

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/1709**of 13 November 2020****appointing two members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 300(2) and Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals made by the French Republic and the Slovak Republic,

After consulting the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The term of office of the members of the European Economic and Social Committee expired on 20 September 2020.
- (2) On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 ⁽²⁾. On 22 October 2020 and 30 October 2020, the Council adopted two further Decisions appointing members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 ⁽³⁾. One seat on the European Economic and Social Committee for the French Republic and one seat for the Slovak Republic have remained empty and need to be filled by a subsequent appointing decision, applying retroactively as from 21 September 2020.
- (3) By letter of 10 September 2020, the Slovak Republic proposed Mr Juraj SIPKO for appointment as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, in order to complete its list of members.
- (4) By letter of 18 September 2020, the French Republic proposed Mr Bruno CHOIX for appointment as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, in order to complete its list of members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, listed by Member State:

FRANCE

Mr Bruno CHOIX

Union des Entreprises de Proximité (U2P)

SLOVENSKO

Mr Juraj SIPKO

Director, Institute of Economic Research of the Slovak Academy of Science.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1555 of 22 October 2020 appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 (OJ L 355, 26.10.2020, p. 1) and Council Decision (EU) 2020/1636 of 30 October 2020 appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 (OJ L 369, 5.11.2020, p. 1).

Article 2

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

It shall apply as from 21 September 2020.

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH
