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The Debate on the Future of Europe



On 20 June and 4 September the Committee on Constitutional Affairs endorsed the coordinators' recommendations of 20 June and 13 July 2017 to draft a series of working documents on the constitutional aspects of the Future of Europe debate. The primary goal of these working documents is to provide the Committee with an evaluation of the White Paper and other documents published by the Commission, in light of the proposals formulated in the reports drafted by Mercedes Bresso and Elmar Brok and by Guy Verhofstadt, which were adopted in Plenary on 16 February 2017. These evaluations are accompanied by the observations of the different draftspersons. The following working documents will be presented and discussed during the AFCO meetings of 13 November and, possibly 28 November:

1/ WD on the Commission reflection paper "Harnessing Globalisation": György Schöpflin (EPP) is the draftsperson with Maite Pagazaurtundua (ALDE);

2/ WD on Social aspects of the EU current framework: Barbara Spinelli (GUE/NGL) is the draftsperson with Fabio Castaldo (EFDD);

3/ WD on Multi-speed integration: Pascal Durand (VERTS/ALE) is the draftsperson

4/ WD on European Citizenship: Maite Pagazaurtundúa (ALDE) is the draftsperson with Joseph-Maria Terricabras (VERTS/ALE);

5/ WD on the Commission reflection paper "The future of EU Finances": Elmar Brok (EPP) and Ramón Jáuregui (S&D) are the draftspersons

INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 44th 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 this extraordinary meeting on Monday 13 November, AFCO will be presenting and discussing a series of working documents (WD) on the Future of Europe. With Parliament's proposals of February 2017, the Commission White Paper of 1 March, subsequent reflection papers and President Juncker's 2017 State of the Union address, the Rome Declaration of 25 March, and the Leaders' agenda endorsed by the European Council on 20 October, the debate on the future of Europe is gaining momentum and AFCO will continue to play an active role therein.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

6/ WD on the Commission reflection paper "The future of European Defence": Paulo Rangel (EPP) and Jo Leinen (S&D) are the draftspersons

7/ WD on the Commission reflection paper on "The deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union": Markus Pieper (EPP) and Mercedes Bresso (S&D) are the draftspersons

8/ WD on the Structure and Working Method of the Council: Kazimierz Michal Ujazdowski (ECR) is the draftsperson with **Claudia Tapardel (S&D)**;

A summary of discussions will subsequently be added to the working documents. This should then serve as a basis for the determination of possible subsequent initiatives of AFCO on the Future of the Union.

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MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR,DE,IT,NL,EN,DA,ES,PT,PL

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

13 November 2017, 19.30-22.00 (LOW, S1.5, Strasbourg)

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

NEXT MEETING

21 November 2017, 09:00-12:30 and 14:30-18:30 (Brussels)
and
28 November 2017, 09:00-12:30 and 14:30-18:30 (Brussels)

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