



7 October 2011

To the members of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 4 and 6 October 2011

The **Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs**, meeting in Strasbourg on 4 and 6 October 2011, with Mr Papadimoulis, (Greece, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The activities of OECD in 2010-2011*** (Committee spokesperson: Mr Papadimoulis, Greece, UEL): unanimously approved a draft contribution by the Committee to the enlarged debate of the Assembly and prepared the debate;
- ***Preparatory meeting of the Parliamentary Political Process to the 6th World Water Forum (Strasbourg, 10 June 2011)***: held an exchange of views with the participation of **Mr Thierry Umbehr**, Secretary General, Solidarity Water Europe and decided to prepare a declaration for the next World Water Forum;
- ***Summit on Climate Change (COP-17 Durban, 28 November – 9 December 2011)***: held an exchange of views and approved a draft declaration;
- ***The need for independent and credible expert assessments*** (Rapporteur Mr Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and a preliminary draft resolution and held an exchange of views;
- ***The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities*** (Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC): heard a presentation of a draft report by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- ***Nanotechnologies, a new danger to the environment?*** (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenikov, Russia, SOC): heard a presentation of a preliminary draft report by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- ***Food security*** (Rapporteur: Mrs John-Calame, Switzerland, SOC): heard a presentation of a preliminary draft report by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views and agreed to hold a hearing on this item during its next meeting;
- ***Reply by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1947 on noise and light pollution***: took note of the reply;
- ***The Foresters' Declaration, adopted in Sibiu (Romania) on 25 August 2011***: took note of the declaration;
- ***Work Programme:***
 - ***Reports on past activities***: heard reports by:
 - **Mr Doric** on Consultation on the removal of obstacles to cross-border co-operation (CDLR Bureau), Strasbourg 12 September 2011;

- **Sir Alan Meale** on the meeting of the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) and the Summit of Mayors on Roma organised by the Congress, Strasbourg 20-22 September 2011.
- *Future activities:* the Committee appointed the following members to represent it at the (*subject to availability of sufficient funds*):
 - Meeting of the enlarged task force of the Committee of Senior Officials of the CEMAT (Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial development), 13-14 October, Athens: **Mrs Papadimitriou**;
 - Workshop on implementation of the European Landscape Convention “Multifunctional Landscapes”, 20-21 October, Evora (Portugal): **Mr Ramos**;
 - Forum “System formation of ecological safety of regions in the conditions of dynamical development of economy. EcoRegion”, 26-27 October, Lipetsk (Russia): **MM. Rouquet, Doric and Baghdasaryan** (without expenses for the Assembly).

- **Changes in the Sub-Committees membership:**

- The Committee appointed:

Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development: Mr Felix **Braz** (Luxembourg) substitute to Mr Fernand Boden; Mrs Nicole **Manzone-Saquet** (Monaco) member (Mr Bernard Marquet substitute); Ms Kathryn **Reilly** (Ireland) member;

Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy: Mr Burhan **Kayatürk** (Turkey) member; Mrs Nicole **Manzone-Saquet** (Monaco) substitute to Mr Bernard Marquet

Sub-Committee on Energy: Mr Felix **Braz** (Luxembourg) member (Mr Fernand Boden substitute); Mr Ahmet Berat **Çonkar** (Turkey) member; Mrs Nicole **Manzone-Saquet** (Monaco) member; Ms Kathryn **Reilly** (Ireland) substitute to Mr Joe O’Reilly

- **Forthcoming meetings:**

Landerneau (France), 15-17 October 2011: Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (on the occasion of the official presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize 2011)

Kyiv, 2-4 November 2011: Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (on the occasion of the 17th Session of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government)

Paris 27 November 2011: Sub-Committee on Energy (Alfortville)

Paris, 28 November 2011: plenary committee

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