

PLENARY SESSION

July 2023

Agenda

Plenary session No	580
Date	12-13/07/2023
Venue	European Commission
Room	Charlemagne building (GASP)
First day of plenary session	12/07/2023, 2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Second day of plenary session	13/07/2023, 9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

DEBATES

The future role of civil society in the enlargement process, with the participation of **Dorin Recean**, *Prime Minister of Moldova*, **Olivér Várhelyi**, *Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (video message)*, **Majlinda Bregu**, *Secretary-General of the Regional Cooperation Council*, and representatives of civil society organisations from candidate countries, preceded by the signing of a Memorandum of understanding between the European Economic and Social Committee and the Regional Cooperation Council, **on Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

European Strategy for Older Persons, linked to the adoption of the exploratory opinion SOC/757 *on the European Strategy for Older Persons requested by the Spanish Presidency*, with the participation of **Dubravka Šuica**, *European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography*, and **Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf**, *President of the AGE Platform Europe*, **on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

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Wednesday, 12 July 2023

2.30 p.m.

OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION

1. Presence of a quorum
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 579th plenary session, held on 14 and 15 June 2023
4. Statement by the president
5. **OPINIONS WITHOUT DEBATE**

TEN/806

Gigabit Infrastructure Act

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures to reduce the cost of deploying gigabit electronic communications networks and repealing Directive 2014/61/EU (Gigabit Infrastructure Act)

COM(2023) 94 final - 2023/0046 COD

EESC-2023-00921-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Maurizio MENSI (IT-III)

CCMI/211

Critical Raw Materials Act

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020

COM(2023) 160 final - 2023/0079 COD

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions *A secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials in support of the twin transition*

COM(2023) 165 final

EESC-2023-01573-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Maurizio MENSI (IT-III)

Co-rapporteur: Michal PINTÉR (SK-cat. 1)

CCMI/207

The decarbonisation of European industry and the role of innovation and digitalisation in driving it

(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)

EESC-2023-01315-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Andrés BARCELÓ DELGADO (ES-I)

Co-rapporteur: Monika SITÁROVÁ (SK-cat. 2)

CCMI/201**Review of the CO₂ emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO₂ emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956

COM(2023) 88 final - 2023/0042 COD

EESC-2023-00325-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Dirk BERGRATH (DE-II)

Co-rapporteur: Alessandro BARTELLONI (IT-cat. 1)

INT/1012**Making available and placing on the market of detergents**

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on detergents and surfactants, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004

COM(2023) 217 final - 2023/0124 COD

EESC-2023-02272-00-02-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Violeta JELIĆ (HR-I)

INT/1022**Water efficient consumption**

(Own-initiative opinion)

EESC-2023-00849-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Milena ANGELOVA (BG-I)

INT/1025**Textile labelling**

(Exploratory opinion requested by the European Commission)

EESC-2023-01010-00-00-AS-TRA

Rapporteur: Antje Sabine GERSTEIN (DE-I)

OPINIONS WITH DEBATE

6. **ECO/614**
Tax policy review – low-income households and the green transition
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00859-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Philip VON BROCKDORFF (MT-II)

DEBATE

7. **The future role of civil society in the enlargement process**, with the participation of **Dorin Recean**, *Prime Minister of Moldova*, **Olivér Várhelyi**, *Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (video message)*, **Majlinda Bregu**, *Secretary-General of the Regional Cooperation Council*, and representatives of civil society organisations from candidate countries, preceded by the signing of a Memorandum of understanding between the European Economic and Social Committee and the Regional Cooperation Council
- Introduction by **Oliver Röpke**, President of the EESC
 - Statement by **Dorin Recean**, Prime Minister of Moldova
 - Statement by **Olivér Várhelyi**, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (*video message*)
 - Statement by **Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary-General of the Regional Cooperation Council
 - Statements by **representatives of civil society organisations from candidate countries**
 - General debate with EESC members
 - Response by **Majlinda Bregu**
 - Conclusion by **Oliver Röpke**
8. **SOC/767**
Strengthening collective bargaining power across the European Union
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00866-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Philip VON BROCKDORFF (MT-II)

9. **CCMI/215**
EU space strategy for security and defence
Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council
European Union space strategy for security and defence
Join(2023) 9 final
EESC-2023-01246-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Maurizio MENSI (IT-III)
Co-rapporteur: Jan PIE (SE-cat. 1)
10. **European Strategy for Older Persons**, linked to the adoption of the exploratory opinion SOC/757 *on the European Strategy for Older Persons requested by the Spanish Presidency*, with the participation of **Dubravka Šuica**, *European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography*, and **Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf**, *President of the AGE Platform Europe*
- Introduction by **Oliver Röpke**, President of the EESC
 - Statement by **Dubravka Šuica**, European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography
 - Statement by **Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf**, President of the AGE Platform Europe
 - Presentation of the opinion SOC/757 *on the European Strategy for Older persons*, requested by the Spanish Presidency, by the rapporteur, **Miguel Ángel Cabra De Luna**
 - General debate with EESC members
 - Response by **Miguel Ángel Cabra De Luna**
 - Response by **Dubravka Šuica**
 - Response by **Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf**
 - Conclusion by **Oliver Röpke**, President of the EESC
11. **SOC/757**
European Strategy for Older Persons
(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)
EESC-2023-00532-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Miguel Ángel CABRA DE LUNA (ES-III)

