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EXCEPTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DECEMBER PLENARY SESSION

Tuesday 8 December: Formal opening of the plenary session - Adoption of the final agenda - Presentation and debate on draft opinions – Statement of guest speakers

Wednesday 9 December: Opening of vote on amendments to the nine draft opinions and one resolution - Statement of guest speakers – Debate on EU matters for local and regional authorities

Thursday 10 December: Announcement of the results of the vote on the amendments and opening of vote on final opinions and one resolution - Statement of guest speakers - End of the plenary session

Electronic votes on amendments shall be opened, on 9 December 2020, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Brussels time). Voting on final draft opinions/resolution as amended is scheduled to start on 10 December 2020, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon (Brussels time); the starting time and ending time of the final vote will also be announced by email. All members or duly mandated alternates will vote using the same remote voting system. For detailed information on the voting procedure please refer to the Practical Guide to remote voting during the COVID-19 crisis, on the Members' Portal. The links to vote will be accessible in due course on the Members' Portal in the documents *Voting links for amendments* and *Voting link for final opinions*.

DEBATE ON STEPPING UP CLIMATE AMBITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Statement by **Svenja Schulze**, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Tuesday 8 December, 4.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

9 December 2020

**DEBATE ON THE EU-UK AGREEMENT AND
TERRITORIAL CONSEQUENCES OF BREXIT**

Statements by **Loïg Chesnais-Girard**, President of the Regional Council of Brittany and
chair of the CoR Contact Group with UK and **Sadiq Khan**, Mayor of London

Wednesday 9 December, 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**DEBATE ON THE ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE AND
EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY**

Statement by **Olivér Várhelyi**, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement

Wednesday 9 December, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

10 December 2020

DEBATE ON THE NEW PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM.

Statement by **Ylva Johansson**, Commissioner for Home Affairs

Thursday 10 December, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

DEBATE ON RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE IN RURAL AREAS

Statements by **Janusz Wojciechowski**, Commissioner for Agriculture and **Franc Bogovič**,
(SL/EPP) Co-Chair of the Intergroup on Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas of the
European Parliament

Thursday 10 December, 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

**DEBATE ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2021 WORK PROGRAMME AND THE
FIRST EU STRATEGIC FORESIGHT REPORT**

Statement by **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-president of the European Commission for
Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Thursday 10 December, 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Attention:

This is not the final agenda, which will be established by the Bureau on 7 December 2020

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Tuesday 8 December 2020

2.30 p.m.	FORMAL OPENING OF THE SESSION
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1. Adoption of the agenda (COR-2020-04715-00-05-CONVPOJ-TRA)
2. Approval of the minutes of the 140th plenary session, held on 12, 13 and 14 October 2020
COR-2020-02500-00-00-PV-TRA - COR-2020-02500-00-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02500-01-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02500-02-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02500-03-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02500-04-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02500-05-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02500-06-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02500-07-00-PV-REF - COR-2020-02500-08-00-PV-REF
COR-2020-02500-09-00-PV-REF
3. Statement by the president
4. Election of the First Vice-President
COR-2020-04715-08-00-PSP-TRA

2.35 p.m.	ADOPTION OF OPINIONS
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Presentation of opinions to be adopted and debate with members:

5. Towards more sustainable tourism for EU cities and regions
Own-initiative
COR-2020-00303-00-03-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/003
Rapporteur: **Manuel Alejandro Cardenete Flores** (ES/RENEW E.)

Statement by **Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar** (PT/EPP), Member of the European Parliament

6. EU Strategy for Rural Revival
Own-initiative
COR-2020-01066-00-01-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/006
Rapporteur: **Enda Stenson** (IE/EA)
7. From Farm to Fork – the local and regional dimension
COR-2020-00594-00-01-PAC-TRA - NAT-VII/005
Rapporteur: **Guido Milana** (IT/PES)

8. Economic governance review
Own-initiative
COR-2020-01370-00-01-PAC-TRA - ECON-VII/005
Rapporteur: **Elio Di Rupo** (BE/PES)

Statement by **Margarida Marques** (PT/S&D), Member of the European Parliament

4 p.m.- 4.15 p.m.	BREAK
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4.15 p.m.	DEBATE ON STEPPING UP CLIMATE AMBITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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9. Statement by:
COR-2020-04715-07-01-PSP-TRA

- **Svenja Schulze**, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

5.15 p.m.	ADOPTION OF AN OPINION
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Presentation of an opinion to be adopted and debate with members:

10. Opportunities and synergies of a precautionary adaptation to climate change to promote sustainability and quality of life in regions and municipalities – which framework conditions are required for this?
Council presidency referral
COR-2020-03121-00-00-PAC-TRA – ENVE-VII/010
Rapporteur: **Markku Markkula** (FI/EPP)

Statement by **Lídia Pereira** (PT/EPP), Member of the European Parliament

6 p.m.	SUSPENSION OF THE PLENARY SESSION
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Wednesday 9 December 2020

Electronic voting on amendments to the nine opinions and one resolution will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Brussels time). The links to the vote will be opened on the same day on the Members' Portal in the document *Voting links for amendments*.

