



European Economic  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
SECTION FOR ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION  
AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COHESION**

<b>Date</b>	<b>20.11.2025, 10:30–17:30</b>
Venue	Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel
Room	JDE 62 ( <b>meeting exclusively in person</b> )
President	Elena-Alexandra Calistru
Meeting No	242
<b>Deadline for amendments</b>	<b>17/11/2025, 09:00</b>
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**For the attention of section bureau members:**

Section bureau meeting      20.11.2025, 09:00–10:15  
                                    Hybrid meeting: JDE 60 + remotely via Interactio

Draft agenda

1. Adoption of the draft agenda
2. Approval of the minutes and appendix of the 241st meeting, held on 5 September 2025  
EESC-2025-03320-00-00-PV-TRA

**Morning session**

3. Welcome by **Elena-Alexandra Calistru**, ECO section president, and **Gilbert Marchlewitz**, head of unit of the ECO section secretariat
4. Presentation of the **various policy areas** within ECO section competence
  - **Macroeconomic policies for sustainable growth and stability (including monetary policy)** by **Dominika Biegon** (DE member, Group II) and **Krisztina Perlaky-Toth** (ECO administrator)
  - **EU budget** by **Luca Jahier** (IT member, Group III) and **Gerald Klec** (ECO administrator)

- **Taxation** by **Krister Andersson** (SE member, Group I) and **Jüri Soosaar** (ECO administrator)
- **Financial markets** by **Petru Sorin Dandea** (RO member, Group II) and **Sergio Lorencio-Matallana** (ECO administrator)
- **Cohesion policy (including regional, territorial and urban policies)** by **Ioannis Vardakastanis** (EL member, Group III) and **Georgios Meleas** (ECO administrator)

5. Presentation of the **European Semester Group** by **Gonçalo Lobo Xavier** (PT member, Group I, and president of the European Semester Group) and **Colombe Gregoire** and **Anna Pantazi**, (ECO administrators)

6. Discussion on **practical aspects of the work** in the ECO section

**Afternoon session from 14:30**

7. Public debate on **Connecting Regions: Macro-regional strategies and national regional partnership plans in action**. Detailed [programme](#) available on event website.

Adoption of the opinion

**ECO/675 – Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies – 5th report**  
 Referral  
 COM(2025) 196 final  
 EESC-2025-02216-00-00-PA-TRA  
 Rapporteur: **Stefano Palmieri** (IT-II)

8. **ECO/685 – European Fund for Regional Development including for Interreg and the Cohesion Fund**  
 Referral  
 COM(2025) 552 final  
 EESC-2025-03305-00-00-PA-TRA  
 Rapporteur: **David Sventek** (CZ-I)

9. Organisation of section work

10. Any other business

11. Confirmation of the date of the next section meeting

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 RO/SK/SL/FI/SV  
**into** BG/ES/CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/HU/PL/RO

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**N.B.:** Members and advisors are asked to sign the attendance list in order to ensure that their meeting expenses are refunded.

Members unable to attend the meeting are asked to give advance notice to their group secretariat so that interpreters do not attend unnecessarily.

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