



European Economic and Social Committee

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To the members of the
Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society

The secretary-general of the European Economic and Social Committee is pleased to enclose the

MINUTES

of the 142nd meeting

of the

Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society

held at the Committee building in Brussels

on

7 January 2015

The Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society held its 142nd meeting at the Committee building in Brussels on **7 January 2015, beginning at 10.40 a.m.** The meeting was chaired by **Mr Buffetaut**, president.

ATTENDANCE LIST

PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	APOLOGIES
Ābeltiņa, Ariadna (Rule 62§2 from Abrahamsson, Thomas)	X		
Abildgaard, Ask Løvbjerg			X
Abrahamsson, Thomas			X
Adams, Richard	X		
Agudo i Bataller, Joana	X		
Anča, Gunta	X		
Andreev, Victor (Rule 18 from Kokalov, Ivan)	X		
Antoniou, Michalis	X		
Back, Stefan	X		
Balon, Krzysztof	X		
Baráth, Etele	X		
Barbadillo López, Rafael	X		
Batut, Laure	X		
Biermann, Egbert			X
Bredima, Anna		X	
Buffetaut, Stéphane	X		
Burada, Eugen Mircea		X	
Buzek, Tanja	X		
Callanan, Brian (Rule 18 from McDonogh, Thomas)	X		
Caño Aguilar, Isabel	X		
Carr, Liina	X		
Cavero Mestre, Lourdes			X
Chwiluk, Andrzej	X		
Cingal, Georges	X		
Coldrick, Peter	X		
Confalonieri, Roberto	X		
Corey, John	X		
Coulon, Pierre Jean	X		
Cser, Ágnes	X		
Csuport, Antal	X		
Curtis, Brian	X		

Cuzanauskas, Audrius (Rule 18 from Kvedaraitė, Daiva)	X		
Danev, Bojidar	X		
Darmanin, Anna Maria	X		
de Brauer, Philippe	X		
Delapina, Thomas			X
Demellenne, Anne	X		
Dittmann, Bernd	X		
Egan, Siobhán		X	
Fatovic, Emilio	X		
Federspiel, Benedicte	X		
Fornea, Dumitru	X		
Fried, Joachim			X
Gavrilovs, Vitālijs	X		
Ghoreishi, Amir (Rule 18 from Delapina, Thomas)	X		
Gobiņš, Andris	X		
Graf von Schwerin, Alexander	X		
Hadjiysky, Lubomir	X		
Hencks, Raymond	X		
Hernández Bataller, Bernardo	X		
Holst, Sif (Rule 18 from Abildgaard, Ask Løvbjerg)	X		
Huvelin, Bernard		X	
Ioniță, Sorin	X		
Iozia, Edgardo Maria	X		
Ivașcu, Minel	X		
Jírovec, Ludvík	X		
Kallio, Seppo	X		
Kamieniecki, Krzysztof	X		
Kargaard, Søren	X		
Kattnig, Thomas	X		
Kekeleki, Evangelia	X		
Kinahan, Sally Anne		X	
King, Brenda	X		
Kliś, Tadeusz	X		
Kokalov, Ivan			X
Krawczyk, Jacek	X		
Krīgers, Pēteris	X		
Krzaklewski, Marian	X		
Kvedaraitė, Daiva			X
Ladefoged, Anders	X		

Lambertz, Günter		X	
Libaert, Thierry	X		
Liolios, Nikolaos		X	
Lobo Xavier, Gonçalo	X		
Longo, Antonio	X		
Luca, Liviu (CESE)			X
Machyna, Emil	X		
Maciulevičius, Mindaugas	X		
Mačiulis, Vitas	X		
Maier, Ferdinand	X		
Malinowski, Andrzej			X
Manoliu, Mihai	X		
Manolov, Dimitar	X		
Martinović Džamonja, Dragica	X		
McDonogh, Thomas			X
Meier, Kurt Friedhelm (Rule 18 from Biermann, Egbert)	X		
Modrzejewski, Michal Grzegorz	X		
Morgan, Peter			X
Morkis, Gintaras	X		
Morrice, Jane		X	
Němec, Jaroslav (Rule 62§2 from Vidan, Toni)	X		
Nietyksza, Anna	X		
Nilsson, Staffan	X		
Oravec, Ján (CESE)	X		
Ostrowski, Krzysztof	X		
Páleník, Michal (Rule 18 from Páleník, Viliam)	X		
Páleník, Viliam			X
Pavlikkas, Andreas		X	
Peel, Jonathan	X		
Pegado Liz, Jorge	X		
Pereira Martins, Carlos Alberto	X		
Petersen, Volker			X
Pezzini, Antonello	X		
Pietkiewicz, Janusz (Rule 18 from Malinowski, Andrzej)	X		
Pigal, Eric	X		
Pintér, Michal	X		
Plosceanu, Aurel Laurențiu	X		
Polica, Antonio	X		

