

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/1999**of 6 November 2017****appointing a member and two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of Belgium, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Belgian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 (¹), (EU) 2015/190 (²) and (EU) 2015/994 (³) appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Jean-François ISTASSE.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Rudy DEMOTTE.
- (4) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the appointment of Mr Marc HENDRICKX as a member of the Committee of the Regions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

- (a) as a member:
 - Mr Marc HENDRICKX, *Lid van het Vlaams Parlement*,
- (b) as alternate members:
 - Mr Jan VAN ESBROECK, *Lid van het Vlaams Parlement*,
 - Mr Jean-François ISTASSE, *Conseiller communal de Verviers*.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 2017.

For the Council

The President

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(¹) Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

(²) Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

(³) Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).