COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/886

of 22 May 2017

appointing three members and six alternate members, proposed by the Czech Republic, 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 Czech 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) Two members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Mr Josef NOVOTNÝ and Ms Jana VAŇHOVÁ,

(3) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the mandate on the basis of which Mr Ondřej BENEŠÍK *(Councillor of Strání municipality)* was proposed.

(4) Five alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Mr Jiří BĚHOUNEK, Mr Jan BIRKE, Mr Stanislav MIŠÁK, Mr Martin NETOLICKÝ and Mr Jiří ROZBOŘIL.

(5) An alternate member's seat has become vacant following the appointment of Mr Pavel BRANDA 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 members:

— Ms Jaroslava POKORNÁ JERMANOVÁ, *Zastupitelka Středočeského kraje,*

— Mr Ondřej BENEŠÍK, *Zastupitel Zlínského kraje (change of mandate),*

— Mr Pavel BRANDA, *Zastupitel obce Rádlo*;

and

(b) as alternate members:

— Mr Zdeněk KARÁSEK, *Zastupitel Moravskoslezského kraje,*

— Mr Pavel PACAL, *Zastupitel Kraje Vysočina,*

— Mr Miroslav KUBÁSEK, *Zastupitel Jihomoravského kraje,*

([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).

— Radim SRŠEŇ, *Zastupitel Olomouckého kraje,*

— Mr Věslav MICHALIK, *Zastupitel Středočeského kraje,*

— Mr František JOHN, *Zastupitel města Zábřeh.*

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 22 May 2017.

For the Council
The President
E. BARTOLO