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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European data governance (Data Governance Act) - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions ¹

1. On 25 November 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European data governance (Data Governance Act).²

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

² Doc. 13351/20.

2. The proposal aims to foster the availability of data for use by increasing trust in data intermediaries and by strengthening data-sharing mechanisms across the EU. It also aims to make more public sector data available for re-use, in situations where such data is subject to rights of others.
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.
