

## Sections of the Economic and Social Committee

**Caption:** Table showing the six Sections of the Economic and Social Committee and listing their responsibilities.

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**Sections of the Economic and Social Committee****Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion**

Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (ECO)
Macroeconomic and monetary policies
Growth and employment
Own resources and EU budget
Statistics
Taxation
Financial markets
Regional and structural policies (Structural Funds, implementation of Art. 130 B [Art. 159 of the Amsterdam Treaty], Cohesion Fund)
Urban policy - land-use planning
Peripheral regions

## Section for Single Market, Production and Consumption

Section for Single Market, Production and Consumption (INT)
Industrial competitiveness, industrial and sectoral policies
Services, including trade, financial services and insurance, as well as tourism, but excluding services of general interest
Businesses, especially SMEs
Cooperatives
Crafts
The professions
Research and Technological Development (RTD)
Health and consumer protection
Consumption policy
Market policies
Competition policy
Company law

## Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society

Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN)
Transport
Infrastructure networks
Energy (including issues relating to sectoral development, energy supply and sustainable consumption)
Atomic energy (in the framework of the EAEC (EURATOM) Treaty)
Production and distribution of services (public and private) in the areas of telecommunications, water and energy
Information society and mass media

## Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship

Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC)
Employment (labour market, labour law)
Human dimension of the integration process
Social and societal rights
Education, training and culture
Social protection
Free movement
Citizenship
Equal opportunities and equal treatment
Minorities, exclusion and marginalization
Equality between men and women
Family and youth
Health (promotion and prevention)
Demographics
NGOs and the non-market sector

## Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment

Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT)
Agriculture
Rural development
Environmental protection
Sustainable development
Fisheries
Forestry
Food safety
Animal welfare
Land-use planning

## Section for External Relations

Section for External Relations (REX)
External, political, economic and commercial relations
Enlargement and integration of neighbouring areas (e.g. Euro-Med, Baltic region)
Relations with socio-occupational organizations in non-EU countries (including joint consultative committees)
International agreements
Cooperation, partnership and association agreements with third countries
International organizations
Immigration (third countries)
Delegations