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# **LIBE Committee Inquiry on Electronic Mass Surveillance of EU Citizens**

## **Draft programme**

Thursday, 7 November 2013, 09.00 -12.15 and 15.00 - 18.30

Brussels

Meeting room: JAN 4Q1

1. Session I will discuss the mission of EU Intelligence Analysis Centre (IntCen) <sup>1</sup>
2. A study commissioned by the LIBE Committee to the Policy Department on “National programmes for mass surveillance of personal data in EU Member States and their compatibility with EU law” will be presented in Session II.

Abstract: In the wake of the disclosures surrounding PRISM and other US surveillance programmes, this briefing paper makes an assessment of the large-scale surveillance practices by a selection of EU member states: the UK, Sweden, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Given the large-scale nature of surveillance practices at stake, which represent a reconfiguration of traditional intelligence gathering, the paper contends that an analysis of European surveillance programmes cannot be reduced to a question of balance between data protection versus national security, but has to be framed in terms of collective freedoms and democracy. It finds that four of the five EU member states selected for in-depth examination are engaging in some form of large-scale interception and surveillance of communication data, and identifies parallels and discrepancies between these programmes and the NSA-run operations. The paper argues that these surveillance programmes do not stand outside the realm of EU intervention but can be engaged from an EU law perspective via a critical understanding of national security in a democratic rule of law framework, the risks presented to the security of the Union as a whole, and the potential spillover into the security activities of EU agencies. The paper then presents a set of policy recommendations to the European Parliament.

3. Session III will discuss the nature and effectiveness of parliamentary oversight in the Member States based on the contribution of experts from the Venice Commission, academia, national intelligence community and civil society.
4. In Session IV Members of the EU-US transatlantic experts group will inform the LIBE Committee Inquiry of the discussions that took place in this group on 6 November.

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<sup>1</sup> This session will be held in camera

09:00 Introductory remarks by Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR, Chair of the LIBE Committee

**SESSION I**  
**The role of EU IntCen in EU Intelligence activity<sup>1</sup>**

- 09:05 - 09:20      Statement by
- Mr Ilkka SALMI, Director of EU Intelligence Analysis Centre (IntCen)
- 09:20 – 10:25      Questions & Answers

**SESSION II**  
**National programmes for mass surveillance in EU Member States and their compatibility with EU law**

- 10:25 - 10:45      Presentation of the European Parliament (DG IPOL Policy Department C) Study on "National programmes for mass surveillance of personal data in EU Member States and their compatibility with EU law" by
- Dr. Sergio CARRERA, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the JHA Section, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels
  - Dr. Francesco RAGAZZI, Assistant Professor in International Relations, Leiden University
- 10:45 - 12:15      Questions & Answers

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**SESSION III**  
**The role of Parliamentary oversight of intelligence services at national level in an era of mass surveillance (Part I)**

- 15:00 - 15:10      Statement by
- Mr Iain CAMERON, Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law - "Venice Commission"
- 15:10 - 15:40      Questions & Answers
- 15:40 - 16:00      Statements by
- Mr Ian LEIGH, Professor of Law, Durham University
  - Mr Aidan WILLS, Independent consultant, formerly with Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- 16:00 - 16:40      Questions & Answers
- 16:40 - 17:00      The situation in United Kingdom:  
Statements by
- Mr David BICKFORD, Former Legal Director of the Security and intelligence agencies MI5 and MI6
  - Mr Gus HOSEIN, Executive Director, Privacy International
- 17:00 - 17:40      Questions & Answers

**SESSION IV**  
**EU-US transatlantic experts group**

- 17:40 - 18.25      Debriefing on the EU-US transatlantic experts group (*tbc*)
- 18:25 - 18:30      Concluding remarks and follow-up