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Meeting of 22 November 2006, from 15.00 to 18.30,
and 23 November 2006, from 09.15 to 11.20
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.10 on Wednesday 22 November 2006, with Gerardo Galeote (Chairman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

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The chairman informed Members that Giovanni Claudio Fava had asked him to add an item to the agenda for 17.15 – a report by the 2006 Sicily/Malta delegation.

The agenda was adopted with the above change.

2. Chair's announcements

In the presence of the Council and the European Commission

The chairman informed Members that at its last meeting the Conference of Committee Chairmen had accepted REGI's request to add the urban dimension to its responsibilities and that the chairman of ENVI no longer had any objections to this.

During a meeting with Gerardo Galeote, Karl-Heinz Florenz and Jean Marie Beaupuy, it had been decided that Jean Marie Beaupuy would send an official letter concerning this matter to Karl-Heinz Florenz, with copy to Gerardo Galeote and Joseph Daul, and that the issue of the broadening of the responsibilities of the REGI committee would subsequently be considered by the Conference of Political Group Chairmen.

3. Consideration of the financial instruments JASPERS, JEREMIE and JESSICA

REGI/6/42499
- Exchange of views

Introduction: Ronald Hall, director of the Commission DG REGIO.

Presentation of the three instruments:

- JASPERS: Gerry Muscat of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Eckart Tronnier of the European Investment Bank, Brendan Smyth of the Commission;
- JESSICA: Brian Field of the European Investment Bank, Leon Herrera of the Council of Europe Development Bank and Georges Kolivas of the Commission;
- JEREMIE: Patrice Liauzu of the European Investment Fund and Georges Kolivas of the Commission.

The following spoke: Stavros Arnaoutakis, Jean Marie Beaupuy, Jana Bobošíková, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, Jan Olbrycht, Elisabeth Schroedter, Grażyna Staniszewska, Nikolaos Vakalis.

Giovanni Claudio Fava (Vice-Chairman) took the chair at 16.45.

4. Housing and regional policy

REGI/6/36460

- Rapporteur: Alfonso Andria (ALDE)
- Consideration of working document

Exchange of views with:

- Flo Clucas, rapporteur for the Committee of the Regions
- Angelo Grasso, rapporteur for the European Economic and Social Committee

The following spoke: Alfonso Andria, Gábor Harangozó, Jean Marie Beaupuy, Jan Březina, Antonio De Blasio, Bairbre de Brún, Gisela Kallenbach, Jan Olbrycht.

The rapporteur would submit a draft report at the meeting of 22 and 23 January 2007.

Gerardo Galeote (chairman) took the chair at 18.10.

5. Report by the 2006 Sicily/Malta delegation

Following a discussion, the chairman proposed making a few changes to the report.

The meeting closed at 18.35.

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 18.35 to 19.00 - Coordinators' meeting

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Thursday, 23 November 2006, from 09.15

The meeting resumed, with Gerardo Galeote (chairman) in the chair.

6. Basic information on purchasing power parities

Rapporteur: Gerardo Galeote (PPE-DE)

– Consideration of a draft opinion

- Deadline for tabling amendments: 1 December 2006, 12:00
- Vote in REGI: 19 December 2006
- Vote in committee responsible: 20 December 2006

The following spoke: Gerardo Galeote and Elspeth Attwooll, on behalf of the shadow rapporteur Paavo Väyrynen.

7. **Financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland (2007-2010)**

Rapporteur: Jim Higgins (PPE-DE)

Consideration of amendments, especially the amendment tabled by the JURI committee, changing the legal bases for Parliament action – Article 308 replaced by Article 159 of the EC Treaty (codecision procedure).

The following spoke: Elspeth Attwooll, Bairbre de Brún, Gerardo Galeote, Jim Higgins, Constanze Angela Krehl, Elisabeth Schroedter and Jonathan Denness of the Commission DG REGIO.

– Adoption of a draft report

9 amendments had been tabled, including two identical ones (BUDG 2 and JURI 1) plus one inadmissible amendment (BUDG 1); two amendments had been withdrawn (2 and 3).

* 2006/0194(CNS) COM(2006)0564

Opinion: BUDG A - Janusz Lewandowski (PPE-DE)
JURI AL - Francesco Enrico Speroni (NI)

Amendments adopted: BUDG2/JURI 1

Decision: The draft report was adopted by 25 votes to two, with one abstention.

8. **Chair's announcements**

Coordinators' decisions put forward for Members' approval:

- Opinions

- CONT – ‘Protection of the Communities’ financial interests – the fight against fraud – 2005 annual report’, PPE-DE
- ITRE – ‘Putting knowledge into practice: a broad-based innovation strategy for the EU, PSE

Public hearings for 2007:

- ‘The impact and repercussions of structural policies on the European Union’ (Pleguezuelos report)
- ‘Sustainable communities’

The Members approved these decisions.

Jan Olbrycht (Vice-Chairman) took the chair at 10.00.

9. External study on ‘The impact of Trans-European Networks on Cohesion and Employment’
REGI/6/42482

- Presentation of the study by Ms Silvia Maffii (TRT Trasporti e Territorio Srl)
- Debate

The following spoke: Ambroise Guellec, Konstantinos Hatzidakis, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, Constanze Angela Krehl, Jan Olbrycht.

The issue of the use of and follow-up to external studies was raised. For this study, the secretariat would contact the TRAN committee to consider the possibility of arranging a joint hearing on this subject.

The meeting closed at 11.20.

10. Date and place of next meeting

- Monday, 18 December 2006
- Tuesday, 19 December 2006

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