



European Economic and Social Committee

transport,
energy,
infrastructures,
information
society

TEN
section

Energy

The TEN section focuses its work on keeping the right balance between the three pillars of EU energy policy: competitiveness, sustainability and security. It draws up its opinions on the basis of detailed analyses of the present situation and prospects of energy technology and resources. "Resource efficiency", as one of the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy, will be an important part of TEN section activities in the future, in line with past efforts to promote energy efficiency by mobilising the whole of European civil society.

Transport

The new White Paper from the European Commission entitled "Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource-efficient transport system", which was adopted by the Commission on 28 March 2011, constitutes the basic reference for the work of the TEN section in the field of transport. The roadmap proposes 40 concrete initiatives between now and 2050. In its previous opinions the TEN section has stressed the need for an interaction between European transport policy, sustainable development, combating climate change and energy efficiency.



Information Society

TEN section work in this area is based on an in-depth analysis of information and communication technologies (ICT) and their impact on society, taking into account the expectations of European civil society organisations. The section is critically reviewing the implementation of the European Commission's strategy in this domain, currently expressed in the "Digital Agenda for Europe" (one of the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy), stressing the need for infrastructure deployment and the necessary skills for an all-inclusive information society; improvement of the regulatory framework to ensure a single and investment-friendly European digital space; and a safer internet for everybody, by improving consumer protection, security and privacy in electronic communications, notably for the most vulnerable members of society, such as children and less experienced users.



A DYNAMIC SECTION
FULL OF TALENT
WHICH IS INSPIRED
BY THE WORK ON THE GROUND

Services of general interest and infrastructure

The EESC permanent study group will continue to identify and promote the expectations of organised civil society as regards services of general interest, which, whether economic or non-economic, do much to promote the social and territorial cohesion of the European Union. This group helps to take forward the debate at European level to ensure that there are services of general interest and that they are accessible, affordable and of good quality for all.



Did you know this?

The European Economic and Social Committee is a consultative body set up by the Rome Treaties in 1957 and represents the various economic and social components of organised civil society at European level. It is made up of 344 members, split into three groups: the "Employers" group, the "Employees" group and the "Various Interests" group.

The EESC has six specialist sections whose work is to draw up Committee opinions, advising the three major institutions — the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

The TEN section is responsible for drawing up Committee opinions in the fields of transport, energy, the information society, infrastructure and services of general interest. Between October 2010 and April 2013, the section president is Mr Stéphane Buffetaut (Group I, "Employers" France)

The Committee opinions play an essential role in policy- and decision-making at European Union level: they reflect a considerable level of expertise and the bringing together of the divergent interests of organised civil society.

**EACH YEAR, THE TEN SECTION
DRAWS UP APPROXIMATELY
30 OPINIONS, A QUARTER OF WHICH
ARE OWN-INITIATIVE OPINIONS
OR EXPLORATORY OPINIONS.**

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