



Committee on Regional Development

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MINUTES

Meeting of 12 July 2017, 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30,
and 13 July 2017, 9.00-12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 9.13 on Wednesday, 12 July 2017, with Iskra Mihaylova (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

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

2. Approval of minutes of meetings of

18 May 2017

PE 605.956v01-00

29-30 May 2017

PE 605.957v01-00

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

(i) The Chair reported that she had participated at the High level group on simplification (HLG) on Tuesday, 11 July 2017, at which the key recommendations for simplification of cohesion policy after 2020 for beneficiaries of ESI Funds had been discussed.

(ii) Ms Mihaylova informed about the Joint REGI - COTER Public Hearing on the "Implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU - State of Play", that had taken place during the REGI extraordinary meeting on Thursday, 29 June 2017. The hearing had provided an opportunity for a first evaluation of the 12 thematic partnerships.

(iii) The Chair outlined the participation of REGI committee members at the workshops of the 7th Cohesion Forum on 26 and 27 June 2017.

4. Workshop organised by the Policy Department B on "EU macro-regional strategies"

REGI/8/10406

The Chair welcomed the guest speakers and gave the floor to:

- (i) Professor Stefan Gänzle, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway;
- (ii) Ms Justė Jarmulkaitė, EUBSR Expert, EU Cohesion Policy Division Ministry of Finance of the Republic Lithuania;
- (iii) Mr Félix Moldován, on behalf of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region;
- (iv) Dr. Nicola Favia, Director – Office of Research, Analysis and Knowledge Management, Department for Cohesion Policy, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session with Members.

Other speakers: Andrea Cozzolino, Franc Bogovič, Ivan Jakovčić, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Davor Škrlec, Rosa D'Amato, Jens Nilsson, Georgi Pirinski, Bronis Ropė, Ruža Tomašić, Maria Spyraiki, Joachim Zeller.

5. **The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020**

REGI/8/09709

2017/2052(INI)

Rapporteur Derek Vaughan (S&D)

PA – PE606.230v01-00

for the

opinion:

Responsible: BUDG – Jan Olbrycht (PPE)
Isabelle Thomas (S&D)

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 September 2017, 17.00**

Mr Vaughan introduced his draft opinion and responded to points made by Members.

Speakers: Derek Vaughan, Maria Spyraiki, Ruža Tomašić, Iskra Mihaylova, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Bronis Ropė, Rosa D'Amato, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Mercedes Bresso, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Jan Olbrycht, Louis-Joseph Manscour and from the European Commission, DG REGIO, Moray Gilland.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30

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The meeting resumed at 15.10 on Wednesday, 12 July 2017, with Iskra Mihaylova (Chair) presiding.

6. **Exchange of views with Jaak Aab, Minister for Public Administration, President in office of the Council of the European Union, on the priorities of the Estonian presidency**

Mr Jaak Aab outlined the priorities of the Estonian presidency of the Council in the fields for which the REGI Committee is responsible and replied to questions from Members.

Speakers: Jaak Aab, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Kerstin Westphal, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Younous Omarjee, Monika Vana, Rosa D'Amato, Martina Anderson, Bronis Ropè.

7. Economic policies of the euro area

REGI/8/10270

2017/2114(INI)

Rapporteur Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso (PPE)

PA – PE606.263v01-00

for the

opinion:

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **19 July 2017, 12.00**

Mr Valcárcel Siso introduced his draft opinion and responded to points made by Members.

Speakers: Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Mercedes Bresso, Ruža Tomašić, Iskra Mihaylova, Martina Michels, Davor Škrlec, Ivana Maletić, Lambert van Nistelrooij and from the European Commission, DG ECFIN, Georgia Antonarou.

8. European Solidarity Corps

REGI/8/10037

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Responsible: CULT – Helga Trüpel (Verts/ALE)

- Exchange of views

The rapporteur outlined his initial thoughts and responded to points made by Members.

Speakers: Krzysztof Hetman, Hannu Takkula, Monika Vana, Rosa D'Amato, Monika Smolková, Martina Michels, Lambert van Nistelrooij and from the European Commission, DG EAC, Robert France and DG EMPL, Kathrin Riedler.

The meeting adjourned at 17.25.

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In camera

9. Coordinators' meeting

The coordinators met in camera. Their decisions were approved by the Committee on Thursday, 13 July 2017.

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The meeting resumed at 9.15 on Thursday, 13 July 2017, with Iskra Mihaylova (Chair) presiding.

10. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections

REGI/8/09509

2017/2044(BUD)

Rapporteur Iskra Mihaylova (ALDE)

PA – PE606.253v01-00

for the

opinion:

Responsible: BUDG – Siegfried Mureşan (PPE)

Richard Ashworth (ECR)

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **20 July 2017, 17:00**

Ms Mihaylova introduced her draft opinion and responded to points made by Members.

Speakers: Iskra Mihaylova, Stanislav Polčák, Georgi Pirinski, Monika Vana, Rosa D'Amato and from the European Commission, DG REGIO, Leif Hognas.

11. Exchange of views with Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition on state aid rules and cohesion policy.

Ms Vestager spoke about the revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation, simplifying state aid rules in the areas of regional airports, sea and inland ports, culture, sports and also for the EU's outermost regions, and replied to questions from Members.

