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of the Regions

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Draft Agenda

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EXCEPTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE OCTOBER PLENARY SESSION

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Monday 12 October: Formal opening of the plenary session - Adoption of the final agenda - Statement by guest speakers - Presentation and debate on draft opinions

Tuesday 13 October: Presentation and debate on draft opinions - Opening of vote on amendments to the 25 draft opinions, one urgent resolution and the proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the revision of the Rules of Procedure - Statement of guest speakers

Wednesday 14 October: Announcement of the results of the vote on the amendments and opening of vote on final opinions, one urgent resolution and the proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the revision of the Rules of Procedure - Statement of guest speakers - EU matters for local and regional authorities – Proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the revisions of the Rules of Procedure - End of the plenary session

Electronic votes on amendments shall be opened, on 13.10.2020, from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Brussels time). Voting on final draft opinions/resolutions as amended is scheduled to start on 14.10.2020, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon (Brussels time); the starting time and ending time of the final vote will also be announced by email. All members or duly mandated alternates will vote using the same remote voting system. For detailed information on the voting procedure please refer to the Practical Guide to remote voting during the COVID-19 crisis, on the Members' Portal.

The links to vote will be accessible in due course on the Members' Portal in the documents "Voting links for amendments" and "Voting link for final opinions".

DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL LOCAL AND REGIONAL BAROMETER

Statements by **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions, **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission and **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-president of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Monday 12 October, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

**DEBATE ON COHESION AND
OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION OF THE 18th #EU WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES**

Statements by **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions, **Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms and members of the European Parliament
Monday 12 October, 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

13 October 2020

DEBATE ON THE GREEN DEAL

Statement by **Frans Timmermans**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for the European Green Deal
Tuesday 13 October, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

DEBATE ON RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

Statement by **Paolo Gentiloni**, Commissioner for Economy
Tuesday 13 October, 12 noon – 1 p.m.

DEBATE ON GERMANY'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Statement by **Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Tuesday 13 October, 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

14 October 2020

DEBATE WITH THE EIB ON FUNDS AND RECOVERY

Statements by **Werner Hoyer**, President of the European Investment Bank and **Lilyana Pavlova**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank
Wednesday 14 October, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

DEBATE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Statement by **Nicolas Schmit**, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
Wednesday 14 October, 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Attention:

This is not the final agenda, which will be established by the Bureau on 9 October 2020

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Monday 12 October 2020

1. Adoption of the agenda (COR-2020-02500-00-05-CONVPOJ-TRA)
2. Approval of the minutes of the 139th plenary session, held on 30 June, 1 and 2 July 2020
COR-2020-02391-00-03-PV-TRA - COR-2020-02391-00-01-PV-REF
COR-2020-02391-01-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02391-02-01-PV-REF
COR-2020-02391-03-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02391-04-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02391-05-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02391-06-01-PV-REF
3. Statement by the president

9.10 a.m.

ADOPTION OF OPINIONS

Short presentation of opinions to be adopted:

4. Equivalent standards of living as a joint challenge for all levels of government in Europe
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02612-00-00-PAC-TRA – COTER-VII/004
Rapporteur: **Bernd Lange** (DE/EPP)
5. Cross-border health care¹
Outlook opinion
COR-2019-04597-00-00-PAC-TRA – NAT-VII/001
Rapporteur: **Karsten Uno Petersen** (DK/PES)
6. An EU Health Emergency Mechanism
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02142-00-00-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/007
Rapporteur: **Birgitta Sacrédeus** (SE/EPP)
7. EU4Health Programme
COR-2020-02917-00-00-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/008
Rapporteur: **Nathalie Sarrabezolles** (FR/PES)
8. Bio-diverse cities and regions beyond 2020 at the UN CBD COP 15 and in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
Own-initiative
COR-2020-00539-00-00-PAC-TRA - ENVE-VII/002
Rapporteur: **Roby Biwer** (LU/PES)

¹ Simplified procedure

9. A Reinforced Union Civil Protection Mechanism
COR-2020-03164-00-01-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/009
Rapporteur: **Alberto Cirio** (IT/EPP)

