

### COSAC - Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union



Vice-President McGuinness, in charge of relations with national parliaments will present the outcome of the meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union, which brings together the European Parliament and the national parliaments of the EU Member States, as well as of candidates countries and of other European countries as special guests.

This meeting took place in Zagreb on 19 and 20 January and was focused on a presentation of the priorities of the Croatian Presidency of the EU Council by Prime Minister Andrej Plenković and on the role of national parliaments and of COSAC in the framework of the new institutional cycle following the European elections. A point of particular interest for AFCO is the discussions that COSAC held on the participation of national Parliaments in the Conference on the Future of Europe.

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### INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



*Dear Readers,*

*I am very happy to present this eighth 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 the morning, the meeting will be dedicated to the presentation of the outcome of the meeting of the Chairpersons of the COSAC, followed by the presentation by Election-Watch.EU of their electoral assessment mission on the last European elections on May 2019. In the afternoon, the Croatian State Secretary, Ms Nikolina Brnjac, will present the priorities of the Croatian Presidency in institutional matters.*

**Antonio Tajani, Chair**

## **Election-Watch.EU: European Elections 2019 Assessment Mission Final Report**



During this exchange of views, Mr Armin Rabitsch on behalf of Election-Watch.EU, will present the electoral assessment mission on the last European elections on May 2019 that this organisation conducted. The mission covered 28 chapters and involved the participation of more than 60 international election experts and observers, as well as eight like-minded citizen election observer organisations.

The report covers issues like the right to vote and the right to stand as a candidate, electoral calendars, voter registration, campaign finance, social media regulation, the participation of persons with disabilities, and the conditions for election observation.

Election-Watch.EU is an impartial Austrian ONG of election observers and experts with international election observation and electoral assistance experience.

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### **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project, please bear in mind that no 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**

Tuesday 28 January 2020, Brussels  
11.00 – 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 HR (PM)

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

19 February 2020, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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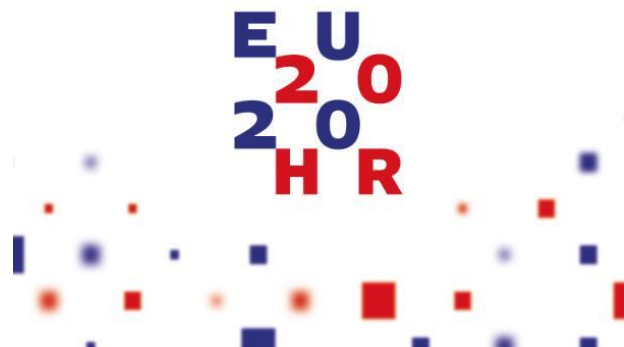
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## Council Presidency



Presentation of the programme of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union by Ms Nikolina Brnjac, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia.

Following a well-established tradition, at the beginning of each EU Council Presidency, a presentation of the programme of the Council Presidency takes place. The Committee will hear from Ms Nikolina Brnjac, President of the Council of the European Union, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, who will present the priorities of the Croatian Presidency in the domain of competences of AFCO. A debate will follow.

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