Polyzogopoulos, Christos	X		
Preidienė, Inga	X		
Ranocchiari, Virgilio	X		
Raunemaa, Pirkko		X	
Rebolj, Dušan	X		
Ristelä, Pekka	X		
Romera Martínez, María (Rule 18 from Cavero Mestre, Lourdes)	X		
Röpke, Oliver (Rule 62§2 from van Wezel, Annie)	X		
Schröder, Ullrich	X		
Sears, David	X		
Sequeira, Victor Hugo	X		
Simons, Jan	X		
Sirkeinen, Ulla	X		
Stan, Sorin Cristian (Rule 18 from Luca, Liviu (CESE))	X		
Stantič, Cveto (Rule 62§3 from Csuport, Antal - TEN/559)	X		
Stern, Juraj	X		
Stoev, Georgi	X		
Stojan, Dare	X		
Strautmanis, Gundars	X		
Taylor, Monica	X		
Teder, Reet	X		
Topolánszky, Ákos	X		
Trantina, Pavel	X		
Vadász, Borbala (Rule 18 from Vadász, Péter)	X		
Vadász, Péter			X
van Wezel, Annie			X
Vardakastanis, Ioannis		X	
Vidan, Toni			X
Wagener, Henri		X	
Wolf, Gerd	X		
Zbořil, Josef	X		

EXPERTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	APOLOGIES
Kulisiewicz , Tomasz Maria (Rapporteur's Expert Group I - TEN/557)	X		
Salcedo Aznal, Alejandro (Rapporteur's Expert	X		

Commission

Mr Schreck (DG SANTE)
Mr Gallo (DG MOVE)
Mr Bos (DG CONNECT)
Ms Medica (DG CONNECT)
Ms Pilar (DG CONNECT)
Mr Nano (DG CONNECT)

EESC secretariat

Mr Ponthieu
Mr Occhipenti
Mr Schneider

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1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Mr Buffetaut opens the 142nd meeting and outlines the draft agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 141st meeting held on 11 November 2014 (EESC-2014-06527-00-00-PV-TRA)

The minutes of the 141st section meeting are approved.

3. Statement by the President

The President informs the Section of the outcome of the selection of own-initiative opinion proposals by the TEN Bureau. The order of selection is as follows:

1. Energy storage: a factor of integration and energy security (Mr Coulon)
2. Smart cities as a driver of a new European industrial policy (Ms Rondinelli)
3. Cyber activism and civil society organisations (Mr Hernández Bataller)
4. Integrated EU aviation policy (Mr Krawczyk)
5. Involving civil society organisations in implementing the Danube strategy, in coordination with external policy partnership programmes (Ms Cser and Mr Csuport)

5. (ex-aequo). Development and standardisation of digital identities in the EU and Member States (Mr.Pigal).
4. Opinion on the *Electromagnetic hypersensitivity* - own-initiative opinion – **TEN/559** - EESC 2014-05117-00-00-PA-TRA - rapporteur: Mr Hernández Bataller.

The President, **Mr Buffetaut**, gives the floor to the Rapporteur, **Mr Hernandez Bataller**. The Rapporteur presents the opinion and expresses his satisfaction as it raises substantial awareness on the topic and the current situation despite the existing scientific controversy. In the debate, the following Members take the floor: **Mr Stantic, Mr Adams, Mr Pegado Liz, Mr Wolf, Ms Teder, Mr Abildgaard, Mr Zboril, Mr Coulon, Ms Batut, Mr Simons, Ms Sirkeinen, Mr Polica, Mr Pigal, Mr Sears, Mr Cingal, Mr Hencks** and **Mr Longo**. The main points raised include:

- The opinion treats a very controversial topic with no clear scientific evidence;
- There is high uncertainty regarding the cause-effect link between Electromagnetic Radiation and health symptoms;
- This creates divergences regarding the need to apply the precautionary principle, protecting the consumers and respecting the sufferers, i.e. the EHS (electrosensitive) people in Europe;
- The application of the precautionary principle could be an obstacle to the technological evolution in the future;
- This opinion's work is an excellent opportunity to shed light on an issue of high practical resonance for civil society.

