

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Public Hearing

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Late Payments:

The impact and the state of implementation of the Late Payment Directive in the Member States

12 July 2018 from 10h30 to 12h30

European Parliament, Brussels

Venue details: PHS 3C050

10h30 - 10h40 Opening remarks

- *IMCO Chairman, Anneleen VAN BOSSUYT*
- *IMCO Rapporteur, Lara COMI*

10h40 - 11h10 Panel discussion 1: Business-to-business transactions

From your organisation's perspective, which challenges do you see in the current framework of the Late Payment Directive? Which elements of the existing legislation work and/or don't work? In order to address the shortcomings, how should the framework be strengthened? Should legal or voluntary measures be preferred? How to tackle the power asymmetry and unfair trading practices between businesses (bigger players vs SMEs)? Which options could be considered

as appropriate: stricter payment terms and/or payment terms according to a specific sector; automatic payment of interests and/or "naming and shaming" of bad payers?

Speakers:

- **Mr Luc Hendrickx**, UEAPME (*European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises*)
- **Mr Marcos Casado**, ANGED (*Asociación Nacional de Grandes Empresas de Distribución*)
- **Ms Iwona Mertin**, Eurochambres (*The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry*)

11h10 - 11h20 Q&A session with Members of the IMCO Committee

11h20 - 11h25 *European Commission*

11h25 - 12h05 Panel discussion 2: Public authorities-to-businesses transactions

Which problems can be reported on the ground in the implementation of the legislation? Which are the effects of late payments by public authorities on businesses? How to reverse the business culture of delayed payments? Which positive examples can be found across the public administrations of Member States? Does the legislative framework need to be strengthened?

Speakers:

- **Mr Sergio Bramini**, ICOM Srl, *Italian entrepreneur*
- **Ms Rossella Pezzino De Geronimo**, Dusty Srl, *Italian entrepreneur*
- **Ms Anne-Marie Finlay** (*Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU*)

12h05 - 12h15 Q&A session with Members of the IMCO Committee

12h15 - 12h20 *European Commission*

12h20 - 12h30 Closing remarks

- *IMCO Rapporteur, Lara COMI*
- *IMCO Chairman, Anneleen VAN BOSSUYT*