The Dutch Parliament had already decided how to organise its national subsidiarity check. It had opted to establish a special “Joint Subsidiarity Committee”, comprising members of both Houses of the Dutch Parliament. An exchange of views and information took place on the basis of a report drawn up by the Dutch Presidency as well as the second biannual report produced by the COSAC secretariat, which had asked national parliaments how they would organise their subsidiarity checks. At the time, only a few parliaments had a clear picture of this. In order to facilitate debate and allow national parliaments to reflect further on this issue, COSAC agreed to conduct a “pilot project”, which would allow national parliaments to test how their subsidiarity early warning mechanisms might work in practice, by examining a specific piece of draft EU legislation. It was agreed that the Commission’s 3rd Railway Package would be the subject for this pilot project.

Finally, and despite lengthy discussions, COSAC could not reach agreement on introducing a new language regime.