9.30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF OPINIONS

Presentation of opinions to be adopted and debate with members:

11. The impact of climate change on regions: an assessment of the European Green Deal Council presidency referral
COR-2020-03120-00-00-PAC-TRA - ENVE-VII/009
Rapporteur: **Andries Gryffroy** (BE/EA)
12. Strengthening local governance and representative democracy via new digital technology instruments¹
Own-initiative
COR-2020-00830-00-02-PAC-TRA - CIVEX-VII/002
Rapporteur: **Rait Pihelgas** (EE/ Renew E.)
13. Challenges for public transport in cities and metropolitan regions²
Own-initiative
COR-2020-02613-00-02-PAC-TRA - COTER-VII/003
Rapporteur: **Adam Struzik** (PL/EPP)

10.40 a.m.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

14. Resolution on the European Commission Work Programme 2021³
COR-2020-04952-00-00-PRES-TRA- RESOL-VII/009

1 Simplified procedure.

2 Simplified procedure.

3 Resolution submitted in accordance with Rule 45.3 b) of the Rules of Procedure.

11 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AN OPINION

15. European Commission report on the implementation the renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions⁴

Own-initiative

COR-2020-03319-00-01-PAC-TRA - COTER-VII/007

Rapporteur: **Ángel Víctor Torres Pérez** (ES/PES)

11.30 a.m. – 12 noon

BREAK

12 noon

EU MATTERS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

16. Statements on:

COR-2020-04715-01-01-PSP-TRA

- Macro-regional Strategy for the Carpathian Region by **Wladyslaw Ortyl** (PL/ECR)
- Local and regional authorities responding to the damaging effects of heavy transport of goods on roads by **Günther Platter** (AT/EPP)
- Regional health systems facing COVID-19 by **Isabel Natividad Diaz Ayuso** (ES/EPP)

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

1 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.

BREAK

2.45 p.m.

**DEBATE ON THE EU-UK AGREEMENT AND
TERRITORIAL CONSEQUENCES OF BREXIT**

17. Statements by:

COR-2020-04715-02-01-PSP-TRA

- **Loïg Chesnais-Girard**, President of the Regional Council of Brittany and chair of the CoR Contact Group with UK
- **Sadiq Khan**, Mayor of London

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions including external speakers

4 p.m.- 5 p.m.

BREAK

⁴ Simplified procedure.

5 p.m.

**DEBATE ON THE ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE AND
EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY**

18. Statement by:

COR-2020-04715-03-01-PSP-TRA

- **Olivér Várhelyi**, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

6 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF THE PLENARY SESSION

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Thursday 10 December 2020

Final vote on the nine opinions and one resolution as amended will be opened when the results of the votes on the amendments are known and published on the Members' Portal. The vote is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. until 12 noon (Brussels time). The links to the voting will be opened on the Members' Portal in the document *Voting links for final opinions*.

RESUMPTION OF THE PLENARY SESSION
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11 a.m.	DEBATE ON THE NEW PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM
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19. Statement by:
COR-2020-04715-05-04-PSP-TRA

- **Ylva Johansson**, Commissioner for Home Affairs

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

12 noon – 2.30 p.m.	BREAK
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2.30 p.m.	DEBATE ON RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE IN RURAL AREAS
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20. Statements by:
COR-2020-04715-06-01-PSP-TRA

- **Janusz Wojciechowski**, Commissioner for Agriculture
- **Franc Bogovič**, (SL/EPP) Co-Chair of the Intergroup on Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas of the European Parliament

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

3.30 p.m.	DEBATE ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2021 WORK PROGRAMME AND THE FIRST EU STRATEGIC FORESIGHT REPORT
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21. Statement by:
COR-2020-04715-04-02-PSP-TRA

- **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-president of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Debate with members of the European Committee of the Regions

4.30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE FINAL VOTES ON OPINIONS,
RESOLUTION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

22. Election of Bureau members (COR-2020-04715-00-00-PSP-REF) (for decision)
23. New CoR members and alternates (COR-2020-04715-00-01-PSP-TRA) (for information)
24. Any other business
25. Date of the next meeting.

4.45 p.m.

END OF THE PLENARY SESSION