Statement by **Mami Mizutori**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR

10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	BREAK
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11 a.m.	DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL LOCAL AND REGIONAL BAROMETER
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10. Statements by:
COR-2020-02500-02-00-PSP-TRA

- **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission
- **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-president of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

12 noon	ADOPTION OF OPINIONS
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Short presentation of opinions to be adopted:

11. Single Market Barriers Report and Single Market Enforcement Action Plan²
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02355-00-00-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/006
Rapporteur: **Tadeusz Truskolaski** (PL/EA)
12. *Postponed*³
13. Demographic change: proposals on measuring and tackling its negative effects in the EU regions
Council presidency referral
COR-2019-04647-00-01-PAC-TRA - SEDEC-VII/001
Rapporteur: **János Ádám Karácsony** (HU/EPP)

² Simplified procedure

³ The opinion "Strengthening local governance and representative democracy via new digital technology instruments" - CIVEX-VII/002 - Rapporteur: **Rait Pihelgas** (EE/Renew E.) has been postponed to the plenary session of 8, 9 and 10 December

14. A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions
Outlook opinion
COR-2020-02167-00-00-PAC-TRA - SEDEC-VII/004
Rapporteur: **Anne Karjalainen** (FI/PES)
15. Local and Regional Authorities in the permanent dialogue with citizens
Own-initiative
COR-2019-04989-00-00-PAC-TRA - CIVEX-VII/001
Rapporteur: **Declan McDonnell** (IE/EA)

1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

BREAK

2.30 p.m.

**DEBATE ON COHESION AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 18th #EU WEEK OF
REGIONS AND CITIES**

16. Official opening session of the 18th European Week of Regions and Cities
COR-2020-02500-03-01-PSP-TRA
- **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions
 - **Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
 - Members of the European Parliament

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

4.30 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

BREAK

5.15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF OPINIONS

17. The role of the EU's cohesion policy with respect to intelligent and innovative economic change in the regions against the backdrop of the coronavirus crisis
Council presidency referral
COR-2020-03320-00-00-PAC-TRA - COTER-VII/009
Rapporteur: **Michiel Rijsberman** (NL/renew E.)
18. Recovery plan for Europe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument
COR-2020-03381-00-02-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/009
Rapporteur-General: **Christophe Rouillon** (FR/PES)
19. European Year of Rail 2021
COR-2020-02633-00-00-PAC-TRA – COTER-VII/006
Rapporteur: **Jarosław Piotr Stawiarski** (PL/ECR)

20. SME Strategy
Own-initiative
COR-2020-01373-00-00-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/008
Rapporteur: **Eddy Van Hijum** (NL/EPP)
21. Local Democracy Challenges in the Western Balkans
Council presidency referral
COR-2020-00840-00-01-PAC-TRA - CIVEX-VII/003
Rapporteur-General: **Nikola Dobroslavić** (HR/EPP)
22. A Strategy for Europe's Digital future and A Strategy for Data
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02354-00-00-PAC-TRA - ECON-VII/004
Rapporteur: **Mark Weinmeister** (DE/EPP)
23. White paper on Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust⁴
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02014-00-00-PAC-TRA - SEDEC-VII/003
Rapporteur: **Guido Rink** (NL/PES)
24. Regional Innovation Scoreboard and its impact in regional place-based policies
Own-initiative
COR-2020-00517-00-00-PAC-TRA - SEDEC-VII/002
Rapporteur: **Mikel Irujo Amezaga** (ES/EA)

7.15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

⁴ Simplified procedure

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Electronic voting on amendments to the 25 opinions, one urgent resolution and the proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the revision of the Rules of Procedure will be open from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Brussels time). The links to the vote will be opened on the same day on the Member's Portal in the document "Voting links for amendments".

