

## Newsletter January 2020



### Petitions on the protection of dogs

On 21 January 2020, the Committee on Petitions examined a series of petitions on the treatment and protection of dogs in several Member States: Cyprus, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Denmark. The petitions focused mainly on stray dogs, but also referred to hunting and domestic dogs, highlighting numerous concerns regarding the well-being of these vulnerable animals.

After a long and lively debate, the Committee decided to keep all petitions open, ask the Commission for an updated reply and send a letter to the Council of Europe.

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**Upcoming PETI activities in February:**  
- Fact Finding Visit to Bulgaria (Feb 2019)

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### Petition on equipping electric vehicles for taking power from the grid

On 20 January 2020, the Members heard a petition highlighting the importance of electric vehicles in maintaining stability of European power grids.

The petition asks that electric-vehicle producers be obliged to equip new vehicles so that they can take power for their batteries from the grid, pointing out that using mobile batteries as buffer stores could be an important factor in ensuring power grid stability in the future.



The Members decided to keep the petition open, ask the Commission for a written update, particularly on the evaluation of Directive 2014/94/EU, and ask the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) for an opinion.



## Opinion on the UK Withdrawal Agreement

At its meeting of 21 January 2020, the Committee on Petitions voted on the Opinion on the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community. The opinion was adopted with 23 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

## Petition on compensation and damages for the victims of the Forum Filatelico and Afinsa scam

The Members examined a petition submitted by the victims of a scam ran by two companies in Spain, which promised clients high-interest returns on investments in collectable stamps and other items of value.

The petitioners called on the Spanish Authorities to be held accountable for the failure to ensure adequate consumer protection and urged for the creation of a compensation fund, aimed at covering the losses sustained by victims and the resulting hardship caused, in line with Directive 97/9/EC.

The Committee decided to keep the petition open and send a letter to the Spanish authorities, inquiring on the possibilities to compensate the victims.



### Documents adopted in PETI:

- Opinion on the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

**Next PETI meeting:** - 19 - 20 February 2020

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