

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/581

of 13 March 2023

appointing a member and three alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Poland, 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 Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals of the Polish Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 20 January 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/102 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Ludwik Kajetan WĘGRZYN.
- (4) Two alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignations of Ms Elżbieta Anna POLAK and Mr Marek Andrzej TRAMŚ.
- (5) An alternate member's seat will become vacant following the appointment of Mr Joachim Michał SMYŁA as a member of the Committee of the Regions.
- (6) The Polish Government has proposed Mr Joachim Michał SMYŁA, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Radny Powiatu Lublinieckiego* (Member of Lubliniec District Council), as a member of the Committee of the Regions until 30 April 2024, date on which his national mandate will end in accordance with the applicable national legislation.
- (7) The Polish Government has proposed the following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions until 30 April 2024, date on which their respective national mandates will end in accordance with the applicable national legislation: Mr Marcin Artur JABŁONSKI, *Członek Zarządu Województwa Lubuskiego* (Member of the Management Board of the Lubuskie Voivodship), Mr Andrzej Antoni PŁONKA, *Radny Powiatu Bielskiego (woj. śląskie)* (Member of Bielsko District Council (śląskie Voivodship)), and Ms Lucyna Teresa SOKOŁOWSKA, *Radna Powiatu Rzeszowskiego* (Member of Rzeszów District Council),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/102 of 20 January 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold an electoral mandate are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions until 30 April 2024:

(a) as a member:

— Mr Joachim Michał SMYŁA, *Radny Powiatu Lublinieckiego* (Member of Lubliniec District Council),

and

(b) as alternate members:

— Mr Marcin Artur JABŁOŃSKI, *Członek Zarządu Województwa Lubuskiego* (Member of the Management Board of the Lubuskie Voivodship),

— Mr Andrzej Antoni PŁONKA, *Radny Powiatu Bielskiego (woj. śląskie)* (Member of Bielsko District Council (Śląskie Voivodship)),

— Ms Lucyna Teresa SOKOŁOWSKA, *Radna Powiatu Rzeszowskiego* (Member of Rzeszów District Council).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 13 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. PEHRSON
