

The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union– state of play



Exchange of views

The Chair of AFCO and member of the Parliament's Brexit Steering Group, Danuta Maria Hübner, will update the Committee on the state of play of the withdrawal procedure, following the latest developments in the votes last week in the House of Commons, and ahead of the European Council (Art. 50) meeting of 21 March.

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The EU Green Card concept



Exchange of views

The founder and Secretary General of the organisation "New Europeans", Roger Casale, will be in AFCO to present Members his concept of an "EU Green Card" for protecting the freedom of movement of British citizens living in the EU27 following Brexit.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 70th 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.

The first two points on the agenda will address topics related to Brexit. In the first instance, I will provide an update on the situation in order to launch a discussion on the state of play of the withdrawal procedure. Then the Committee will listen to a presentation on the concept of an "EU Green Card".

These items will be followed by a public hearing on European Parliamentary Elections, European Parties and European Voters. The Committee will hear from and exchange views with three academic experts and representatives of the Parliament's and the Commission's communication services on this topic.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

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

European Parliamentary Elections, European Parties, European Voters



Public Hearing

AFCO Members will hear from three experts on the topic of European Parliamentary Elections, European Parties and European Voters. The aim of the public hearing is to look into issues like the role of political parties at national and European level in the European elections and their capacity of mobilizing electors, as well as to examine the influence of modern means of communication and social networks in the shaping political choices by the voters.

AFCO has invited Claire McGing of Maynooth University to speak about the role of political parties in the European elections, and as an expert in women's participation in politics she will also speak to the point that European elections tend to have lower levels of turnout and engagement from women - which in turn impacts on party representation patterns. Marina Costa Lobo of the University of Lisbon will elaborate on the role of leaders in electoral behaviour, political parties and institutions. Last but not least, Juan Rodríguez Teruel of the University of Valencia will speak about the role of political parties in the mobilization of the electorate, and about the influence of modern ICT on voters' opinions and behaviour.

After the interventions of the three experts, AFCO will also hear the views of Mikel Landabaso Alvarez, Director for Strategy and Corporate Communication at the European Commission and Alexander Kleinig from DG COMM of the European Parliament. They will elaborate on the coordination of the Parliament's and the Commission's information and communication policies in view of the European Elections.

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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

Monday 18 March 2019, 15.00 - 18.30
Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G2) Brussels

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 April 2019 9.00 - 12.30 & 14.30
- 18:30 (Brussels)

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