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Brussels, 20 November 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

7th Mandate - Commission SEDEC

**In light of the current COVID-19 situation, and in accordance with the recent decision of the CoR President, this meeting will be fully remote, on-site participation will not be possible.**

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| Meeting No | 5 |
| Chair | Anne KARJALAINEN (FI/PES) |
| Venue | Committee building, rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels (JDE52) |
| Date | 25/11/2020 11:00 - 18:30 |
| Amendment deadline | 12/11/2020 15:00 (Brussels time) |
| Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence | 24/11/2020 at midnight (Brussels time) |

Draft agenda:

# **Adoption of the draft agenda**

# **Approval of the minutes of the 4th meeting**

COR-2020-04471-00-00-TCD-TRA

# **Statement by the Chair**

# **Debate with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth and Mr Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions**

# **Organisation of future work**

For decision:

## Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) - Appointment of rapporteurs

## Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b) i))

* Decision to draw up an opinion
* Appointment of rapporteurs

## Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b) ii))

* Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
* Provisional appointment of rapporteurs

## Decisions not to draw up an opinion

## Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president

## Adoption of the Joint Action Plan between the European Committee of the Regions and DG Research and Innovation, Joint Research Center and DG Education, Culture, Multilingualism, Youth and Sport

## Adoption of the Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP) work plan 2020-21

## Adoption of the Enhanced cooperation between the European Committee of the Regions and DG Employment and Social Affairs

For discussion:

## Follow-up to opinions

# **Exchange of views with Mr Joost Korte, Director-General, Directorate General Social Affairs, Employment and Inclusion (DG EMPL)**

# **Opinions - First discussion and adoption**

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|  | Title | **European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Csaba BORBOLY (RO/EPP)** |
|  | Commission document | Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience  COM(2020) 274 - final  Proposal for a Council Recommendation on vocational education and training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience  COM(2020) 275 - final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-03878-00-00-PA-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/006 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 25/11/2020 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 3-4/02/2021 (tbc) |

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|  | Title | **Youth Employment Support: a Bridge to Jobs for the Next Generation Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Romy KARIER (LU/EPP)** |
|  | Commission document | Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Youth Employment Support: a Bridge to Jobs for the Next Generation  COM(2020) 276 - final  Proposal for a Council Recommendation on A Bridge to Jobs - Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee  COM(2020) 277 - final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-03454-00-01-PA-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/007 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 25/11/2020 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 3-4/02/2021 (tbc) |

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|  | Title | **Restart of Cultural and Creative Sectors** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Giuseppe VARACALLI (IT/Renew E.)** |
|  | Commission document | N/A |
|  | Document | COR-2020-04616-00-00-PA-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/008 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 25/11/2020 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 3-4/02/2021 (tbc) |

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|  | Title | **A new ERA for Research and Innovation** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Christophe CLERGEAU (FR/PES)** |
|  | 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 new ERA for Research and Innovation  COM(2020) 628 - final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-04749-00-00-PA-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/010 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission | 25/11/2020 |
|  | Adoption planned in the plenary session | 3-4/02/2021 (tbc) |

# **Opinions - Exchange of views**

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|  | Title | **A Union of Equality: EU Action Plan against racism 2020-2025** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Yoomi RENSTRÖM (SE/PES)** |
|  | 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 Union of equality: EU anti-racism action plan 2020-2025  COM (2020) 565 – final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-04617-00-00-DT-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/009 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission |  |
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|  | Title | **Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Gillian COUGHLAN (IE/Renew E.)** |
|  | Commission document | Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027. Resetting education and training for the digital age  COM(2020) 624 - final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-04769-00-00-DT-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/011 |
|  | Statement by |  |
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|  | Title | **Achieving the European Education Area by 2025** |
|  | Rapporteur | **Emil BOC (RO/EPP)** |
|  | Commission document | Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on achieving the European Education Area by 2025  COM (2020) 625 - final |
|  | Document | COR-2020-04756-00-00-DT-TRA |
|  | Type of opinion | Own-initiative |
|  | Dossier | SEDEC-VII/012 |
|  | Statement by |  |
|  | Adoption (planned) in the commission |  |

# **First exchange of views on the SEDEC work programme 2021**

# **Presentation of "Mind the Digital Gap" by the CoR Trainees YFactor Team**

# **Debate**

# **Any other business**

# **Confirmation of the date of the next meeting: 17 February 2021**

**End of meeting**

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| **Working languages:** | **23** | BG/ES/CS/DA/DE/ET/EL/EN/FR/HR/IT/LV/LT/HU/MT/NL/PL/PT/RO/SK/SL/FI/SV |
| **Interpreting:**  (participants may speak in their own language) | **9** | ES/DE/EN/FR/IT/HU/PL/RO/SV |
| (participants may listen in) | **9** | ES/DE/EN/FR/IT/HU/PL/RO/SV |

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