

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/545

of 7 March 2023

appointing three members and two alternate members, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, 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 German 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 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. On 25 November 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2112 ⁽³⁾, appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions.
- (3) Three members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Ms Birgit HONÉ was proposed for appointment and the resignations of Mr Franz RIEGER and Mr Bernd Claus VOß.
- (4) Two alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Mr Claus Christian CLAUSSEN and Mr Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN were proposed for appointment.
- (5) The German Government has proposed the following representatives of regional bodies who hold a regional authority electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly as members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Mr Alex DOROW, *Mitglied des Bayerischen Landtags* (Member of Bavarian State Parliament), Ms Erika VON KALBEN, *Mitglied des Schleswig-Holsteinischen Landtages* (Member of the State Parliament of Schleswig-Holstein), and Mr Matthias WUNDERLING-WEILBIER, *Staatssekretär für Bundes- und Europaangelegenheiten und Regionale Entwicklung, Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Bundes- und Europaangelegenheiten und Regionale Entwicklung* (State Secretary for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development, Ministry for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development of the State of Lower Saxony).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 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 327, 17.12.2019, p. 78).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2021/2112 of 25 November 2021 appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 429, 1.12.2021, p. 151).

- (6) The German Government has proposed the following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Ms Anna KEBSCHULL, *Landrätin des Landkreises Osnabrück* (District Commissioner of Osnabrück), and Mr Werner SCHWARZ, *Minister für Landwirtschaft, ländliche Räume, Europa und Verbraucherschutz des Landes Schleswig-Holstein* (Minister of Agriculture, Rural Areas, European Affairs and Consumer Protection of the State of Schleswig-Holstein),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold an electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:

(a) as members:

- Mr Alex DOROW, *Mitglied des Bayerischen Landtags* (Member of Bavarian State Parliament),
- Ms Erika VON KALBEN, *Mitglied des Schleswig-Holsteinischen Landtages* (Member of the State Parliament of Schleswig-Holstein),
- Mr Matthias WUNDERLING-WEILBIER, *Staatssekretär für Bundes- und Europaangelegenheiten und Regionale Entwicklung, Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Bundes- und Europaangelegenheiten und Regionale Entwicklung* (State Secretary for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development, Ministry for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development of the State of Lower Saxony),

and

(b) as alternate members:

- Ms Anna KEBSCHULL, *Landrätin des Landkreises Osnabrück* (District Commissioner of Osnabrück),
- Mr Werner SCHWARZ, *Minister für Landwirtschaft, ländliche Räume, Europa und Verbraucherschutz des Landes Schleswig-Holstein* (Minister of Agriculture, Rural Areas, European Affairs and Consumer Protection of the State of Schleswig-Holstein).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
L. EDHOLM
