

Activities for the European Economic and Social Committee.

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In a formal sense, its main products are so-called OPINIONS, which are documents on the various policy issues of European relevance, mostly in response to proposals by the Commission. These are developed in a staged process from study-group meetings to section meetings until they are finally adopted by the plenary. The rapporteur drafts the first working document and, by including the views of other members, reformulates and iterates until the final OPINION is adopted (by voting, including on amendments proposed by other members).

Having been engaged in issues of science and energy policy, I have been member of section INT (Single Market, Production and Consumption, where also science policy is allocated) and section (also Vice-President) TEN (Transport, Energy, Infrastructure, and the Information Society).

During my four Appointment-Periods (October 1998 until September 2015). I have participated in numerous study groups addressing these issues, and in particular I have been rapporteur of OPINIONS on the following subjects:

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