

Preparation of the hearings of the Commissioners-designate



During today's meeting AFCO Members will have a discussion on how to deal with the process of the hearings of the three commissioner-designates for which AFCO has been appointed, by the Conference of Presidents, jointly or alone, as the leading committee.

AFCO will be participating in the 3 hour hearings of the following commissioner-designates:

Monday 30 September, from 14.30 to 17.30:
Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ (Vice-President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight), jointly with JURI committee, and with PETI and ITRE as associated committees.

Thursday 3rd October, from 18.30 to 21.30:
Dubravka ŠUIČA (Vice-President for Democracy and Demography), with EMPL as associated committee, and REGI, FEMM and JURI as invited committees.

Monday 7 October, from 14.30 to 17.30:
Věra JOUROVÁ (Vice-President for Values and Transparency), jointly with LIBE, and JURI as associated committee, and PETI and CULT as invited committees.

The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union– state of play



An exchange of views on the current state of play of the UK withdrawal procedure will take place in the presence of Guy Verhofstadt, Coordinator of the Brexit Steering Group. This debate occurs after the EP reaffirmed last week its position on the Brexit process, by a very large majority of its members, and two days after the Supreme Court made public its decision ruling the prorogation of the Parliament as illegal.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present this second issue of the AFCO Newsletter, for the 9th legislative term, a tool prepared by the Secretariat to keep you informed of AFCO activities and to increase awareness of the current institutional challenges facing the European Union.

During this meeting, Members will focus mainly on the very latest developments concerning Brexit, as well as on the political priorities on which AFCO should concentrate during this new term, particularly in what concerns the preparation of the Conference on the Future of Europe announced by the new President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen. Members will also discuss the preparation of the hearings of the three commissioners-designate that deal with matters falling within AFCO competences.

Antonio Tajani, Chair

The priorities of AFCO for the IX Legislature: preliminary discussion



At today's meeting members will hold an exchange of views on the committee's priorities for this new legislature. During the first half of a parliamentary term, each parliamentary committee may simultaneously draft up to six own-initiative reports. Legislative own-initiative reports and implementation reports shall not be subject to this ceiling. Reports aiming to change the Rules of Procedure are not subject to any ceilings either.

The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of the European Parliament



Today's debate provides an opportunity for members to have a first exchange of views on the main objectives, scope, structure and participation of the Conference on the Future of Europe, before the hearing of Vice-President-designate, Dubravka Šuica, who has been asked by the President-elect of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to lead, from the Commission side, the work on the Conference on the Future of Europe.

The Conference on the future of Europe is part of the political guidelines of the President-elect for the next Commission and should bring together citizens, civil society and European institutions as equal partners. The Conference should start in 2020, run for two years and have a clear scope and objectives, agreed between the Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

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MEETING DOCUMENTS

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project, please bear in mind that only a very limited number of paper dossiers will be available in the meeting room. Instead, meeting documents will be made available on the following **public** and **EP internal** websites.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

Wednesday 25 September 2019, Brussels
15:00 – 18:30

Room: József Antall (6Q2), Brussels

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, ES, PT, FI, ET, HU, PL, BG, RO

NEXT MEETING

8 October 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30

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