12. **NAT/849**
Action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions *EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries*
COM(2023) 102 final
EESC-2023-01216-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Francisco Javier GARAT PÉREZ (ES-III)
13. **NAT/895**
Decarbonisation of the fishing fleet
(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)
EESC-2023-01572-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Francisco Javier GARAT PÉREZ (ES-III)
14. **TEN/803**
Follow up to inflation and energy measures and EU energy resilience for essential economic sectors
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00695-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Felipe MEDINA MARTIN (ES-I)

±7.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Thursday, 13 July 2023

9 a.m.

RESUMPTION

OPINIONS WITH DEBATE

15. **ECO/611**
The economics of an "EU Blue Deal"
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00679-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Florian MARIN (RO-II)

16. **NAT/891**
Sustainable water management and climate emergency: circular and other solutions for the EU agri-food system in a future "Blue Deal"
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00896-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Josep PUXEU ROCAMORA (ES-I)
Co-rapporteur: John COMER (IE-III)

17. **CCMI/208**
Water-intensive industries and water-efficient technologies
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-01154-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Paul RÜBIG (AT-I)
Co-rapporteur: John BRYAN (IE-cat. 3)

18. **SOC/763**
Water poverty
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-01665-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteurs: Kinga JOÓ (HU-III) and Carlos Manuel TRINDADE (PT-II)

19. **TEN/804**
Sustainable and resilient water infrastructures and distribution networks
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00442-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Thomas KATTNIG (AT-II)

20. **INT/1027**
Green Deal Industrial Plan
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions *A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age*
COM(2023) 62 final
Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)
COM(2023) 161 final - 2023/0081 COD
EESC-2023-01157-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Sandra PARTHIE (DE-I)
21. **SOC/760**
Measures to improve mental health
(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)
EESC-2023-01455-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Milena ANGELOVA (BG-I)
Co-rapporteur: Ivan KOKALOV (BG-II)
22. **CCMI/217**
Cyber Solidarity Act
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/881 as regards managed security services
COM(2023) 208 final -2023/0108 COD
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents
COM(2023) 209 final - 2023/0109 COD
EESC-2023-02408-00-00-PAC-TRA
Rapporteur-general: Dumitru FORNEA (RO-II)
Co-rapporteur general: Alberto MAZZOLA (IT-cat. 1)

23. **ECO/608**
Review of the Bank crisis management and deposit insurance framework
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the review of the crisis management and deposit insurance framework contributing to completing the Banking Union
COM(2023) 225 final
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 as regards early intervention measures, conditions for resolution and funding of resolution action
COM(2023) 226 final -2023/0111 COD
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/59/EU as regards early intervention measures, conditions for resolution and financing of resolution action
COM(2023) 227 final - 2023/0112 COD
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/59/EU and Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 as regards certain aspects of the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities
COM(2023) 229 final - 2023/0113 COD
EESC-2022-06298-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Giuseppe GUERINI (IT-III)
Co-rapporteur: Christophe LEFÈVRE (FR-II)
24. **NAT/890**
Measures to reduce child obesity
(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)
EESC-2023-00880-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Josep PUXEU ROCAMORA (ES-I)
Co-rapporteur: Isabel CAÑO AGUILAR (ES-II)
25. **NAT/896**
Revision of the EU pollinators initiative – A new deal for pollinators
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions *Revision of the EU Pollinators Initiative. A new deal for pollinators*
COM(2023) 35 final
EESC-2023-01362-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Jarmila DUBRAVSKÁ (CZ-III)
Co-rapporteur: Veselin MITOV (BG-II)
26. **INT/1026**
Advertising through influencers
(Exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)
EESC-2023-01658-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Bernardo HERNÁNDEZ BATALLER (ES-III)
Co-rapporteur: Stefano PALMIERI (IT-II)

27. **SOC/766**
How to engage with the intended public and how to effectively use the results of works of the citizens' panels?
(Own-initiative opinion)
EESC-2023-00732-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur: Christophe QUAREZ (FR-II)
28. Decisions taken by the assembly
29. Any other business
30. Date of the next plenary session

±12h30 p.m. END OF THE PLENARY SESSION

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