Speakers: Margrethe Vestager, Jan Olbrycht, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Louis-Joseph Manscour, Younous Omarjee, Monika Vana, Andrea Cozzolino, Rosa D'Amato, Franc Bogovič, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Iskra Mihaylova.

12. Exchange of views with Corina Creţu, Commissioner for Regional Policy on recent and future developments in cohesion policy.

The Commissioner spoke about the recent and likely future developments in the cohesion policy, concentrating on the reflection paper on the future of EU finances.

Speakers: Corina Creţu, Pascal Arimont, Kerstin Westphal, Ruža Tomašić, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Younous Omarjee, Monika Vana, Rosa D'Amato, Franc Bogovič, Mercedes Bresso, Stanislav Polčák, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Joachim Zeller, James Nicholson, Daniel Buda, Louis-Joseph Manscour, Martina Michels.

13. Approval of Coordinators' decisions

The Committee approved the decisions taken by the REGI coordinators in the course of their meeting on 12 July 2017, namely that:

1. Referrals

Legislative opinions

1. Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy COM(2017)0540 accompanied by Draft Amending Budget No 4/2017 COM(2017)0541

Responsible: BUDG
Opinion: REGI

Coordinators decided that the Chair should send an opinion in the form of a letter to the chairman of BUDG, stating that coordinators speaking for a large majority of Members of the Committee had considered the proposal and had no objection to the proposed mobilisation of the EUSF.

Budget 2018

2. Draft General Budget of the EU for the financial year 2018 - General introduction - General statement of revenue - General statement of revenue and expenditure by section (COM(2017) 400)

Responsible: BUDG
Opinion: REGI (and all other committees)

This document is a link to an electronic data base for the entire draft budget for 2018. Coordinators decided that no action was needed.

Petitions

Coordinators took note of two new petitions forwarded by the PETI committee.

3. Petition No 0700/2016 (by Jens Genzer, German) on the structure and competences of the European Union

4. Petition No 1404/2016 by Jose Manuel Martin Álvarez (Spanish) on the situation of the unemployed in the Canary Islands

2. Proposal (GREENS) for a new INI report on "*Cohesion policy and the circular economy*"

The coordinators agreed that the latest version of the draft proposal should be the basis for an implementation report concentrating on the cohesion policy aspects of the circular economy; and that the Chair should inform the Conference of Committee

Chairs and seek authorisation from the Conference of Presidents to draw up a report.

3. AGRI request for Rule 54 on “Lagging regions” INI report

Coordinators took note of a letter (23 June) from the chair of the AGRI committee, Mr Siekierski, reporting the decision of the AGRI coordinators to ask for the application of Rule 54 (procedure with associated committees) in the case of this report.

They decided that REGI should resist this request.

4. Gender mainstreaming action plan

Coordinators approved the gender mainstreaming action plan drawn-up by Ms Vana in her capacity as Member with special responsibility in the Committee for gender mainstreaming.

5. Delegation to Rumania: update

Coordinators took note of the most recent version of the draft programme for this Committee delegation and approved the proposed interpretation regime (RO, EN, DE and PT).

6. Delegation to Bulgaria: initial draft programme

Coordinators took note of the initial draft programme and current list of participants for the Committee delegation to Sofia in Bulgaria, which will take place between Sunday 29 and Tuesday 31 October 2017 (week 43-44); and approved the proposed interpretation regime (BG, EN, FR and IT).

7. Meeting with national parliaments, 22 November 2017

The coordinators took note of the initial draft programme of the meeting, which would be devoted to “The future of cohesion policy after 2020”. They underlined that Ms Westphal should speak as EP rapporteur on the future of cohesion policy. Mr van Nistelrooij suggested that Mr Olbrycht also be invited to speak.

8. Committee delegations 2018: call for proposals

Coordinators took note that committees are asked to send their proposals for delegations in the first half of 2017 to the Conference of Committee Chairs for adoption at its meeting in October; and recalled that, last year, and in preceding years, they had decided in advance on three delegations for the whole of the following year.

They noted that the Bureau strongly discourages committees from sending delegations to a member state holding the presidency; and that all delegations should take place in committee weeks or green weeks.

They agreed that the political groups will send proposals (perhaps including proposals for delegations to destinations outside the EU) to the secretariat by 12 noon on Thursday 14 September; and that they will take a decision in their meeting on 9-10 October.

9. European Innovation Summit, 28 November: use of plenary chamber

Coordinators took note of a letter from Mr van Nistelrooij to the Chair, setting out his suggestion that the Committee should lend its support to the use of the plenary chamber in Brussels on the morning of Tuesday 28 November by the 9th European Innovation Summit.

Coordinators agreed to support this request.

10. Invitation to Commissioner Oettinger to attend REGI

Coordinators decided that the Chair should invite Commissioner Oettinger in the autumn, (i) to a meeting with the coordinators or (ii) to a REGI committee meeting, for an exchange of views on cohesion policy and the future multi-annual budget framework.

11. Any other business

In response to a point by Mr van Nistelrooij, the Chair said that the secretariat would be available to help Members fine-tune the proposals for pilot actions and preparatory measures which had been submitted to the Commission for preliminary assessment.

14. Any other business

None.

15. Next meetings

- 7 September 2017, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 12.52

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