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**Agenda**

**1–2 December 2021**

Charlemagne Building – GASP (European Commission)

Rue de la Loi 170 – 1000 Brussels – Hybrid meeting

Interpreting (**passive**: languages spoken):

BG-ES-CS-DA-DE-ET-EL-EN-FR-GA-HR-IT-LV-LT-HU-MT-NL-PL-PT-RO-SK-SL-FI-SV-EU-CA

Interpreting (**active**: languages that can be listened to):

BG-ES-CS-DA-DE-ET-EL-EN-FR-HR-IT-LV-LT-HU-MT-NL-PL-PT-RO-SK-SL-FI-SV

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

* The plenary session will be **hybrid**: on-site participation will be possible to a limited extent, depending on the sanitary measures in place at the time of the meeting.
* Members may decide to attend the plenary session meetings remotely by video conference (Interactio) or be physically present in Brussels. In the latter case, **the physical attendance must have been registered by Wednesday 24 November 2021 at the latest on the members' portal to be taken into account for the seating plan.**
* The **seating plan for the plenary session** will be established according to the priorities set out in the President's decision 20/2021 on temporary measures pertaining to the organisation of the activities of the CoR during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will not be possible to change seat or move to another room during the meeting. For any updated practical information and COVID-19 measures, please see the members' portal.
* When physically attending the meeting, participants shall at all times wear a **protective mask** covering their nose, mouth and chin.
* Please note that the CoR's meetings are **paperless** and no paper meeting documents will be available on site. In order to have access to documents in electronic format via the members' portal, members attending in person should bring their own laptop or tablet computer.
* You are kindly requested to log in or be present in the room **15 minutes before the start of the session**.

**STRUCTURE OF THE DECEMBER PLENARY SESSION**

Please confirm your presence or delegation as usual via the members' portal. Should you wish to be present physically in the meeting room, it is compulsory to confirm through the members' portal no later than **Wednesday 24 November 2021.** This will enable us to create a seating plan in accordance with the applicable COVID-19 regulations imposed by the Belgian Government.

**Wednesday 1 December**: Adoption of the final agenda – Statement by the President – Debates – Presentations and debates on draft opinions – Votes on amendments and draft opinions.

**Thursday 2 December**: Debates – Presentations and debates on draft resolutions – Presentations and debates on draft opinions – Votes on amendments, draft opinions and resolutions – Debate on EU matters for local and regional authorities – End of the plenary session

**Wednesday 1 December 2021**

**debate on Strengthening European Democracy in the context of THE Conference on the Future of Europe**

# Statements by **Herman Van Rompuy,** Chair of the CoR High Level Group on European Democracy, **Renaud Muselier**, President of the South Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Deputy President of the Regions of France, **Dr Igor Senčar,** State Secretary for Coordination of International and EU Affairs in the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia and **Representatives of European Citizens' Panels on best practices**

*Wednesday 1 December, 2.30–4 p.m.*

**STATEMENT BY** **EMMANUEL MACRON, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND DEBATE WITH MEMBERS**

*Wednesday 1 December, 4–4.45 p.m.*

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**Thursday 2 December 2021**

**DEBATE ON ERADICATING HOMELESSNESS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Statements by **Nicolas Schmit**, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights and **Kjell Larsson,** President of the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

*Thursday 2 December, 9.20–10.20 a.m.*

**DEBATE ON THE 2022 EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH**

Statements by **Silja Markkula,** President of the European Youth Forum, **Vytautas Grubliauskas,** Mayor of Klaipėda, **Lídia Pereira** (PT/EPP), Member of the European Parliament, President of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP)*,* **Alicia Homs Ginel** (ES/S&D), Member of the European Parliament and President of the Young European Socialists (YES), **Ines Holzegger,** Bureau Member of the European Liberal Youth (LYMEC), **Fabio Roscani,** Vice-Chair of the European Young Conservatives (EYC), **Valentina Servera Clavell**, President of the European Free Alliance Youth, **Eleanor Morrissey,** Co-Spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens and **Sandra Schneeloch** (DE/Greens), Young Elected Politicians (YEP), City councillor of Cologne, Germany

