

European and External Affairs Committee

Agenda

Date: 11 November 2004
Time: 9.00 to 12.10
Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, National Assembly for Wales

Item 1: **Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest (9.00 to 9.05)**

Item 2: **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising (09:05 - 09:15)**

Purpose: To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2004 and consider matters arising
EUR2 07-04 e- min Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2004
EUR2 07-04 Action Outstanding

Item 3: **Report on the British and Irish Inter Parliamentary Body conference, 17-19 October 2004 (09:15 - 9:30)**

Paper: EUR2 08-04(p1) – British and Irish Inter Parliamentary Body - update
Purpose: To provide the Committee with a report on this conference.
In attendance: Mike German AM (as Member of BIIPB representing the National Assembly for Wales.)
Peter Kellam – APS (as Assembly BIIPB Secretariat)

Item 4: **First Minister's Report (9.30 – 9.50)**

Paper: EUR2 08-04(p2) – First Minister's report
Purpose: To inform the Committee about developments since its last meeting
In attendance: Gary Davies – European and External Affairs Division

Item 5: **Welsh Assembly Government's External Relations Strategy (9.50 – 10.20)**

Paper: EUR2 08-04 (p3) – Wales, A World Nation – A Strategic Framework
Purpose: For the Committee to consider the Assembly Government’s draft external relations strateg
In attendance: Gary Davies – European and External Affairs Division
Ifona Deeley – European and External Affairs Division

Item 6: NUTS 2 and 3 mapping implications (10.20 – 10.35)

Paper: EUR2 08-04(p4) - 'Review of Regional Aid Guidelines: Alternative Map Scenarios'
Purpose: To consider the implications of possible approaches to the assisted areas map
In attendance: Rob Halford – Economic Policy Division
Julian Revell – Statistics Directorate

Item 7 Paper on EU legislation processes/update (10.35 – 10.50)

Paper: EUR2 08-04 (p5) - EU legislation scrutiny in Assembly Committees
Purpose: To review the process by which EU legislation and documents are scrutinised by Committees

Item 8: European proposals deposited in the UK parliament (10:50 - 11.00)

Paper: EUR2 08-04(p6) - European proposals deposited in the UK parliament
EUR2 08-04(p9) - Additional information on EU deposited documents requested at meeting on 14 October 2004
Purpose: To consider a list of the most recently deposited European proposals.

Break 11.00 – 11.15

Item 9: European Centre for Training and Regional Cooperation (ECTARC) (11.15 – 12.00)

Paper: EUR2 08-04 (p7) – European Centre for Training and Regional Cooperation
Purpose: To inform the Committee about the work being done by ECTARC
In attendance: Sharon Thomas – Director, ECTARC
Vanessa Baldry – European Information advisory manager, ECTARC
Phil Moran - beneficiary, Wales programme

Item 10: Reports from Members of the Committee of the Regions, Welsh MEPs and the Commission Office in Wales (12.00 - 12.10)

Paper: none

Purpose: Members of the Committee of the Regions and MEPs will be invited to update the Committee on developments since the last meeting

Papers to note:

EUR2 08-04(p8) – Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) - Report