



FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The **Committee on Economic Affairs and Development**, meeting in Lamezia Terme, Italy on 20 May 2011, with Mrs Naghdalyan in the chair, as regards:

- **Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the financial years 2012-2013** (*Rapporteur: Mr Erol Aslan Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft opinion with a view to presenting it to the Assembly during the June 2011 part-session;
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the financial years 2012-2013** (*Rapporteur: Mr Erol Aslan Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views, considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution with a view to presenting it to the Assembly during the June 2011 part-session;
- **Reversing the sharp decline in youth employment** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marija Pejčinović-Burić, Croatia, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report, approved a revised title and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution with a view to presenting it to the Assembly during the June 2011 part-session;
- **Input for local development: an innovative approach for crisis-stricken regions** (*Rapporteur: Mr Giuseppe Galati, Italy, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered a draft report and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Antonio Gentile, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Italy;
 - Mr Luigi Vitali, Chairperson of the Italian delegation to PACE;
 - Mr Domenico Arcuri, Managing Director of Invitalia (National Development Agency for the Attraction of Foreign Investments);
 - Mr Francesco Montera, General Director of Promuovi Italia (National Development Agency for Tourism and Labor);
 - Mr Giuseppe Sala, Managing Director Milan Expo 2015;
 - Mr Domenico Bova, Italia Lavoro SpA;
 - Mr Gianni Speranza, Mayor of Lamezia Terme;
 - Mrs Wanda Ferro, President of the Province of Catanzaro;
 - Mr Giuseppe Scopelliti, Governor of Calabria Region;
- **Underground economy: a threat to democracy, development and the rule of law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viktor Pleskachevskiy, Russian Federation, EDG*): held an exchange of views, considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation with a view to presenting them to the Assembly during the June or October 2011 part-session;
- **More women in economic and social decision-making bodies** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Hermine Naghdalyan, Armenia, ALDE*): held an exchange of views and adopted a draft opinion;
- **The activities of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011** (*Rapporteur: Ms Biruté Vėsaitė, Lithuania, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum;

- **The impact of the Eastern Partnership of the European Union on governance and economic development in eastern Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*): unanimously approved an amendment to the draft resolution tabled by the rapporteur and took position on other amendments tabled so far;
- **Investing in a low-carbon economy for growth and development** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): took note of an outline for a report;
- **European Centre for Global Independence and Solidarity (North-South Centre):**
 - **Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 12610) to PACE Recommendation 1893 (2009) on Future of the European Centre for Global Independence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)**: heard a statement by the Chairperson and agreed to return to this subject at a future meeting in the presence of Mr Sasi, rapporteur on the subject;
 - **Call for candidatures for the North-South Prize 2011**: heard a statement by its Chairperson and took note that members were invited to submit candidatures to the Committee's Secretariat by 15 June;
- took note of the nomination of Mr Konstantinos Vrettos by the Assembly's Socialist Group in succession to Mr Albrecht Konečný's, Second Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, imminent departure from the PACE;
- **Work programme of the Committee**: took note of its revised work programme;
- **Representation at past and future events:**
 - **2nd Operational Meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) Panel on External Trade and Investment in the Mediterranean**, 4-5 May 2011, Geneva: heard an account by Mr Kumcuoğlu, First Vice-Chairperson, on the results of this event;
 - **Meetings of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee**, 26-27 May 2011, Kiev: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
 - **Joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Administrative Council of the Council of Europe Development Bank**, 11 June 2011: heard a statement by its Chairperson and appointed her to take part in this meeting;
- appointed **rapporteurs** as follows:
 - **Promoting an appropriate policy on tax-havens** (*for report*) [Doc. 12516]: Mr Van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC);
 - **Measuring the well-being of European citizens** (*for report*) [Doc. 12567]: Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG);
 - **Offshore wind farms: an economic and ecological opportunity for Europe** (*for opinion*) [Doc. 12552]: Mr Hood (United Kingdom, SOC);
- decided to hold its **next meetings** as follows:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 17 June 2011;
 - Strasbourg, 3rd part-session 2011 (20-24 June 2011);
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session 2011 (3-7 October 2011);
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 9 December 2011 (*date to be confirmed*).

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