*Thursday 2 December, 10.30 a.m.–12.noon*

**DEBATE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION TO ENSURE A FUNCTIONING AND RESILIENT DEMOCRACY AT ALL LEVELS**

Statement by **Leendert Verbeek**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

*Thursday 2 December, 4–5 p.m.*

Attention:

This is not the final agenda, which will be established by the Bureau on 30 November 2021

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**Wednesday 1 December 2021**

# Adoption of the agenda (COR-2021-04683-00-04-CONVPOJ-TRA)

# Approval of the minutes of the 146th plenary session, held on 11, 12, 13 and 14 October 2021

# COR-2021-03355-00-01-PV-TRA – COR-2021-03355-00-00-PV-REF

# COR-2021-03355-01-00-PV-REF – COR-2021-03355-02-00-PV-REF

# COR-2021-03355-03-00-PV-REF – COR-2021-03355-04-00-PV-REF

# COR-2021-03355-05-00-PV-REF – COR-2021-03355-06-00-PV-REF

# Statement by the president

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| **2.30 p.m.** | **debate on Strengthening European Democracy in the context of THE Conference on the Future of Europe** |

# Statements by:

COR-2021-04683-01-00-PSP-TRA

* **Herman Van Rompuy,** Chair of the CoR High Level Group on European Democracy
* **Renaud Muselier,** President of the South Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Deputy President of the Regions of France
* **Dr Igor Senčar,** State Secretary for Coordination of International and EU Affairs in the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia
* Representatives of European Citizens’ Panels on best practices

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

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| **4 p.m.** | **STATEMENT BY EMMANUEL MACRON, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND DEBATE WITH MEMBERS**  |

# Statement by:

* **Emmanuel Macron**, President of the French Republic

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

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| **4.45 p.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF OPINIONS** |

# Better Regulation

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-04071-00-00-PAC-TRA – CIVEX-VII/007

Rapporteur: **Piero Mauro Zanin** (IT/EPP)

# Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-02072-00-00-PAC-TRA – NAT-VII/018

Rapporteur: **Birgitta Sacrédeus** (SV/EPP)

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| **5.15 p.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION** |

# Draft resolution on the 2022 work programme of the European Commission and the CoR political priorities for 2022[[1]](#footnote-2)

COR-2021-05507-00-01-PRES-TRA – RESOL-VII16

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| **5.25 p.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF AN OPINION** |

# The implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility

# Council presidency referral

COR-2021-03682-00-00-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/018

Rapporteur: **Rob Jonkman** (NL/ECR)

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| **5.40 –7 p.m.** | **VOTING SLOT: ADOPTION OF 3 OPINIONS AND 1 RESOLUTION**[[2]](#footnote-3) |

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|  | **ADJOURNMENT** |

**Thursday 2 December 2021**

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| **9 a.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF AN OPINION** |

# European Approach to Artificial Intelligence - Artificial Intelligence Act

COR-2021-02682-00-01-PAC-TRA – SEDEC-VII/022

Rapporteur: **Guido Rink** (NL/PES)

Statement by **Dragoş Tudorache** (RO/RENEW E.), Member of the European Parliament

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| **9.20 a.m.** | **Debate on Eradicating homelessness inthe European Union** |

# Statements by: COR-2021-04683-03-00-PSP-TRA

* **Nicolas Schmit,** Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
* **Kjell Larsson,** President of the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

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| **10.20 a.m.** | **PRESENTATION AN OPINION** |

# Eradicating homelessness in the European Union: The local and regional perspective

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-03911-00-02-PAC-TRA – SEDEC-VII/023

Rapporteur: **Mikko Aaltonen** (FI/PES)

