

European and External Affairs Committee EUR 02-03(agd)

Agenda

Date: 6 March 2003
Time: 14:00
Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, National Assembly for Wales
Item 1: **Introduction, apologies and declarations of interest**

Item 2: **Minister's report** (14:00 - 14:20)
Paper: EUR 02-03(p1)
Purpose: To inform the Committee about developments since its last meeting

Item 3: **Chair of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee** (14:20 - 14:35)
Purpose: To discuss the European dimension of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee's work.
In attendance: Gareth Jones AM

Item 4: **EU Structural Funds post-2006: European Commission Second Progress Report on Economic and Social Cohesion** (14:35 - 14:55)
Paper: EUR 02-03(p2)
Purpose: To update the Committee on the EU Commission's latest report on the debate on the future of the structural funds, including the latest statistics for the current Objective 1 regions
In attendance: Deputy First Minister

Break 14.55- to 15.10

Item 5: **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)** (15:10 - 15:45)
Paper: EUR 02-03(p3)
Purpose: Presentation on the work of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
In attendance: David Lynch, Policy Promotion and Member Support Officer CLRAE

Item 6: **Convention on the Future of Europe** (15:45 –16.15)
Papers: EUR 02-03(p4)
EUR 02-03(p5)
Purpose: Discussion about the Convention on the Future of Europe - the outcome of which will be communicated to the Secretary of State for Wales

Item 7: **Summary of Committee activity** (16:15 –16:30)
Paper: EUR 02-03(p6)
Purpose: To discuss suggestions of possible areas of activity for the incoming European and External Affairs Committee

- Item 8:** **Report from members of the Committee of the Regions** (16:30 –16:45)
Purpose: Members of the Committee of the Regions will be invited to update the Committee on developments since the last meeting
- Item 9:** **Report from Standing Invitees** (16:45 – 17:00)
Purpose: Representatives from the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Wales European Centre will be invited to update the Committee on developments since the last meeting
- Item 10:** **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (17:00 - 17:05)
Paper: EUR 01-03(min)
Purpose: To ratify the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2003

Paper to note

- EUR 02-03(p7) - Assembly Government summary of activities in Europe during first session of the Assembly