The President asks Mr Simons to present his amendments and then gives the floor to the Rapporteur. **Mr Hernandez Bataller** expresses his agreement with the amendments to points 8.2, 1.1 and 1.6. He does not accept the other amendments, namely to points 8.1.4, 8.7, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.5. They are therefore put to the vote:

- Amendment to point 8.1.4 is rejected by 35 votes in favor, 40 against, 12 abstentions.
- Amendment to point 8.7 is accepted by 41 votes in favor, 39 against, 11 abstentions.
- Amendment to points 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 is rejected by 39 votes in favor, 40 against, 10 abstentions.
- Amendment to point 1.2 is rejected by 43 votes in favor, 43 against, 7 abstentions.
- Amendment to point 1.3 is accepted by 41 votes in favor, 39 against, 9 abstentions.
- Amendment to point 1.5 is rejected by 42 votes in favor, 45 against, 5 abstentions.

With these changes, the draft opinion is then put to the vote and adopted by 50 votes in favor, 39 against and 9 abstentions.

5. Opinion on the *Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Towards a thriving data-driven economy* - COM(2014) 442 final – **TEN/557** - EESC 2014-05300-00-00-PA-TRA - rapporteur: Ms Nietyksza.

The President, **Mr Buffetaut**, states that this opinion is going to be handled by an innovative paper-poor approach which is briefly introduced by **Ms Batut**. He then gives the floor to the Rapporteur, **Ms Nietyksza**. The Rapporteur presents the opinion and informs Members of a rephrasing of the content of chapter 1. She also underlines that the amendments tabled by **Mr Pegado Liz** are accepted. In the debate, the following Members take the floor: **Ms Batut, Mr Pegado Liz, Ms Caño Aguilar, Mr Kamieniecki, Mr Zboril, Mr Longo, Mr Stojan** and **Mr Pigal**. The main issues addressed are:

- the great and balanced work of the Rapporteur despite the complexity of the topic;
- the actual need for a better use and analysis of data;
- the need for high-qualified European employees to boost further progress in this domain;
- the focus on SMEs which are essential to the future digital economy development;
- the request from Ms Batut and Mr Longo to add a reference to the Juncker Programme;
- the need to set international and not only European targets.

Ms Nietyksza thanks the Members and highlights that there is still much to be done at the legislative level. In addition, she stresses the necessity of strengthening public-private cooperation and more effective use of existing financial resources.

The draft opinion is then put to the vote and adopted unanimously with 38 votes.

6. **Debate on the EESC paper-poor project, with the participation of Mr P. Bauzone, EESC paper-poor project manager**

After the successful discussion and adoption of the TEN/557 opinion in a paper-poor approach, **the President** thanks Ms Batut and the quaestors for their commitment to this project. He then introduces a general discussion with the members in the presence of Mr Patrice Bauzone, paper poor project coordinator. **The President** asks the following questions to the members:

- Did you follow the discussion on you electronic device?
Yes: 22
No: 9
- Were you faced with technical problems (unstable wi-fi connection, difficulty finding the relevant documents on the Members' Portal etc.)?

Yes: 8
No: 18

- Did you have to ask for assistance from the Secretariat to be able to appropriately follow the discussion?

Yes: 1
No: 24

The President then asks the Members for their feedback and how the implementation of paper poor meetings within the EESC could be improved. **Mr Pigal, Mr Zboril, Mr Ionita, Ms Caño Aguilar, Ms Raunemaa, Ms Batut, Mr Longo, Mr Jirovec, Mr Polica and Mr Nilsson** take the floor. They unanimously commend the initiative while pointing out to the following ways to improve the paper poor project:

- the path to the files on TOAD is too long and an alternative would be to send an email to members with attached files containing meeting documents;
- some problems downloading the documents: either impossible for (some) tablets or the downloaded document was not the right one;
- the layout (numbering) of the document was not kept when downloaded onto a tablet;
- TOAD seems to be better supported by PC than by some tablets;
- wifi connection is often unstable;
- the nature of the meeting documents on TOAD is difficult to identify;
- some documents (e.g. opinions to be adopted without debate) included in the members' files do not need to be printed out;
- members receive an IT allowance that allows them to buy appropriate equipment;
- it may be useful to keep on printing documents for study group meetings.

