additional meetings could be held in Strasbourg on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings.

## **2. Interpretation in committee meetings (“linguistic profile”)**

The coordinators approved the linguistic profile for the provision of interpretation as follows, depending on the number of booths available for the relevant meeting:

- 12 cabins: BG, CS, DE, EL, EN, ES, FR, IT, NL, PL, PT, RO
- 16 cabins: BG, CS, DE, EL, EN, ES, FR, HU, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SL, SV
- 18 cabins: BG, CS, DE, EL, EN, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SL, SV
- 20 cabins: BG, CS, DE, EL, EN, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SV

## **3. Paperless committee**

The coordinators agreed that the policy of reducing the amount of paper used for the preparation of committee meetings should continue.

Documents would be made available only online (for public documents) or via email (for non-public documents). However, meeting documents would be systematically provided in paper form to Members who made a request to the Secretariat by 26 July 2019. This facility would not be afforded to staff.

## **4. Points system for allocation of reports and opinions**

The coordinators took note that the points system in the REGI committee traditionally worked as follows:

- at the beginning of each half-term, each group received 5 points for each full Member (each non-attached Member received 5 points as an individual);
- groups paid 5 points each time they nominated a rapporteur; 2 points each time they nominated a rapporteur for opinion;
- the group which had most points remaining had first choice about whether or not it wished to claim the next report/opinion to be allocated;
- the secretariat provided an updated points table after each coordinators' meeting;
- points which were not spent by the end of the half-term were lost;
- if a Member changed from one political group to another in the course of a parliamentary half-term, s/he was entitled to take to her/his new political group the number of points corresponding to the remaining portion of the half-term minus the points that s/he had already used.

The coordinators held an initial discussion on whether to keep this system or introduce changes; a decision would be taken on 3 September.

## **5. Budget 2020: procedure and appointment of rapporteur**

In line with the precedent for election years, the coordinators decided to appoint the Chair as rapporteur (0 points) for the REGI input to the annual budgetary procedure for 2020.

### **i) Proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions**

The Chair was given a mandate to table all extant PP/PA proposals in the BUDG committee on behalf of REGI, except for those already withdrawn by the Members who had originally tabled them.

### **ii) Amendments to the draft budget**

The Chair was given a mandate to submit amendments on behalf of REGI in BUDG in order to reverse any Council cuts to the Commission proposals on budget lines for which REGI is responsible. Members were free to table any other amendments directly in the BUDG committee.

### **iii) Non-legislative opinion**

The Chair as rapporteur would submit a draft opinion on the BUDG motion for a resolution on the 2020 budget in time for debate in the committee meeting on 3 September, and the committee would vote on 2-3 October.

## **6. Resumption of business: legislative dossiers**

The coordinators discussed the resumption of parliamentary business (Rule 240) and requests for renewed referral (Rule 63) in relation to the six 'ongoing' legislative procedures in REGI. A decision on the committee's recommendation to the Conference of Presidents would be taken on 3 September.

## **7. European Globalisation Adjustment Fund/European Solidarity Fund mobilisations**

Coordinators decided that the existing procedure would continue to be followed:

- the secretariat would prepare a draft letter summarising the contents of each referral and stating that REGI had no objection to it;
- the draft letter would be circulated to coordinators with a deadline for objections;
- if there were objections, the referral would be put on the agenda for a coordinators' meeting;
- if there were no objections, the Chair would sign the letter to BUDG, and a copy of this would be sent to the coordinators.

This decision would immediately apply to the proposal for mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund to provide assistance (EUR 293 million) to Rumania, Italy and Austria (Commission proposal (COM 2019/0206, procedure number 2019/2023(BUDG)) under consideration in the BUDG committee.

## **8. Committee of Regions Open Days October 2019 & memo of understanding**

The coordinators approved the draft programme proposed by Committee of the Regions for the joint REGI-COTER meeting on 8 October, entitled “The state of play of negotiations on the future Cohesion policy beyond 2020”.

The coordinators took note of the draft joint memorandum proposed by COTER entitled “Record of achievements: the added value of working together - the REGI Committee and the COTER Commission 2014-2019 mandate”.

## **9. Other business**

The coordinators decided that the recent study on the gender dimension of regional policy would be presented in a future committee meeting (indicatively on 2 October 2019).

The coordinators agreed to reflect on the future approach on committee missions, with particular regard to their objectives and follow-up.

The coordinators agreed that the Chair would write letters to the President-in-Office of the Council and the President of the Commission recalling Parliament’s position on the cohesion package and budget.

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## **8. Any other business**

### **9. Next meetings**

3 September 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 16.39.

## Results of secret nominal vote for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair

**Isabel Benjumea Benjumea:** 26 votes

**Francesca Donato:** 8 votes

**Abstention:** 7 votes

	<b>Participants</b>
ECR	Raffaele Fitto, Izabela-Helena Kloc, Andželika Anna Moźdzanowska
GUE/NGL	Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis
ID	Mathilde Androuët, Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé
NI	Rosa D'Amato, Martin Edward Daubney, Chiara Gemma
PPE	Pascal Arimont, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Tom Berendsen, Tamás Deutsch, Christian Doleschal, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Krzysztof Hetman, Peter Jahr, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Andrey Novakov
RENEW	Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Laurence Farreng, Cristian Ghinea, Ondřej Knotek, Naomi Long
S&D	Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Erik Bergkvist, Andrea Cozzolino, Maria Grapini, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Pedro Marques, Tsvetelina Penkova, Tonino Picula, Julie Ward
VERTS/ALE	Jill Evans, Niklas Nienäb, Caroline Roose, Monika Vana

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Maria Grapini
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Stelios Kympouropoulos
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<p>Francisco Javier Solana Ramos</p>

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