

## Newsletter

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### **Hearing: The constitutional implications of the different scenarios for the future of the Union**



During the public hearing of the next ordinary meeting, three invited experts will discuss the constitutional aspects of the different scenarios for the future of the Union, as contributions for AFCO's further work on the Future of Europe, taking into account Parliament's resolutions on the Future of Europe, adopted on 16 February 2017, the Commission White Paper and the subsequent reflection papers as well as President Juncker's 2017 State of the Union speech.

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### **Workshop: Brexit and the issue of the jurisdiction over the Withdrawal Agreement and the future relationship agreement between the EU and the UK.**



During this meeting, there will also be a workshop about Brexit, concretely on the issue of the jurisdiction and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union with respect to the UK's withdrawal and in the context of a future relationship agreement between the UK and the EU. Two experts will present their respective research on the matter, one of them focusing in particular on the involvement of the Court of Justice in the new EU-UK relationship. The second expert will address the issue of jurisdiction from the perspective of the UK constitutional order.

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## INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 45th 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 meeting on Tuesday 21 November, there will be a hearing on the constitutional implications, which the different scenarios may have for the future of the Union.

A workshop on Brexit addresses the issue of jurisdiction and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in light of both the UK's withdrawal and the future relationship between the country and the EU. Later on in the meeting the Committee will hear from two citizens' groups on the impact of Brexit.

Finally, the vote on the report amending the Regulation on the statute and funding of the European political parties and foundations will be held after a short discussion.

**Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair**

## **Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations.**



### *Consideration of amendments and vote*

*Co-Rapporteurs:* Mercedes Bresso (S&D), Rainer Wieland (PPE)

There will be a short discussion prior to the vote on the report on the Commission proposal to amend the Regulation on the statute and funding of the European political parties and foundations. At this stage the focus shall be on the most pressing shortcomings, which have been identified since Regulation 1141/2014 became fully applicable, on 1 January this year. 66 amendments, including nine by the co-rapporteurs, have been put forward and discussed at shadows' level last week in Strasbourg.

The main points for discussion revolve around the proportionality of the distribution of funding, namely the distribution key (percentages) between the fix amount and the share distributed in proportion to the Members elected to Parliament.

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\*\*\*\* Voting Time \*\*\*\*

## **Annual reports 2015-2016 on subsidiarity and proportionality**



### *Consideration of draft opinion*

*Rapporteur:* Christian Dan Preda (PPE)

The draft opinion to be presented analyses the changes that occurred between 2015 and 2016 in what concerns reasoned opinions and other contributions coming from national parliaments. It also highlights the role of the European Parliament in matters related to subsidiarity and proportionality mechanisms, and the existing interconnection between these two principles and better law making.

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## **MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE**

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

## **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**

21 November 2017, 10.00-14.30 and 14.30 to 18.30 (Paul-Henri Spaak 5B001, Brussels)

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

## **NEXT MEETING**

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

## **Further information**



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## **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry**



*Update on developments*

*Rapporteur: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (S&D)*

At the beginning of the legislature, the Parliament confirmed the proposal it had endorsed on 16 April 2014, when it adopted the David Martin report, to which both the Council and the Commission had raised points of disagreement, and provided a mandate for the rapporteur to seek a possible compromise with those two institutions, which consent is necessary for the approval of the regulation by the EP. In course of 2015-2016 the rapporteur approached different Presidencies with an aim of finding alternative solutions to resolve the deadlock. However, until now no substantial dialogue was engaged in at political level, despite the efforts of the Parliament. Currently, the contribution of the Legal Services of the three institutions, in view of devising possible solutions for the disagreements, would have to be endorsed at political level, but the deadlock seems to continue. The EP considers this deadlock very damaging for the correct exercise of its right of inquiry which, as public scandals like the “dieselgate” or the “Panama papers” have demonstrated, requires urgent new and appropriate rules and exhorts the other two institutions to overcome procedural arguments and engage with the Parliament in a real political dialogue on the matter.

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## **Rights of citizens in the context of Brexit**



*Exchange of views*

There will be an exchange views on the rights of citizens in the context of Brexit with representatives of the associations “British in Europe” and “The 3 million”. The first association is the largest coalition group of British citizens living and working in Europe, and the second is a non-profit group and support network which campaigns to safeguard and guarantee the rights of EU citizens in the UK and British citizens in Europe after Brexit. The principle reason for this discussion is to ensure that essential issues related to the protection of citizens’ rights, as defined and framed in Parliament’s resolution of 3 October, are not overtaken by other issues and progress is made.

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