

# COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

## Programme

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **Obstacles to EU citizen's freedom to move and work in the Internal Market as presented by the petitioners.**

11 October 2016 - Room ASP A3G-3 - 9:00-12:30

09.00 Introduction by Cecilia Wikström, Chair of the Committee on Petitions (5min)

#### **09.05-09.45**

#### **I. Theme: Introduction to the Hearing's Core issues. The complexity of Free Movement in principles and in practice.**

- **Presentation of the Study** commissioned by Policy Department upon request of the PETI and LIBE committees on “**Obstacles to the right of free movement and residence for EU citizens and their families**” – *Based on an analysis of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in 9 EU Member States.*

**Speakers:** Gillian KELLY and Nathalie MEURENS, Milieu (consultancy) (Example: Petition 0884/2014 (Spanish))

- Questions & Answers

#### **09.45-11.00**

#### **II. Theme: EU Citizens' freedom to work and protection of consumers' rights across the EU**

**Moderator: M. Heinz Becker**

- **Social rights and extension of liability of employees within the EU.**

*Petitions: 2449/2014 (Polish) and 2114/2014 (Polish) on the use of promissory notes in employment relationships within the EU);*

- **Speaker: Dr Marek Benio**, Researcher at Cracow University of Economics, expert on Labour Law, Vice-Chair of and co-founder of Labour Mobility Initiative.

- Consumer rights and Digital Internal Market: European consumers still encounter difficulties to shop online cross-border in the EU related to the deliveries, freight, warranties.

*Petitions: 0571/2010 (Polish), 0128/2012 (Bulgarian), 1281/2012 (German), 0363/2015 (Spanish)*

- Speaker: **Mr Agustin Reyna**, Senior Legal Adviser and Team leader on Digital, European Consumers Organisation (BEUC).
- Recognition of professional qualifications.  
*Petitions: 0963/2013 (French); 0581/2014 (Croatian); 1201/2014 (Spanish); 1408/014 (French); 1824/14 (Polish), 1861/14 (Polish), 2121/14 (Polish); 2219/2014 (Spanish); 2444/2014 (French); 0092/2015 (Hungarian); 0175/2015 (Spanish); 0844/2015 (Italian); 0852/2015 (Malta); 1313/2015 (Greek) 0204/2016 (Italian)*
  - Speaker: **Katerina Kyrieri**, Lecturer and Project Manager at European Institute of Public Administration
  - Questions & Answers

*Closure of the Theme II - Comments by the European Commission.*

## **11.00 - 12.15**

### **III. Theme: Portability and access to social rights**

**Moderator: Ms Marlene Mizzi**

- Portability of welfare and social rights of workers within the EU- theory and practice.  
*Petitions: 0264/2013 (Irish); 0419/2013 (Finnish); 2382/2013 (Romanian); 0064/2014 (British); 0668/2014 (Danish); 0614/2014 (German/Greek); 0956/2014 (Romanian); 1266/2014 (Polish); 1271/2014 (Finnish); 2014/2014 (Greek); 0199/2016 (Italian);*
  - Speaker: **Dr Emma Carmel**, University of Bath, Researcher specialising in the governance of public policy in the European Union, particularly in migration, welfare and labour market policies.
  - Speaker: **Mrs Assya Kavrakova**, Director of European Citizen Action Service (ECAS).

- Obstacles to accessing social benefits as a EU citizen (Examples: petitions on subsidies, accumulated allowances, right to cross-border healthcare.)

*Petitions: 0096/2012 (Romanian); 0884/2014 (Spanish); 2334/2014 (Spanish) 2699/2014 (German); 0616/2015 (Swedish); 296/2016 (Romanian); 0325/2016 (German);*

- Speaker: **Dr Gabriella Alberti**, Lecturer in Work and Employment relations, Leeds University Business School;
- Speaker: **Mr Kari Käsper**, Executive Director of the EHRC and Lecturer in Tallinn University of Technology (EU law)
- Questions & Answers

*Closure of the Theme III - Comments by the European Commission.*

### **Conclusions of the Hearing**

**Mrs Roberta Metsola**

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