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**** Voting Time ****

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



Adoption of draft opinion 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 2009-2017.

25 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion and five compromise amendments are proposed. During the meeting Members will vote on these amendments and the adoption of the draft opinion.

**** End of vote ****

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present this sixth 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.

Most of today's meeting will be dedicated to the Committee's hearing on 'Lessons to be drawn from the 2019 elections and proposals in view of the debate concerning the Future of Europe'. In the morning panel we will hear from the Presidents of the European Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions, as well as Othmar Karas, Vice-President of the European Parliament and two invited experts. In the afternoon, AFCO Members will hear from five other invited experts and Commissioners Jourová and Šuica. I look forward to an engaging and fruitful debate.

Antonio Tajani, Chair

Hearing on "Lessons to be drawn from the 2019 elections and proposals in view of the debate concerning the Future of Europe"



The Committee on Constitutional Affairs is organising a public hearing entitled "Lessons to be drawn from the 2019 elections and proposals in view of the debate concerning the Future of Europe", which will take place on 4 December 2019, at the European Parliament in Brussels.

In this hearing the Committee will hear the views of a number of experts, representatives of the EU institutions (European Commission and Parliament), as well as its consultative bodies (European Economic and Social Committee and European Committee of Regions). They will reflect on the lessons to be drawn from the 2019 elections. Furthermore, they will also discuss proposals in the context of the debate on the Future of Europe and the envisaged multistakeholder Conference on this issue, which should start its work in the course of 2020.

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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

Wednesday 4 December 2019, Brussels 9.30 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30, Room: Altiero Spinelli (3E-2)

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR DE IT NL EN ES PT FI HU PL RO

NEXT MEETINGS

9 December 2019, 18.00 – 20.30 (Brussels) 28 January 2020, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)

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