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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Committee of the Regions - Letter from Estonia - appointment of one member and two alternate members

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 4 February 2022, from Mr Aivo ORAV, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Estonia, addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary General
General Secretariat of the Council
General Policy Directorate
Rue de la Loi 175
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4 February 2022 No 14-4/111-1

Dear Mr Tranholm-Mikkelsen,

We would like to inform you about the changes in mandates and the renewals of mandates of the members of the Estonian delegation to the Committee of the Regions for the period 2020-2025. Please disregard our previous letter of 1 February, which contains partially the same information.

Please be informed of the **changes in national mandates**. The Government of the Republic of Estonia proposes by its Decision of 27 January 2022 the following candidates:

Members:

- 1) Mr Andres JAADLA as a member of a Local Assembly, Rakvere City Council (instead of Mr Andres Jaadla as a member of Rakvere City Government);

Alternate Members:

- 1) Ms Piret RAMMUL as a member of a Local Assembly, Kanepi Rural Municipality Council (instead of Ms Piret Rammul as a member of Kanepi Rural Municipality Government);
- 2) Ms Marika SAAR as a member of a Local Assembly, Elva Rural Municipality Council (instead of Ms Marika Saar as a member of Elva Rural Municipality Government).

Please find three **annexes** with information regarding the proposed candidates enclosed to this letter.

In addition, a member Tiit TERIK became the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Estonia and has since lost his mandate of the Committee of the Regions. Upon nomination of a candidate for a member of the Committee of the Regions, the Estonian Government previously studies the opinion of national associations of local authorities. The Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities proposes their candidate in spring 2022 and we will inform you about the Government's decision as soon as possible.

We would also like to inform you about the **renewals of national mandates**. After the municipal council elections held in Estonia, the following members and alternate members were all re-elected or re-appointed to the same position (either as a member of a local assembly or a representative of a local body) and will continue with the same mandate they are appointed to the Committee of the Regions without any interruption between:

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Members:

- 1) Juri GOTMANS, member of a Local Assembly: Võru City Council;
- 2) Mart VÕRKLAEV, member of a Local Assembly: Rae Rural Municipality Council;
- 3) Mihkel JUHKAMI, member of a Local Assembly: Rakvere City Council;
- 4) Siim SUURSILD, member of a Local Assembly: Pärnu City;
- 5) Urmas KLAAS, representative of a local body with political accountability to an elected assembly: Tartu City Council (Mayor of Tartu);

Alternate Members:

- 1) Jan TREI, member of a Local Assembly: Viimsi Rural Municipality Council;
- 2) Kurmet MÜÜRSEPP, representative of a local body with political accountability to an elected assembly: Antsla Rural Municipality Council (Deputy Mayor of Antsla Rural Municipality);
- 3) Rait PIHELGA, member of a Local Assembly: Järva Rural Municipality Council;
- 4) Urmas SUKLES, representative of a local body with political accountability to an elected assembly: Haapsalu City Council (Mayor of Haapsalu);
- 5) Varje TIPP, representative of a local body with political accountability to an elected assembly: Pärnu City Council (Deputy Mayor of Pärnu).

Yours sincerely,

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