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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (recast) - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions[1]

1. On 24 February 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on roaming on public mobile communication networks within the Union (recast)[2].

2. The aim of the proposal is to ensure the sustainability of the provision of retail roaming services at domestic prices ('roam-like-at-home') by adjusting the maximum wholesale charges, introducing new measures to increase transparency and ensuring the quality of service while roaming. The Proposal aims to ensure that the 'roam-like-at-home' service can continue after the expiry of the existing Roaming regulation[3] on 30 June 2022.

[1] The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.
[2] Doc. 6532/21.
[3] Regulation (EU) No 531/2012

3. The proposal is based on Article 114 TFEU, which provide for the European Parliament and for the Council to act in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, in principle, the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, taking into account the subject matter of the proposal in question and its possible impact for public and private entities also on sub-national level, it would appear appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present Proposal.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above Proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible and by its *May session* as the latest.