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Reform of the European Union's system of own resources



Consideration of amendments
Rapporteur: Mercedes Bresso (S&D)

There were 30 amendments tabled to this draft opinion. During the meeting there will be an exchange of views on the amendments received. The vote is scheduled to take place during our next Committee meeting on 11 October.

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The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020



Consideration of amendments
Rapporteur: Gerolf Annemans (ENF)

During this Committee meeting there will be an exchange of views on the amendments tabled to this draft opinion on the next MFF. 31 amendments were tabled before the deadline. The vote on these amendments and the draft opinion will be held during our next Committee meeting in October.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 41st issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat, which aims to inform you about AFCO activities and increase awareness of institutional challenges that the EU is facing.

During the morning session of our meeting, a hearing will be held on the Origins and development of sub-groups of Member States within the EU and its impact in the integration process. At which time three experts will present their views.

In the afternoon session, during a workshop organised by the Policy Department, two research papers will be presented on the impact and consequences of Brexit on the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and on the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar.

Other highlights of this meeting include an exchange of views with Ilze Juhansone, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commission, regarding the proposal to amend the Regulation on the Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations



On 13 September the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations, as Parliament as asked. During this Committee meeting, Members will hear from Ilze Juhansone, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commission, about the proposal. This will be followed by a short exchange of views, as AFCO will be the Committee responsible for this file in the Parliament.

Hearing: Origins and development of sub-groups of Member States within the EU and its impact in the integration process



The objective of the hearing is to analyse and discuss the emergence of such subgroups of Member States in the EU, their origins, objectives, development, degree of institutionalisation and their impact on the constitutional and institutional development of the European Union, on the EU governance and European integration process. AFCO MEPs will hear from three invited experts, Charles de Marcilly from the Robert Schuman Foundation, Anna-Lena Kirch from the German Council on Foreign Relations and Professor Jacques Ziller from the University of Pavia.

**** Voting Time ****

EU Citizenship Report 2017: Strengthening Citizens' Rights in a Union of Democratic Change



Rapporteur: Christian Dan Preda (EPP)

42 amendments were tabled to this draft opinion. Five compromise amendments were created and now the draft opinion and the amendments will be put to the vote during this Committee meeting.

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**** End of vote ****

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, EL, ES, PT, SV, CS, PL, RO

MEETING DOCUMENTS

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project, please bear in mind that only a very limited number of paper dossiers will be available in the meeting room. Instead, meeting documents will be made available on the following [public](#) and [EP internal](#) websites.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

28 September 2017, 09.00 – 12.30 and 15:30-18:30 (Brussels, room ASP 5G2)

Here is the [link to the latest committee draft agenda](#).

NEXT MEETING

11 October 2017, 09.00-12.30 and 15.00–18.30 (Brussels)

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Workshop on The impact and consequences of Brexit on the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and on the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar



During this workshop, presentations will be given on two research papers commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. First, Jonathan Tonge, Professor at the University of Liverpool, will present his paper on 'The impact and consequences of Brexit on Northern Ireland'. This will be followed by a presentation by Professor Michael Keating, University of Aberdeen, on 'The impact and consequences of Brexit on the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland'. A debate with Members will follow.

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The implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework



First exchange of views

Rapporteur: Barbara Spinelli (GUE/NGL)

The purpose of this report is to assess how the EU institutions have taken up this important obligation to respect the Charter in their own activities. It shall look along the way of decision-making process at the EU level, from the conception of legislative proposals to implementation. It will also analyse how the European institutions, notably the Commission, abide by the Charter in their different functions. During this meeting, the rapporteur will outline her ideas and plan for the preparation of this report. This is the second AFCO report focusing on implementation of the provisions of the EU Treaties, which starts at a period during which the rapporteur gathers evidence and holds extensive exchanges with the stakeholders, before offering her analysis in a working document.

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