

# Committee of the Regions eNewsletter special edition 112th Plenary session 3-4 June 2015

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## The members of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) met at the 112th Plenary Session.

Four opinions and a **Resolution on CoR sixth mandate's priorities 2015-2020** were adopted during this plenary session.

On the first day of the plenary session, the members held a debate on how to **Improve the functioning of the European Union: Lisbon Treaty and beyond** in the presence of three members of the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs ( [minutes available soon](#)):

- **Ms Mercedes Bresso** (Italy/S&D) and **Mr Elmar Brok, Member of the European Parliament** (Germany/EPP) - Co-rapporteurs on "Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty"
- **Mr Guy Verhofstadt** (Belgium/ALDE) - Rapporteur on "Possible evolutions and adjustments of the current institutional set up of the European Union"

On the second day, **Mr Jean Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission**, attended the plenary session and discussed with CoR members the role of local and regional authorities in the new Investment Plan for Europe ( [minutes available soon](#)).

The same day, the members had the pleasure of welcoming **Mrs Yang Yanyi, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, Head of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EU**, on the 40th anniversary of the EU-China diplomatic relationship and debated the role of local and regional authorities in fostering cooperation and investments between EU and China ( [minutes available soon](#)).

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The full list of opinions adopted during the June plenary:

- [Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States](#), rapporteur: **Mr Mauro D'Attis** (Member of Brindisi Municipal Council, Italy/EPP)
- [Better protecting the marine environment](#), rapporteur **Mr Hermann Kuhn** (Member of Bremen City Parliament, Germany/PES)
- [A decent Life for all: from vision to collective action](#), rapporteur **Mr Hans Janssen** (Mayor of Oisterwijk, Netherlands/EPP), in the presence of **Mr Davor Ivo Stier**, Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Development (Croatia/EPP) and rapporteur on "The EU and the global development framework after 2015"
- [Local and regional support for Fair Trade in Europe](#), rapporteur **Ms Barbara Duden** (Member of Hamburg City Parliament, Germany/PES)

**Mr Boubacar Bah**, Vice-President of the CCT of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), Mayor of Bamako, President of the Association of Municipalities of Mali (AMM) gave an overview of the discussions held at the 4th edition of the Assises of European Decentralised Cooperation, which was hosted by the CoR on the 1st and 2nd of June.

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