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**Public Hearing**  
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**Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

***The Role of Consumer Organisations across Europe***

Tuesday, 10 October 2006 from 15h00 to 18h30  
**European Parliament, Brussels**  
**Salle: ASP 1G3**

Chair: Arlene McCARTHY

**15.00-15.20 Opening session**

- Welcome address by Mrs. Arlene McCARTHY, Chair of IMCO-Committee
- Introduction by a representative of the European Commission, DG SANCO

**15.20-16.20 - SESSION 1**

**What is a consumer organisation: Is there a need for European criteria and definition of a consumer organisation?**

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| 15.20 - 15.30 | Prof. Dr. Hans-W. MICKLITZ, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany                        |
| 15.30 - 15.40 | Karel PAVLÍK, Consumers Defence Association of the Czech Republic                              |
| 15.40 - 15.50 | Dr. Barna BERKE, University of Budapest and Jean Monet Chairholder in EU Economic Law, Hungary |

***Questions & Answers by Members***

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## 16.20-17.20 - SESSION 2

### **Best practice and cross-border cooperation between the Consumer organisations**

- 16.20 - 16.30 Camilla HERSOM, Danish Consumer organisation
- 16.30 - 16.40 Martine MÉRIGEAU, Euro-Info Verbraucher e.V., Kehl, ECC France
- 16.40 - 16.50 Jim MURRAY, BEUC

#### *Questions & Answers by Members*

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## 17.20-18.20 - SESSION 3

### **Financing of Consumer organisation: means of financing**

- 17.20 - 17.30 Luís SILVEIRA RODRIGUES, Portuguese Association for Consumer Protection
- 17.30 - 17.40 Małgorzata NIEPOKULCZYCKA, Federacja Konsumentów, Poland
- 17.40 - 17.50 Franz FLOSS, Verein für Konsumenteninformation, Austria

#### *Questions & Answers by Members*

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## 18.20 - 18.30 Summary and closing statement

- Arlene McCARTHY, Chair of IMCO Committee

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