



# Civil liberties MEPs to debate how return to death penalty could hurt EU status

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**The possible effects of an EU member state decision to reintroduce the death penalty, including those on its rights and status as a member state, will be debated in the Civil Liberties Committee on Thursday at 16.30.**

The debate was prompted by the [Conference of Presidents' decision](#) of 30 April to ask the Civil Liberties Committee to examine the issue "as a matter of urgency". At the meeting President Schulz and political group leaders discussed the recent statement by Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán about a possible restoration of the death penalty there.

Ms Paraskevi MICHOU, acting Director General of DG Justice, will represent the European Commission in the debate.

Venue: Paul-Henri Spaak building, room :1A002.

The debate will be webstreamed on [EP Live](#).

## Further information:

- EP Live: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/schedule>
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/home.html>
- Statement from EP President Schulz after phone conversation with PM Orbán on Thursday afternoon (30 April):  
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/the-president/en/press/press\\_release\\_speeches/press\\_release/press\\_release-2015/press\\_release-2015-april/html/statement-by-the-president-after-phone-conversation-with-prime-minister-orban](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/the-president/en/press/press_release_speeches/press_release/press_release-2015/press_release-2015-april/html/statement-by-the-president-after-phone-conversation-with-prime-minister-orban)

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