

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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

## **European Standards for the 21st Century**

**26 January 2017 from 15h00 to 17h00**

**European Parliament, Brussels  
Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, Room 3G-3**

#### **15h00 - 15h10    Opening remarks**

- Mrs Vicky Ford, IMCO Chairman (5 min)
- Ms Marlene Mizzi, IMCO rapporteur (5 min)

#### **15h10 - 15h45    Panel discussion: Innovative, Interconnected and Interoperable standards for the future**

[The panel will focus on the ICT standardisation priorities and in particular the link between connectivity and interoperability of standards for the completion of the Digital Single Market and the Internet of Things. The panellists should also look into the challenges created for the standardisation communities due to the blurring lines between traditional and digital industries and can explore the various existing platforms developing ICT standards and the possibilities of promoting European ICT standards at international level. The panel will also examine how we best secure working methods and ICT standards that will reflect the future and will foster innovation and competitiveness of European companies. (25 min)]

#### **Speakers:**

- Adrian Scrase (CTO, ETSI) (6 min)
- Sebastiano Toffaletti (Secretary-General, Digital SME) (6 min)
- Jochen Friedrich (Chair of Standardisation Task Force, OpenForum Europe) (6 min)
- Robert Pocknell (Chair, Fair Standards Alliance) (6 min)
- Tim Frain (Head of IP Regulatory Affairs at Nokia) (6 min)

**15h45 - 16h05      Q&A session**

**16h05- 16h30      Panel discussion: Making Standards serve a modern inclusive society**

[The Panel should explore the European standardisation system and in particular, if standards reflect the needs of the single market such as competitiveness and innovation in Europe touching upon the voluntary nature of standards and the market driven approach. There are major concerns that standards very often do not represent the interest of those who are using them on a daily basis, such as SMEs, consumers and workers. Therefore, the panel should also look into strengthening the role of consumers, workers, SMEs and the environment in standard-writing activities so that standards in Europe reflect a modern inclusive society. The panellists can share their first-hand knowledge and experiences on how the standardisation system can be improved and made more inclusive. When it comes to harmonised standards, the panel should also explore if the timeliness, quality and involvement of these standards needs to be improved. (25 min)]

Speakers:

- Bernhard Thies (CEN-CENELEC Presidential Committee Chair and CENELEC President) (6 min)
- Christel Davidson (Director, Small Business Standards) (6 min)
- Chiara Giovannini (Deputy Secretary, ANEC) (Representing ETUC, ANEC and ECOS) (6 min)
- Christoph Winterhalter (CEO, German Institute for Standardisation ) (6 min)

**16h30 - 16h50      Q&A session**

**16h50 - 17h00      Closing remarks**

- Mrs Vicky Ford, IMCO Chairman (5 min)
- MS Marlene Mizzi, IMCO Rapporteur (5 min)

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