

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Minutes: EUR(3)-05-10

**Date:** 16 March 2010

**Time:** 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Senedd

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Rhodri Morgan, Cardiff West (Chair)

Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Mike German, South Wales East

Nick Bourne, Mid and West Wales

### Committee Service

Lara Date, Clerk

Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Andy Klom, Head of European Commission Office in Wales

Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport

Phil Bird, Head of EU Policy Secretariat, EEAD

### 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and observers.

1.2 There were no apologies.

### 2: European Commission Office in Wales: Update on Activities in Wales and Europe 2020 Strategy

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 1 - Europe 2020 Strategy

2.1 The Head of the European Commission Office in Wales responded to questions from the Committee.

### 3: Scrutiny inquiry: European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010: Activities in Wales

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 2

3.1 The witness responded to questions from the Committee.

#### Actions:

Committee to receive further details of the Bevan Foundation activities to promote EY2010 after 1 April 2010.

### 4: Consultation on the Future Europe 2020 Strategy: Welsh Government Response

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 3 - Paper from the Welsh Government

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 3 - Annex 1

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 3 - Annex 2

4.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Committee.

#### Actions:

Committee to receive a note on feedback from Welsh Government Statisticians' discussions with Eurostat on the 2006 and 2007 GDP figures.

Committee to receive a note on further deliberations by REGLEG on recognition of the role of regions and EU-wide regional policy within the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Committee to receive a note on deliberations and decisions by CALRE regarding the role of regions and EU-wide regional policy within the Europe 2020 Strategy. This information to be fed back to the Welsh Government to inform the overall Welsh position and approach.

**Papers to note:**

EUR(3)-05-10 : Paper 4: Action arising - Letter from Ambassador of Spain

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The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

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