Programme

Thursday, 6 June 2019

13:30 – 13:45 Arrival and Registration

13:45 – 14:00 Introduction
[Michelle Grant, IRL and Kajus Hagelstam, EP]

14:00 – 14:50 Overview of European Semester Scrutiny Process in National Parliaments – Part I [Chair: Kajus Hagelstam]

Renata Lygiene – Seimas, Republic of Lithuania;
Bruno Dias Pinheiro – Assembleia da República, Portugal;
Friedrich Sindermann – Austrian Parliament;
Martin Jørgensen – Folketing, Danish Parliament;
Michelle Grant – Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland

[5 X 6-8 minute presentations and 10 minute Question and Answer]

14:50 – 15:40 The Fiscal Advisory Council in Ireland and its role in parliamentary scrutiny of the European Semester Process [Chair: Heidi Lougheed]

Eddie Casey, Chief Economist and Head of Secretariat

Question and Answer Session

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee
16:00 – 16:50 Overview of European Semester Scrutiny Process in National Parliaments – Part II [Chair: Denise O’Connell]

David Bokhorst – House of Representatives, the Netherlands;
Jakob Nyström – Riksdag, Sweden;
Daša Smetanková – Chamber of Deputies, Czech Republic;
Zick Clemens – Bundestag, Germany;
Melisso Boschi – Senato, Republic of Italy

[5 X 6-8 minute presentations and 10 minute Question and Answer]

16:50 – 17:30 Future of the Working Group [Co-chairs: Kajus Hagelstam and Wolfgang Lehofer]

19:00 Dinner – Members’ Restaurant, Leinster House

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09:30 – 10:00 Role of the Fiscal Advisory Council – continued [Chair: Wolfgang Lehofer]

Lucio Landi, Fiscal Council, Italy, Presentation on the Role of Fiscal Council and recent experience

10:00 – 10:30 Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) in Ireland and its role in parliamentary scrutiny of the European Semester Process [Chair: Helmut Berger]

Denise O’Connell, Deputy Director, PBO

10:30 – 11:00 The independent dual scrutiny of the European Semester in Portugal [Chair: Helmut Berger]

Rui Nuno Baleiras, Head of PBO, Portuguese Parliament

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee

11:15 – 11:45 Experience of Effective Scrutiny by Parliaments [Chair: Michelle Grant]

Overview by Mr. John Lahart, T.D., Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight and member of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

11:45 – 12:30 Role of the National Competitiveness Council in Ireland [Chair: Michelle Grant]

Marie Bourke, Principal Officer, National Competitiveness Council

12:30 – 13:00 Future of the Working Group – resumed: some next steps [Chair: TBC]

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch and departure