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*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

## HEARING

**THE IMPACT OF THE  
CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN AREA  
OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE**

*Monday 21 June 2010, 15.00 - 18.30*

*Tuesday 22 June, 9.00 - 12.30*

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

with participants from:

the EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

the EUROPEAN and NATIONAL COURTS

the ACADEMIC WORLD

and

the CIVIL SOCIETY

*European Parliament, Brussels  
Hemicycle (PHS)*

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## INTRODUCTION

The LIBE Committee, since the beginning, has considered the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as the very foundation of the freedom, security and justice area related policies. In this perspective, since 2000, it took the Charter itself as the reference for the European Parliament annual reports on the protection of fundamental rights in the European Union.

Moreover, in 2005 and 2007, it organised two hearings meeting the highest authorities in Europe dealing with fundamental rights such as the Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights as well as representatives of the national constitutional courts and networks of stakeholders in this domain (see the programme and working document of the previous hearings at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=LIBE>). After the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon and with the Charter itself becoming legally binding, the time has now come to foster a better understanding of the real impact of this text in shaping EU legislation as well as its implementation in the Member States.

The aim of this third hearing on the Charter is to give the legislator some guidance on the perspectives opened by the new legal framework in shaping the future legislation and reassessing the EU acquis notably when freedom, security and justice of the Union's citizen are at stake.

**Monday 21 June**

**SESSION I**

**The Charter as the key reference for the future EU legislation and  
its implementation at national level**

**15.00 – 18.30**

**15.00 - 15.10            OPENING**

Welcome and introduction by **Mr. Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D)**,  
Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the  
European Parliament

**15.10 - 15.45            STATEMENTS BY**

**Ms Kinga GÁL (PPE)**, Vice-Chair of the LIBE Committee and  
Rapporteur of the report on the protection of fundamental rights in the EU  
(2009/2161(INI))

**Mr Peter HUSTINX**

European Data Protection Supervisor

**15.45 - 16.30            DEBATE**

## **SESSION II**

### **The protection of fundamental rights and human dignity as granted by the supreme courts in the EU**

**16.30 – 18.30**

**16.30 - 17.30            INTERVENTIONS BY**

**Mr Jean-Claude BONICHOT**

President of the Fourth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union

**Mr Michel MELCHIOR**

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, Chairman of the XIIth Congress of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts

**Mr Marc BOSSUYT**

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, former Commissioner-General for Refugees and Stateless Persons

**17.30 - 18.30 DEBATE**

**Tuesday, 22 June**

**SESSION III**

**Freedom, Security and Justice Area: the Commission strategy and  
the point of view of the academic world, the civil society and  
National Human Rights Institutions**

**9.00 – 12.30**

**9.00 - 9.15                    STATEMENT BY**

**Mrs Viviane REDING**

Vice-President of the European Commission

Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

**9.15 - 9.30                    STATEMENT BY**

**Mr Morten KJÆRUM**

Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

**9.30 - 10.15                *TOWARDS A FREEDOM AREA***

**STATEMENTS BY**

**Mr Jan JARAB**

Regional Representative for Europe of the United Nations High Commissioner for  
Human Rights

**Mr Stefano RODOTÀ**

Former member of the Convention drafting the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the  
EU

**10.15 - 10.45                DEBATE**

**10.45 - 11.45**      ***TOWARDS A SECURITY AREA***

**STATEMENTS BY**

**Mr Henri LABAYLE**

Professor at the Faculté de Bayonne, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

**Mr Michaël PRIVOT**

ENAR's director, Member of the Advisory Panel of the 3rd Fundamental Rights Platform

**Mr Éamonn MAC AODHA**

Chief Executive of the Irish Human Rights Commission, Chair of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions

**Mr. David NICHOLS**

Acting Director of the EU Office of Amnesty International

**11.45 - 12.15**      **DEBATE**

**12.15 - 12.30**      **CONCLUDING REMARKS BY Kinga GÁL and  
Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**

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