

NEWSLETTER – 30 March 2023

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear readers,

During our last meeting, we met with members of national parliaments to exchange information and best practices on national and EU strategies and approaches to counter foreign interference during electoral processes, in view of the upcoming 2024 European elections. In addition, we received keynote speeches from 2021 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Mr Dmitry MURATOV, who outlined a disturbing image of the Kremlin's repressive policies, and European Parliament's Director General for External Policies, Mr Pietro DUCCI, who described Parliament's work on democracy support.



During our upcoming meeting, we will further discuss about possible ways to counter foreign interference. First, we will consider the mission report following the mission to Kyiv, on 20-21 February 2023. The mission served to gain a better understanding of Russia's hybrid warfare tactics and the Ukrainian experience in building resilience to actively counter Russian interference operations, and to explore avenues for concrete actions of cooperation between the EU institutions and Ukrainian authorities.

Secondly, we will also discuss the draft report, by co-rapporteurs Mr Vladimír BILČÍK (EPP) and Ms Nathalie LOISEAU (Renew), on "Recommendations for reform of the European Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption". This draft report comes following the Qatargate revelations, which last December shook the walls of this institution, showing us how permeable our democracies can be to corruption from foreign powers.

It is time to prove that our democracy is not for sale!

Raphaël GLUCKSMANN

ON THE AGENDA

30 March

Consideration of the mission report following the mission to Kyiv (Ukraine) from 20 to 21 February 2023 - 14:30-14:50 (SPINELLI 3G-3)

The Special Committee will firstly consider the mission report to Kyiv, which led six of its Members to meet with various Ukrainian interlocutors, following an invitation from the Verkhovna Rada.

Consideration of draft report of the second ING2 report - 14:50-16:00 (SPINELLI 3G-3)

The Special Committee will consider the second draft report of ING2 on "Recommendations for reform of European Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption" with the co-rapporteurs, Mr Vladimír BILČÍK (EPP) and Ms Nathalie LOISEAU (Renew).

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 April 2023

- **Committee vote on ING2 report,**
- **Exchange of views with the EU DisinfoLab on "Doppelgänger –Media Clones Serving Russian Propaganda",**
- **Presentation of the study commissioned by ING2 and SEDE on "disinformation affecting CSDP missions and operations".**

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