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* On 30 September 2020, Eurocities held a digital conference on ''Building Back Better: A Stronger Social Europe. What role for cities?'' SEDEC chair and rapporteur Anne Karjalainen participated in the high-level panel on ''How to tackle rising urban poverty and inequalities? The role of EU policy and funding to support social investment in public social services'' together with MEPs, Agnes Jongerius and Brando Benifei. The focus was on how the corona crisis has exacerbated pre-existing social inequalities and poverty.
* On 21 October 2020, during the EWCR the ''Green Deal going local'' working group held its second meeting titled ''Is the Green Deal going local? Best Practices from regions and cities''. SEDEC chair and rapporteur Anne Karjalainen presented the CoR opinion on "A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions" and participated in the panel together with other CoR rapporteurs.

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