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*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

# **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

## **Hearing**

### **JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

Roadmap on procedural rights of suspects and accused persons:  
achievements and the way forward

**Tuesday 11 November 2014, 15.00 - 18.30**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**Room JAN 2Q2**

## **Background**

The protection of the rights of the individual in criminal proceedings is a fundamental value of the Union, which is essential in order to maintain mutual trust between the Member States and public confidence in the European Union. In the European area of justice citizens must not only have the right to a fair trial anywhere in the European Union, but be confident of this when exercising their right to move freely in the European Union.

The principle of mutual recognition can only operate satisfactorily if Member States trust each other's criminal justice systems. However, the protection of the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons can vary significantly between the Member States. This situation has given rise to gaps to achieve the mutual trust needed between Member States. To fill those gaps the European Union must ensure that all Member States uphold a common minimum level of procedural rights, and that these rights can be enforced through EU law.

On 30th November 2009 the Council adopted its resolution on a Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings, the roadmap was based in a step by step approach and included a non-exhaustive list of measures.

During the last parliamentary term (2009 -2014) the first three measures in the roadmap were adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union: the Directive on the right to interpretation and translation, the Directive on the right to information and the Directive the right of access to a lawyer.

In November 2013 the Commission presented its proposals for three additional legislative measures: a Directive on the safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings, a Directive on certain aspects of the presumption of innocence and a Directive on provisional legal aid.

After the 2014 election, it is now the time for the European Parliament to state its position on the proposed Directives in order to proceed together with the Council to the adoption of the three legislative measures that will be a significant step forward in the completion of the roadmap.

The hearing organized by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs will make it possible to take stock of the achievements in the development of the roadmap and provide a forum for debate about the proposals currently under consideration.

## Order of business

<b>15.00 - 15.30</b>	<b>INTRODUCTORY SESSION: The roadmap - achievements and new challenges</b>
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**OPENING REMARKS** by **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

**Taru SPRONKEN**, Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Maastricht University and Advocate General at the Supreme Court in the Netherlands

<b>15.30 - 16.10</b>	<b>SESSION I: Procedural safeguards for children</b>
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*Chaired by Caterina CHINNICI, Member of the European Parliament*

**Daniel PICAL**, President of the European Section of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates

**Vania PATANÉ**, Professor in the Law Department, University of Catania.

Questions and answers

<b>16.10- 16.50</b>	<b>SESSION II: Legal Aid</b>
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*Chaired by Dennis DE JONG, Member of the European Parliament*

**Emilio ÁLVAREZ SALCEDO**, Head of Sector, Ministry of Justice, Spain

**Zaza NAMORADZE**, Director of the Open Society Justice Initiative's Budapest office

Questions and answers

<b>16.50- 17.30</b>	<b>SESSION III: Presumption of innocence</b>
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*Chaired by Nathalie GRIESBECK, Member of the European Parliament*

**Boštjan ZUPANČIČ**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

**Holger MATT**, Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association

Questions and answers

*Chaired by tbc*

Round table with:

**Libby McVEIGH**, Head of Law Reform, Fair Trials International

**James MACGUILL**, Chair of the CCBE Criminal Law Committee

**Ignazio PATRONE**, Deputy Prosecutor General at the Supreme Judicial Court

**Daniel LECRUBIER**, former Advocate General at Court of Appeal in Paris

**Olivier TELL**, Head of Unit - Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters, DG Justice European Commission

Questions and answers

**CLOSING REMARKS** by **Claude MORAES**.

## ANNEX

### PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

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