European and External Affairs Committee

Agenda EUR(2) 09-05

Meeting date: 24 November 2005

Meeting time: 9.00 to 12.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (9.00 - 9.05)

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising (9.05 - 09.15)

Paper:	EUR(2) 08-05 e-min Minutes of the meeting held on
	12 October 2005 EUR(2) 09-05 Action Outstanding
Purpose:	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October and consider matters arising

Item 3: First Minister's Report (9.15 - 10.00)

Paper:	EUR(2) 09-05 (p1) – 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 4: Commission's Communication Strategy and 'Plan D' (10.00 - 10.40)

Papers:	EUR(2) 09-05 (p2) - Communication Strategy
	EUR(2) 09-05 (p2a) - 'Plan D'
Purpose:	To inform the Committee about the Commission's Communication Strategy and Plan D which stands for "democracy, dialogue and debate".
In attendance:	Andy Klom - Head of the European Commission Office in Wales

Break 10.40 - 10.55

Item 5: Update on Lisbon Agenda and input into the National Action Plan (10.55 - 11.25)

Paper:	EUR(2) 09-05 (p3) - Update on Lisbon Agenda - Welsh Assembly Government
	EUR(2) 09-05 (p4) - Lisbon Strategy for Jobs and Growth - UK National Reform Programme - HM Treasury
Purpose:	To update the Committee on the Lisbon agenda and Welsh Assembly Governments input into the National Action Plan
In attendance:	Rob Halford - Economic Policy Division

Item 6: Subsidiarity Monitoring Network of the Committee of the Regions (11.25 - 12.00)

Paper:	EUR(2) 09-05 (p5) - Subsidiarity pilot test
	EUR(2) 09-05 (p6) - Paper from Policy Branch
Purpose:	To inform the Committee on the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network of the Committee of the Regions

In attendance:	Anna Daniel - European Union Policy Analyst
	Barry Dare - Air and Environment Quality Branch
	Ross Hunter - Air and Environment Quality Branch

Item 7: British Council conference 'Women in Politics: Equal Numbers, Equal Impact' (12.00 - 12.20)

Paper:	EUR(2) 09-05 (p7) - 'Women in Politics: Equal Numbers, Equal Impact'
Purpose:	To inform the Committee about the conference which is taking place between 20 - 25 November
In attendance:	Dr Olga Kelly - The British Council Alison Smith - Gender Consultant, British Council

Item 8: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions (12.20 - 12.30)

Purpose:	To consider the report from the Committee of the Regions and any emerging
	issues

Papers to Note

- EUR(2) 09-05 (p8) British Inter Parliamentary Body Agenda for meeting 28-29 November
- EUR(2) 09-05 (p9) CALRE Note from the Conference in Barcelona 24 25 October
- EUR(2) 09-05 (p10) Note on officials visit to the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee