

PROGRAMME

Public Hearing
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Product Liability Directive: protecting consumers in the Digital Single Market

22 January 2020 from 14h30 to 16h30

European Parliament, ANTALL 4Q1, Brussels

14h30 - 14h35 Opening remarks

- Ms Petra De Sutter, IMCO Chairwoman (5 min)

14h35 - 15h55 Panel discussion

The aim of the discussion is to hear the views of stakeholders (business and consumers associations) and academia on the need to review the Product Liability Directive and on related challenges in the new digital age. It would allow participants to present their views on whether the overall liability regime is adequate to facilitate the uptake of the new technologies, and to address the matter from different perspectives. It will also offer the opportunity to hear the Commission's conclusions of its evaluation work and results achieved in the Expert group on liability and new technologies together with a presentation of further plans in this regard.

Speakers:

- **Christiane WENDEHORST**, University of Vienna, Professor of Civil Law; representative from Expert Group on liability and new technologies, New Technology formation (15 min)
- **Frank SCHLEHUBER**, CLEPA, Senior Consultant Market Affairs (15 min)

- **Silvia SELANDARI**, ORGALIM, Legal Affairs and Trade Policy Adviser (15 min)
- **Ursula PACHL**, BEUC Deputy Director General (15 min)
- **Joaquim NUNES DE ALMEIDA**, European Commission, Director GROW.DDG1.B (10 min)
- **Dirk STAUDENMAYER**, European Commission, Head of Unit JUST.A.2 (10 min)

15h55 - 16h25 Q&A session

16h25 - 16h30 Closing remarks

- Ms Petra De Sutter, IMCO Chairwoman (5 min)

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