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# NEWSLETTER

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### Presentation

**Dear Sir, Madam,**

*First of all, let me wish you a very happy new year.*

*It is my pleasure to send you the **72nd edition of the Newsletter** on the work of the European Economic and Social Committee and the key issues from the European institutions. This newsletter is created with the aim to inform you on the main activities of the EESC and the most relevant events in the EU context.*

*This 468<sup>th</sup> EESC Plenary Session will take place at the European Parliament (József Antall building) and will see the participation of Mr Zsolt BECSEY, State Secretary in the Hungarian Ministry of the National Economy, representing the Hungarian EU Council presidency, and Mrs Neelie KROES, Vice-President of the European Commission with responsibility for the Digital Strategy.*

*To celebrate the Hungarian presidency, the EESC will organise a Hungarian evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of January at 7.30 p.m. (building rue Belliard), which will be preceded by the inauguration of the expo "Bridges over the Danube".*

*In the framework of my visits to the national ESCs, during the past two weeks I went to France (where I attended the French ESEC Plenary session, in presence of President Sarkozy), Spain, Portugal and Luxembourg. These meetings were very fruitful, particularly in this phase of the EU agenda where I consider the ESCs contribution extremely important (EU 2020 Strategy etc). I will pursue my trips in the coming weeks to complete my visits planning.*

*Wishing you a useful reading,*

**Staffan NILSSON,  
President**



### ☞ Main opinions adopted at the Plenary Session of 8 and 9 December 2010

☞ You will find the information concerning the opinions on : <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.opinions-search>

#### ➔ Summary of opinions

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| ➔ A Digital Agenda for Europe  | Mr McDONOUGH (GR I – IE)            |
| ➔ Relations EU-Russia  | Mr VOLES (GR I – CZ)                |
| ➔ State Aid: closure of coal mines                                   | Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)              |
| ➔ Credit rating agencies   | Mr CEDRONE (GR II – IT)             |
| ➔ OTC derivatives: central counterparties                            | Mr IOZIA (GR II – IT)               |
| ➔ Right to information in criminal proceedings                       | Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)              |
| ➔ Security of supply in agriculture and in the food sector in the EU | Mr KRAUZE (GR III – LV)             |
| ➔ GMO: restrictions of cultivation in Member States                  | Mr GRUBER (GR III – AT)             |
| ➔ Approval of agricultural and forestry vehicles                     | Mr JIROVEC (GR III – CZ)            |
| ➔ Energy Strategy for 2011-2020                                      | Mr HERNANDEZ BATALLER (GR III – ES) |

### ☞ Main debates and opinions at the agenda of the Plenary Session of 19 and 20 January 2011

- This session will see the participation of Mr Zsolt BECSEY, State Secretary in the Hungarian Ministry of the National Economy, on behalf of the Hungarian Presidency of the European Council;
- Furthermore, a statement will be made by Mrs Neelie KROES, Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of the Digital Agenda, which will be followed by the presentation of the EESC opinion on the European strategy on the Digital Agenda.

→ Corporate governance in financial institutions and remuneration policies	Mr SMYTH (GR III – UK)
→ Retail market monitoring report	Mr ALMEIDA FREIRE (GR I – PT)
→ Fruit juices	Mr NARRO (GR III – ES)
→ Transitional technical measures concerning the conservation of fish stocks	Mr SARRO IPARRAGUIRRE (GR III – ES)
→ Approval and market surveillance/vehicles L category	Mr RANOCCHIARI (GR I – IT)
→ European contract law	Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)
→ Explosives precursors	Mr SEARS (GR I – UK)
→ Report on Competition Policy	Mr CHIRIACO (GR II – IT)
→ Green Paper on Pensions	Mr DANDEA (GR II – RO)
→ Food products/ distribution to the most deprived persons	Mr LUCAN (GR III – RO)

To consult the draft agenda of the plenary session and related documents, click on next link : [Agenda of the plenary session](#)

## News from the European institutions

### THE HUNGARIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL



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