9 a.m.	DEBATE ON THE GREEN DEAL
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25. Statement by:
COR-2020-02500-04-00-PSP-TRA

- **Frans Timmermans**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for the European Green Deal

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

10 a.m.	ADOPTION OF OPINIONS
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Short presentation of opinions to be adopted:

26. A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02016-00-00-PAC-TRA - SEDEC-VII/005
Rapporteur: **Concepción Andreu Rodríguez** (ES/PES)
27. The European Climate Pact
Outlook opinion
COR-2020-01360-00-01-PAC-TRA - ENVE-VII/007
Rapporteur: **Rafał Kazimierz Trzaskowski** (PL/EPP)
28. The REACT-EU package
COR-2020-03318-00-00-PAC-TRA - COTER-VII/008
Rapporteur: **Mieczysław Struk** (PL/EPP)
29. New circular economy Action Plan
Council presidency referral
COR-2020-01265-00-01-PAC-TRA - ENVE-VII/006
Rapporteur: **Tjisse Stelpstra** (NL/ECR)
30. Towards sustainable use of Natural Resources within the Mediterranean insular context⁵
Own-initiative
COR-2020-00344-00-00-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/004

⁵ Simplified procedure

Rapporteur: **Francina Armengol I Socías** (ES/PES)

31. The renewal of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities
Own-initiative
COR-2019-04829-00-01-PAC-TRA – COTER-VII/001
Rapporteur: **Juan Espadas Cejas** (ES/PES)

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	BREAK
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11.30 p.m.	ADOPTION OF AN OPINION
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32. A new Industrial strategy for Europe⁶
Own-initiative
COR-2020-01374-00-00-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/007
Rapporteur: **Jeannette Baljeu** (NL/Renew E.)

11.45 p.m.	ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
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33. Draft Resolution on the 2020 Annual Regional and Local Barometer - Local and Regional authorities facing COVID-19 and building the recovery⁷
COR-2020-03956-00-01-PRES-TRA – RESOL-VII/008

12 noon	DEBATE ON RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY
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34. Statement by:
COR-2020-02500-07-02-PSP-TRA

- **Paolo Gentiloni**, Commissioner for Economy

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

1 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	BREAK
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⁶ Simplified procedure

⁷ Resolution submitted in accordance with Rule 45.3 b) of the Rules of Procedure

2.30 p.m.	DEBATE ON GERMANY'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
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35. Statement by:
COR-2020-02500-06-00-PSP-TRA

- **Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

3.30 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT
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Wednesday 14 October 2020

Final vote on the 25 opinions, one urgent resolution and the proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the Revision of the Rules of Procedure as amended will be opened when the results of the votes on the amendments are known and published on the Members' Portal. The vote is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. till 12 noon (Brussels time). The links to the voting will be opened on the Member's Portal in document the "*Voting links for final opinions*".

9.45 a.m.	RESUMPTION OF THE PLENARY SESSION
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10 a.m.	DEBATE WITH THE EIB ON FUNDS AND RECOVERY
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36. Statements by:
COR-2020-02500-09-01-PSP-TRA

- **Werner Hoyer**, President of the European Investment Bank
- **Lilyana Pavlova**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

11 a.m. – 12 noon	BREAK
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12 noon	DEBATE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS
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37. Statement by:
COR-2020-02500-08-00-PSP-TRA

- **Nicolas Schmit**, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	BREAK
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2.30 p.m.	EU MATTERS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES
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38. Solidarity with the refugees from Moria – Humanitarian contribution from local and regional authorities
COR-2020-02500-10-00-PSP-TRA

- Statements by **Josef Frey** (DE/Greens) and **Bernat Solé Barril** (ES/EA)

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

3.30 p.m.	ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE FINAL VOTES ON OPINIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
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- 39. Proposal to establish an ad-hoc commission on the revision of the Rules of Procedure
COR-2020-00860-01-01-PSP-TRA
- 40. Election of Bureau members (COR-2020-02500-00-00-PSP-REF) (for decision)
- 41. New CoR members and alternates (COR-2020-02500-00-01-PSP-TRA) (for information)
- 42. Any other business
- 43. Date of the next meeting

4.30 p.m.	END OF THE PLENARY SESSION
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