The President then gives the floor to **Mr Bauzone**. He thanks the members for their feedback and acknowledges the problems mentioned, namely file names, a version of TOAD that is more compatible with tablets (to be developed soon) and unstable wifi connection. Mr Bauzone stresses that the ultimate goal of the project is to make members' work easier and more efficient. This experiment will now be assessed before the next steps are determined.

7. The section agrees on the organisation of work set out below:

- *A new social dumping in the European civil aviation sector* – Own-initiative opinion – **TEN/565** – (A12)

GROUP I	GROUP II	GROUP III
Mr Back Mr Csuport Mr Drakopoulos (art62 of Mr Antoniou) Mr McDonogh	Mr Corey Mr Curtis Ms Demelenne, Rapp. Mr Sequeira	Ms Anca Ms Federspiel Mr Hernández Bataller, Pres. Mr Pereira Martins

- *Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area, Progress so far and remaining challenges* – exploratory opinion requested by the EP – **TEN/566** – (A9)

GROUP I	GROUP II	GROUP III
Mr Back, co-rapp. Mr Fried Mr Ranocchiarì	Ms Demelenne Mr Hencks, Rapp. Mr Krzaklewski	Mr Cingal Mr Confalonieri, Pres. Ms Raunemaa

8. Activities of the section president and members:

- Ms Batut, PSG Digital Agenda President, participated as speaker at the *annual conference for Digital Inclusion*, in Brussels on 6 November 2014;
- Mr Krawczyk, participated in the *High Level Conference of Transport Ministers on the Single European Sky*, in Rome on 6 and 7 November 2014;
- Mr Adams, attended the conference *EU Energy Policy and Competitiveness* in Brussels, on 17 November 2014;
- Mr Zbořil, attended the *Conference on EU Energy Union*, in Brussels on 17 November 2014;
- Ms Nietyksza, former rapporteur TEN/534, attended the *6th Annual European E-Commerce Conference*, in Brussels on 18 November 2014;
- Mr Hernández Bataller, attended the *4th Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion*, in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2014;
- Mr Pezzini, attended a conference on *the European energy policy and the opportunities for the region of Molise*, in Campobasso (Italy) on 26 November 2014;
- Mr Back, President of PSG IWPT, attended the final conference on *Green Corridor in the North Sea Region - GreCOR*, in Gothenburg (SV) on 26 November 2014;
- Mr Cabra de Luna, rapporteur of TEN/215 and TEN/228, attended the *II International Congress on University and Disability*, in Madrid, on 27 and 28 November 2014;
- Mr Pigal, rapporteur of TEN/494 (Cloud Computing), attended as speaker at the *cybersecurity conference*, in Warsaw (PL) on 1 December 2014;
- Ms Darmanin, attended the *European E-Skills 2014* conference, in Brussels on 2 and 3 December 2014;
- Mr Longo, attended the *Major IEEE Summit on Internet Governance*, in Brussels on 3 December 2014;
- Mr Hernández Bataller, rapporteur of TEN/559, attended a series of meeting with French ministeriums and other authorities dealing with *EHS*, in Paris on 4 December 2014;
- Ms Nietyksza, Ms Batut and Mr Pigal, attended the *5th Annual European Data Protection and Privacy Conference*, in Brussels on 9 December 2014;
- Mr Hernández Bataller, attended a conference to present the opinion TEN/516 on *Energy Poverty*, in Madrid on 12 December 2014;
- Mr Balon, President of the PSG on SGI, attended the preparatory meeting of the conference on SGI in Warsaw (March 2015), in Brussels on 12 December 2014.

9. The 143rd section meeting will be held on **4 February 2015 starting at 10 a.m.**

The agenda will include the following opinion:

- *Social innovation, networking and digital communication* – **TEN/560** - Mr Hernández Bataller.

A debate on the review of the Transport White Paper will be held in the afternoon of this Section meeting.