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| **10.30 a.m.** | **Debate on the 2022 European Year of Youth** |

# Statements by:

* **Silja Markkula,** President of the European Youth Forum
* **Vytautas Grubliauskas,** Mayor of Klaipėda
* **Lídia Pereira** (PT/EPP), Member of the European Parliament, President of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP)
* **Alicia Homs Ginel** (ES/S&D), Member of the European Parliament, President of the Young European Socialists (YES)
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* **Sandra Schneeloch** (DE/Greens), Young Elected Politicians (YEP), City councillor of Cologne, Germany

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

# Draft resolution on the proposal for a European Year of Youth[[3]](#footnote-4)

COR-2021-05388-00-00-PRES- TRA – RESOL-VII18

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| **12.20–1 p.m.**  | **VOTING SLOT: ADOPTION OF 2 OPINIONS AND 1 RESOLUTION** |

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| **1–2.30 p.m.** | **BREAK** |

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| **2.30 p.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF OPINIONS** |

# EU action plan for organic farming

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-01968-00-00-PAC-TRA – NAT-VII/019

Rapporteur: **Uroš Brežan** (SI/GREENS)

Statement by **Simone Schmiedtbauer** (AT/EPP), Member of the European Parliament

# Sustainable blue economy and aquaculture

Own-initiative

COR-2021-03054-00-00-PAC-TRA – NAT-VII/020

Rapporteur: **Bronius Markauskas** (LT/EA)

# Updating the new Industrial Strategy for Europe

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-02688-00-01-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/017

Rapporteur: **Jeannette Baljeu** (NL/RENEW E.)

Statement by **Tom Berendsen** (NL/EPP), Member of the European Parliament

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| **3.30 p.m.** | **EU MATTERS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES** |

# Statements by:

COR-2021-04683-04-00-PSP-TRA

* Local and regional authorities and the refugees' emergency by **Mindaugas Sinkevičius** (LT/PES) and **Bernd Lange** (DE/EPP)
* The implementation of the cohesion policy: structural challenges for the Bratislava Region by **Juraj Droba** (SK/ECR)
* The role of nuclear power in the clean energy transition by **József Kóbor** (HU/EA)

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

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| **4 p.m.** | **Debate ON THE FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION TO ENSURE A FUNCTIONING AND RESILIENT DEMOCRACY AT ALL LEVELS** |

# Statement by:

COR-2021-04683-05-01-PSP-TRA

* **Leendert Verbeek,** President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

*Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions*

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| **5 p.m.** | **PRESENTATION OF OPINIONS** |

# European Commission Report on Competition Policy in 2020

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-04309-00-00-PAC-TRA – ECON-VII/015

Rapporteur: **Tadeusz Truskolaski** (PL/EA)

# The gender dimension of structural and cohesion funds 2021-2027, with a focus on the preparation of the operational programmes

# Own-initiative

COR-2021-02503-00-00-PAC-TRA – COTER-VII/14

Rapporteur: **Donatella Porzi** (IT/PES)

Statement by **Monika Vana** (AT/GREEN), Member of the European Parliament

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| **5.30–7 p.m.**  | **VOTING SLOT: ADOPTION OF 5 OPINIONS**[[4]](#footnote-5) |

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| **7 p.m.** | **other documents** |

# Election of Bureau members (COR-2021-04683-00-01-PSP-REF) (for decision)

# New CoR members and alternates (COR-2021-04683-00-01-PSP-TRA) (for information)

# Any other business

# Date of the next meeting

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| **7 p.m.** | **END OF THE PLENARY SESSION** |

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1. Resolution submitted in accordance with Rule 45.3 a) of the Rules of Procedure - Special deadlines, according to Rules 15.4 and 21.3. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Interpretation until 6.30 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Resolution submitted in accordance with Rule 45.3 b) of the Rules of Procedure [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Interpretation until 6.30 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)