



European Economic  
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# NEWSLETTER

## European ESC



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Economic and Social Councils

### Presentation



*Dear Sir, Madam,*

We will hold the **473rd EESC plenary session** on 13 and 14 July in the Commission's Charlemagne building in Brussels.

We are happy to have with us the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Jerzy Buzek, and the Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Economy, **Mr Waldemar Pawlak** on Wednesday 13 July. They will both take part in a debate with our members on a topical issue which concerns us as the bridge between Europe and civil society: *"For a sustainable Europe: meeting the expectations of EU citizens, the answers of the European institutions"*.

As the financial perspectives for 2014-2020 are now key topic on the EU agenda, the session will also be attended by the European Commissioner for Financial Programming and the Budget, **Mr Janusz Lewandowski**.

This month marks the beginning of the **Polish Council Presidency**. We will celebrate it with a Polish cultural evening on Wednesday 13 July at 7.15 p.m. at the EESC building. The event has been organised jointly with the Polish Permanent Representation.

Finally, I would like to thank all national ESCs who attended the **CESlink meeting** (20-21 of June, EESC premises). The meeting was also a good occasion to present a survey on the CESlink website, which showed that this tool is more and more useful in terms of networking and information-sharing.

Wishing you a useful reading,

**Staffan NILSSON,**  
President

### Main opinions adopted at the Plenary Session of 15 and 16 June 2011

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

#### Summary of opinions

- The role and priorities of the Cohesion Policies in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy (HU Pres)
  - M. BARÁTH (GR III - HU)
- Budget policy: growth and budgetary adjustment (HU Pres)
  - Mr DANTIN (GR III - FR)
- The Roma: strengthening social autonomy and integration (HU Pres)
  - Mr TOPOLANSZKY (GR III - HU)
- Integration of Water policy into other EU policies (HU Pres)
  - Ms LE NOUAIL-MARLIERE (GR II - FR)
- Consequences of the European policies on the employment chances, the need of training and work conditions of transport sector workers
  - Mr MORDANT (GR II - BE)
- Sustainable development of the transport policy and planning of the TEN-T
  - Mr KRAWCZYK (GR I - PL)
- Contribution of civil society to the oriental partenariat (HU Pres)
  - Mr MORKIS (GR I - LT)
- The new EU external policy and the role of civil society
  - Mr CEDRONE (GR II - IT)

### Main debates and opinions at the agenda of the Plenary Session of 13 and 14 July 2011

- On Wednesday 13 at 3 p.m. there will be a statement by **Mr Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament. Following, **Mr Waldemar Pawlak**, Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economy, on behalf of the presidency-in-office of the EU Council, will present the programme of the Polish Council Presidency;
- On Thursday 14 from 12.00 to 01.15 p.m. there will be a presentation by **Mr Janusz Lewandowski**, European Commissioner for Financial Programming and the Budget.

- ➔ Copyright in the music sector
- ➔ Expanding the use of e-Procurement in the EU (Green Paper)
- ➔ Towards a better functioning Single Market for services
- ➔ Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding
- ➔ Regional policy contributing to smart growth in Europe 2020
- ➔ Removing cross-border tax obstacles for EU citizens
- ➔ The future of the labour market in Europe
- ➔ An agenda for new skills and jobs: a European contribution towards full employment
- ➔ The Eastern Partnership and the eastern dimension of the EU policies
- ➔ The Energy Efficiency Plan 2011
- ➔ Towards a comprehensive European international investment policy

Mr GKOFAS (GR III – EL)  
 Mr FARRUGIA (GR I – MT)  
 Mr SIECKER (GR II – NL)  
 Mr SVENSSON (GR I – SE)  
 Mr CEDRONE (GR II – IT)  
 Mr FARRUGIA (GR I – MT)  
 Mr GREIF (GR II – AT)  
 Mr ZUFIAUR (GR II – ES)  
 Mr KALLIO (GR III – FI)  
 Ms SIRKEINEN (GR I – FI)  
 Mr PEEL (GR I – UK)

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

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