

WORKSHOP
for
INTERNAL MARKET AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
on
Strengthening Competitiveness of the Internal Market by
Developing the EU Customs Union and its Governance

Chair: Ms Virginie ROZIÈRE (MEP)

9 October 2018, 15.00 – 18.30
Room - Brussels: Altiero Spinelli A5E-2

AGENDA

- 15.00-15.10** **Welcome and introduction:** Ms Virginie Rozière (MEP)
- Panel 1** **State of play of customs reform and options for the future**
State of the customs union and governance challenges
- 15.10-15.25** Prof. Dr Tobias Stoll, Goettingen University
Effects of postponing IT infrastructure reform on the achievement of an efficient customs union and options to develop the customs union
- 15.25-15.40** Mr Jos Verstraten, Senior Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 15.40-16.00** **Q&A session**
- Panel 2** **Experience of Member States in reforming Customs Union: past developments and future opportunities**
French, German, Dutch and Belgian experience
- 16.00-16.10** Mr Stephane Boissavy, Directorate-General of Customs and Indirect Taxes, France
- 16.10-16.20** Mr Vincent Van Immerzeel, Customs attaché, Administration générale des Douanes et Accises, Belgium

- 16.20-16.30** Mr Rob Roodenrijs, Customs Administration of the Netherlands, National Office
- 16.30-16.40** Mr Rory Geddis, Senior Customs Expert, German Federal Ministry of Finance

16.40-16.50 **Q&A session**

View from the European Commission

16.50-17.00 Ms Susanne Aigner, Head of Unit for Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD

Roundtable aiming at presenting views from stakeholders on challenges and future opportunities

Views from stakeholders

- 17.00-17.05** **Business Europe**, Mr Maurice Fermont, Customs Adviser
- 17.05-17.10** **International Road Transport Union (IRU)**, Mr. Matthias Maedge, Brussels General Delegate
- 17.10-17.15** **Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)**, Mr Miguel Angel Caramello Alvarez, Chief Legal Officer
- 17.15-17.20** **European Sea Ports Organisation**, Ms Annemie Peeters, Adviser on Trade Facilitation, Customs and Security Committee
- 17.20-17.25** **European Express Association**, Ms Tonka Kostadinova, Director, Customs Regulatory Affairs, DHL Express Europe
- 17.25-17.30** **Comité de Liaison Européen des Commissionnaires et Auxiliaires de Transport du Marché Commun (CLECAT)**, Mr Dominique Willems, Senior customs expert
- 17.30-17.35** **Federation of Customs Brokers and Customs Representatives, CONFIAD**, Mr Massimo De Gregorio, President of CONFIAD

Safeguarding interests of European consumers

17.35-17.45 **Consumer Choice Centre**, Mr Luca Bertoletti

General discussion

- 17.45-18.25** General discussion among experts and participants
- 18.25-18.30** Conclusion and closing remarks - Ms Virginie ROZIÈRE (MEP)