



European Economic  
and Social Committee

# NEWSLETTER

## European ESC



CESlink : Online Cooperation between  
Economic and Social Councils

### Presentation



**Dear Sir, Madam,**

*This 469<sup>th</sup> EESC Plenary Session will take place on 16 and 17 February in the European Parliament building.*

*This session will see the participation of Mrs Mercedes BRESSO, President of the Committee of the Regions, on Wednesday 16 at 3 p.m. Furthermore, Mrs Anna Maria DARMANIN, vice-President of the EESC and President of the Communication Group, will make a presentation on the state of play of the EESC actions and activities on communication for 2011, "Say it, Do it, Tweet it".*

*Last week, at the EESC premises, took place the second meeting of the **group Europe 2020 Steering Committee**. The active participation of the network of the Economic and Social Councils of the EU allowed a fruitful exchange of views on the EC Communication on the Annual Growth Survey, as well as a basis for a closer coordination with the Commission services involved in the issue.*

*I also would like to highlight, during the last European Council of 4 February, the importance of the **Declaration on the EU Energy Policy**. On this issue, the EESC addressed a written contribution to the Council and the Commission (see [EESC written contribution to the Summit](#) + [press communication](#)).*

*Wishing you a useful reading,*

**Staffan NILSSON,**  
President

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

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

#### → Summary of opinions

- A Digital Agenda for Europe
- Relations EU-Russia
- State Aid: closure of coal mines
- Credit rating agencies
- OTC derivatives: central counterparties
- Right to information in criminal proceedings
- Security of supply in agriculture and in the food sector in the EU
- GMO: restrictions of cultivation in Member States
- Approval of agricultural and forestry vehicles
- Energy Strategy for 2011-2020

Mr McDONOGH (GR I – IE)  
Mr VOLES (GR I – CZ)  
Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)  
Mr CEDRONE (GR II – IT)  
Mr IOZIA (GR II – IT)  
Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)  
Mr KRAUZE (GR III – LV)  
Mr GRUBER (GR III – AT)  
Mr JIROVEC (GR III – CZ)  
Mr HERNANDEZ BATALLER (GR III – ES)

### ☞ Main debates and opinions at the agenda of the Plenary Session of 16 and 17 February 2011

- On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, **Mrs Mercedes BRESSO**, President of the Committee of the Regions will make a statement on "Contributing to the success of Europe 2020 in partnership - a shared commitment for local and regional authorities, the social partners and civil society organisations"
- **Mrs Anna Maria DARMANIN**, vice-President of the EESC and President of the Communication Group, will present a state of play of the Committee's action plan in the field of communication, entitled "Say it, Do it, Tweet It".

- Tractors/flexibility scheme
- Enhancing economic policy coordination for stability, growth and jobs
- Bank resolution funds
- Regulating financial services for sustainable growth
- Access to secondary raw materials
- Roadmap for a low carbon energy system by 2050
- Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
- Use of security scanners at EU airports
- European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)
- European Maritime Safety Agency

Mr RANOCCHIARI (GR I – IT)  
Mr PALMIERI (GR II – IT)  
Ms ROUSSENOVA (GR I – BG)  
Mr IOZIA (GR II – IT)  
Mr ZBORIL (GR I – CZ)  
Mr PEZZINI (GR I – IT)  
Mr McDONOGH (GR I – IE)  
Mr HERNANDEZ BATALLER (GR III – ES)  
Mr MORGAN (GR I – UK)  
Mr SIMONS (GR I – NL)

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPE 2020 STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

[Steering Committee Europe 2020](#)



We welcome all your comments. Just e-mail us using this link: [suggestions](#).

**INFO n° 73 – February 2011**

**"Interinstitutional relations, relations with national ESCs"**