DRAFT PROGRAMME

Public Hearing
of the
Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Review of the workings and effectiveness
of the Public Procurement Directives

Thursday, 20 April 2006 from 09h00 to 16h00
European Parliament, Brussels
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PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30 Opening session

- Welcome address by Mrs. Arlene McCARTHY, MEP, Chair of IMCO-Committee
- Introduction by Mr. Bertrand CARSIN, Director, DG Internal Market and Services at the European Commission
- Introduction by Mr. Michael FRUHMANN, Bundeskanzleramt (Verfassungsdienst), representing the Austrian Presidency-in-office

09.30-11.00 - SESSION 1

Implementation of public procurement rules and inter-communal cooperation: problems and perspectives
09.30 - 09.40 Hans-Jörg DUPPRÉ, President of the German County Association (Deutscher Landkreistag)

09.40 - 09.50 Christof DELATTER, Responsible for waste management at VVSG (Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities)

09.50 - 10.00 Giuseppe SVERZELLATI, Managing director of Confservizi (Italian federation of local enterprises)

10.00 - 10.10 Lee DIGINGS, National Procurement Advisor, UK Local Government Improvement and Development Agency

10.10 - 10.20 Inese MATVEJEVA, Adviser, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

Replies from the Commission services:
DG Internal Market and Services, Directorate C

Questions & Answers by Members

11.00-12.30 - SESSION 2

"In-house" public procurement procedures and the refinement of the "Teckal-criteria"

11.00 - 11.10 Alexander EGGER, First Legal Secretary of First Advocate-General Christine STIX-HACKL, European Court of Justice

11.10 - 11.20 Maxim PETER, Directeur Général de la Fédération des Sociétés d'Économie Mixte (SEM)

11.20 - 11.30 Carl CEDERSCHIÖLD, ex-Mayor of Stockholm and President of NEELS (Network of representatives of local public enterprises)

11.30 - 11.40 L.C. (Elco) BRINKMAN, President of "Bouwend Nederland" (Dutch construction and infrastructure federation)

11.40 - 11.50 Heinz SCHADEN, Mayor of Salzburg and Vice President of the Association of Austrian Cities (Österreichischer Städtebund)

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Lunch break
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14.30-15.50 - SESSION 3

Implementation, remedies, thresholds and public-private partnerships: Will life become easier for cross-border participation to tenders?

14.30 - 14.40 Michael BURNETT, European Institute of Public Administration
14.40 - 14.50 Jürgen LINDEN, Lord Mayor of Aachen
14.50 - 15.00 Peter BENNETT, Head of Government Procurement Service, UK Office of Government Commerce
15.00 - 15.10 Eric SCHWEITZER, Member of the Board of ALBA AG (waste management enterprise)
15.10 - 15.20 Claes-Mikael JONSON, European Trade Union Confederation

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15.50 - 16.00 Summary

Wrap up by Arlene McCARTHY, MEP and Chair of IMCO Committee

"What perspectives, what propositions?"

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