

Brussels, 16 September 2004

**56<sup>th</sup> PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**DETAILED DRAFT AGENDA**

**Charlemagne Building (Room S3)– European Commission  
170, Rue de la Loi  
B-1049 Brussels**

**Wednesday 29 September 2004, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and  
Thursday 30 September 2004 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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**Wednesday 29 September 2004                      PLENARY SESSION**

**3 p.m.**

1. **Adoption of the agenda** (CdR 243/2004 rev. 1)
2. **Approval of the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> plenary session, held on 16 and 17 June 2004** (CdR 190/2004 and appendices)
3. **Statement by the President**
4. **Topical political issues**
5. **Seating arrangements in plenary session** (CdR 243/2004 Item 5)

**4.30 p.m.**      6. **Statement by Mr Ján Figel, member of the European Commission**

**5.30 p.m.**                      **DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF OPINIONS**

7. **Strengthening the implementation of the European Employment Strategy**<sup>\*</sup>  
(Communication from the Commission; Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States; Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the implementation of Member States' employment policies)  
COM(2004) 239 final - 2004/0082 CNS  
CdR 152/2004 rev. 1 – ECOS-034  
*Rapporteur: Ms Haijanen (Member of the Board, Regional Council of Southwest Finland and Member of Laitila Town Council; FI/EPP)*
8. **Frontier workers: Assessment of the situation after ten years of the Internal Market: Problems and perspectives**  
(Own-initiative opinion)  
CdR 95/2004 rev. 1 – ECOS-024  
*Rapporteur: Mr Lambertz (Minister-President of the German-speaking Community; BE/PES)*
9. **Increasing the employment of older workers and delaying the exit from the labour market**<sup>\*</sup>  
(Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions)  
COM(2004) 146 final  
CdR 151/2004 rev. 1 and appendices – ECOS-033  
*Rapporteur: Mr Ancisi (Member of Ravenna Municipal Council; IT/PES)*
10. **Crime prevention in the European Union**<sup>\*</sup>  
(Communication from the Commission)  
COM(2004) 165 final  
CdR 355/2003 rev. 2 – CONST-020  
*Rapporteur: Mr Delebarre (Former Minister of State; Mayor of Dunkirk; FR/PES)*
11. **The transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings**  
(Draft Commission Decision)  
**The application of Article 86 of the Treaty to state aid in the form of public service compensation granted to certain undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest**  
(Draft Commission Decision)  
CdR 155/2004 rev. 1 – ECOS-032  
*Rapporteur: Mr Martini (President of the Tuscany region; IT/PES);*

**9 p.m.                    ADJOURNMENT**

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**9 a.m. RESUMPTION**

12. **Services in the Internal Market**  
(Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive)  
COM(2004) 2 final - 2004/0001 (COD)  
CdR 154/2004 rev. 1 – ECOS-031  
*Rapporteur: Mr Schröter (Member of the Thuringia Landtag, Chair of the Committee for Federal and European affairs; DE/EPP)*
13. **Election of Bureau members**
14. **Modernising social protection for the development of high-quality, accessible and sustainable health care and long-term care: support for the national strategies using the “open method of coordination”\***  
(Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions)  
COM(2004) 304 final  
**Follow-up to the high level reflection process on patient mobility and healthcare developments in the European Union**  
(Communication from the Commission)  
COM(2004) 301 final  
CdR 153/2004 rev. 1 – ECOS-035  
*Rapporteur: Ms NIELSEN (Member of Århus County Council; DK/PES)*
15. **Enhancing port security**  
(Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive)  
COM(2004) 76 final - 2004/0031 (COD)  
CdR 163/2004 rev. 1 – COTER-030  
*Rapporteur: Mr Knape (Municipal Commissioner; SE/EPP)*
16. **Towards a thematic strategy on the urban environment**  
(Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions)  
COM(2004) 60 final  
CdR 93/2003 rev. 1 - DEVE-029  
*Rapporteur: Ms Tarras-Wahlberg (Member of Stockholm City Council; SE/PES)*

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17. **Reinforcing the civil protection capacity of the European Union**<sup>\*</sup>  
(Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions)  
COM(2004) 200 final  
CdR 241/2003 rev. 1 - DEVE-023  
*Rapporteur: Mr Gottardo (Member of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Council; IT/EPP)*
18. **A new impetus for European Youth**<sup>\*</sup>  
(Communication from the Commission to the Council)  
COM(2004) 336 final  
COM(2004) 337 final  
CdR 192/2004 rev. 1 – EDUC-031  
*Rapporteur: Mr Pella (Mayor of Valdengo, IT/EPP)*
- 11.30 a.m. 19. **The future of cohesion policy** (concluding discussion of the OPEN DAYS event, attended by Mr Balazs, member of the European Commission)
20. **Administrative matters**
21. **Any other business**
22. **Date of next meeting**

1 p.m. **END OF THE PLENARY SESSION**

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