

Ombudsman's strategic inquiry OI/2/2017 on the transparency of legislative discussions in the preparatory bodies of the Council of the EU



Consideration of draft report

Before AFCO meeting, a joint committee meeting AFCO/PETI will take place, during which Jo Leinen (AFCO) and Yana Toom (PETI) will report on Ombudsman's strategic inquiry OI/2/2017 on the transparency of legislative discussions in the preparatory bodies of the Council of the EU.

The Co-rapporteurs will present their Draft report endorsing the European Ombudsman's recommendations requesting Council to take all measures necessary to implement for:

- systematically record the identity of Member State governments when they express positions in Council preparatory bodies;
- developing clear and publicly available criteria for how it designates documents as 'LIMITE' and
- reviewing the 'LIMITE' status of documents at an early including informal negotiations in trilogues.

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State of play of Brexit negotiations



Report by the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner (EPP)

AFCO meeting will continue with a report by Professor Danuta Hübner, AFCO Chair and member of the European Parliament's Brexit Steering Group, on the current state of play of negotiations between the EU and the United Kingdom. As AFCO is the Committee responsible for the institutional consequences of the UK's withdrawal, Brexit is a top priority and staying abreast of recent developments is crucial to the Committee's work.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 58th issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat to keep you informed of AFCO activities and to increase awareness of the current institutional challenges facing the European Union.

Our next Committee meeting on 24 September will start with a joint meeting with PETI to discuss a joint report on the transparency of legislative discussions in the preparatory bodies of the Council of the EU.

At the beginning of AFCO meeting I'll be reporting on the state of play of Brexit negotiations.

This will be followed by a hearing on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Afterwards, invited experts will give a presentations on institutional structure and governance of existing forms of enhanced cooperation.

Hearing: The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union



Presentation by experts

The report by the Chair will be followed by a hearing. Two experts have been invited to discuss the topic: Professor René Repasi, Scientific Coordinator of the European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG) of the Universities of Leiden, Delft and Rotterdam and Christophe Hillion, Professor of Institutional Law in the European Union, University of Leiden.

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Hearing: Institutional structure and governance of existing forms of enhanced cooperation



Presentation by experts

AFCO will have the hearing on the institutional structure and governance of existing forms of enhanced cooperation, which will contribute to the works on two AFCO reports: the implementation report on Treaty provisions concerning enhanced cooperation (Rapporteur: Alain Lamassoure, EPP, FR) and the own-initiative report on Differentiated integration (Rapporteur: Pascal Durand, Greens, FR).

Seven experts were invited, who will present how enhanced cooperation is applied in practice, how is it organised and whether there are any challenges that need to be addressed in the future.

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We will finish our meeting with study on the impact of the UK withdrawal on the institutional setup and the political dynamics within the EU.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER,
Chair

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

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

24 September 2018,

AFCO / PETI joint meeting (Rule 55)

14.30 - 15.15

Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G-3), Brussels

AFCO meeting

15.15 – 18.30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (5B001), Brussels

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

NEXT MEETINGS

Extraordinary meeting
Monday, 1 October 2018
19.00 - 21.30 tbc
(Strasbourg)

Study on "The impact of the UK withdrawal on the institutional setup and the political dynamics within the EU"



Presentation by expert

AFCO invited Professor Leonard Besselink (University of Amsterdam) to present the key findings of a future study commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

The purpose of the presentation is to help MEPs looking more closely into the necessary Treaty modifications and the predictable impact of the UK withdrawal on the institutional setup of the EU.

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