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*Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

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## **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Rule of Law in the Accession Process**

Monday, 18 March, 15:00-17:00

Room: PHS 3 C 50  
European Parliament, Brussels

#### **PROGRAMME**

##### **OPENING REMARKS**

15:00 - 15:10     **Mr Claude Moraes**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
                      **Mr Javier Couso Permuy**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

##### **Rule of law in the accession process: general overview**

15:10 - 15:20     **Mr Christian Danielsson**, European Commission, Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR)

15:20 - 15:30     **Mr Gianni Buquicchio**, Council of Europe, President of the Venice Commission

##### **Case-study: Albanian vetting**

15:30 - 15:40     **Mr Theo Jacobs**, International Monitoring Operation (IMO) in Albania

## **Beyond the accession: irreversibility of the Rule of Law**

15:40 - 15:50     **Mr Marko Kmezi** , Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria

15:50 - 16:00     **Mr Naim Rashiti**, Executive Director at Balkans Policy Research Group, Prishtina,

## **Q&A SESSION**

16:00 - 16:50     Questions and answers

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

16:50 - 17:00     **Mr Eduard Kukan**, Chair of the AFET Working Group on Western Balkans