

Hearing with organisations representing EU citizens in the UK and British citizens in the EU in light of Brexit



AFCO is holding an exchange of views with representatives of the organisations "the3million" and the "British in Europe", as well as with Emma DeSouza, a citizens' rights campaigner, who campaigns for the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.

With this hearing, AFCO will once again discuss the issue of the protection of the rights of citizens - European citizens living in the UK, British citizens living in the EU 27 Member States and the specific problems of citizens of Northern Ireland, which are entitled to both the British and the Irish citizenships - in the context of Brexit. Throughout the whole process of Brexit, the situation of citizens has constituted a key concern for Parliament, as consistently reiterated in its resolutions on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present this third issue of the AFCO Newsletter, for the 9th legislative term, 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.

During this committee meeting, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs will hear from organisations and human rights campaigners representing citizens impacted by Brexit, notably EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in EU. AFCO and the European Parliament have repeatedly expressed their preoccupation concerning the situation of citizens affected directly Brexit. This hearing will certainly provide us more information on the concrete problems that those citizens are facing.

The hearing will be followed by a first exchange of views on the AFCO opinion on the discharge on the implementation of the budget of Council and the European Council of 2018.

Antonio Tajani, Chair

2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council



Exchange of views

Rapporteur: Pascal Durand (Renew)

There is longstanding difference of views between the Council and the Parliament about Parliament's practice of granting discharge to all EU institutions and bodies separately. The lack of cooperation from the Council in the discharge procedure resulted in Parliament's refusal to grant discharge to the Secretary-General of the Council in relation to the financial years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, while the discharge decision for the Council's section of the budget for 2017 was postponed in March 2019.

Members will hold an exchange of views on the institutional questions with regard to the discharge procedure in respect of the Council's section of the budget.

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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

8 October 2019, Brussels
14.30 – 18.30,
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (4B001), Brussels

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, ES, PT, FI, HU, PL, RO

NEXT MEETING

12 November 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30

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