

Voting time

Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure implementing the parliamentary reform "Parliament 2024"

Rapporteur: Salvatore De Meo (PPE)

AFCO Members will vote on the report on Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure implementing the parliamentary reform "Parliament 2024". The report reflects the outcome of the work carried out by the Working Group 'Parliament 2024', which was set up by the Conference of Presidents (CoP) in January 2023. The reform proposals aim at strengthening the internal working methods of Parliament, its institutional role, and its capacity to act. They cover five areas, namely legislation, scrutiny, budgetary functions and budgetary control, plenary, and external relations.



End of vote

INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR

Dear Readers,

I have the pleasure to introduce you to the 72nd issue of the



AFCO Committee newsletter. As I am sure many of our regular readers are aware, this newsletter is an important tool prepared by the Committee Secretariat to keep you informed on various AFCO activities and the current important topics in the domain of constitutional affairs in the European

Parliament. This month has one Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20 March. During our ordinary meeting a vote will be held. The Members will vote on *the Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure implementing the parliamentary reform "Parliament 2024"*. Furthermore, on the 20th of March the study carried out by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs on *"The Role of the European Council in the EU Constitutional Structure"* will be presented. Besides the presentation by the Commission on the report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative our upcoming committee meeting will also host a public hearing in the afternoon on the "Constitutional aspects of the future of Europe". I am convinced that readers will appreciate the important information included in this newsletter and will follow our upcoming committee meeting with great interest.

Salvatore De Meo

Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Study on "The Role of the European Council in the EU Constitutional Structure"

Dr. Mark DAWSON, Professor of European Law and Governance at Hertie School, Berlin, and Dr. Adina AKBİK, Senior Assistant Professor of European Politics at Leiden University, will present their study commissioned for AFCO by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. The study explores the changing role of the European Council within the constitutional framework of the EU. Specifically, it analyses the growing disparity between the European Council's designated role as outlined in the EU Treaties and its actual function within the broader system of EU governance.



Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative

In this meeting, the Commission will present its first report on the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative (ECI Regulation), which applies since 1 January 2020. Its aim is to make the ECI more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters.

According to this Regulation, the Commission must periodically review the functioning of the ECI. AFCO has contributed to this review by drafting an implementation report on the ECI Regulation, on the basis of which Parliament has adopted a resolution on 13 June 2023.

AFCO Public Hearing on the "Constitutional aspects of the future of Europe"

The public hearing will focus on the future of Europe including the work of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the recently adopted Treaty Change Resolution by the European Parliament. The event would allow AFCO Members to take stock of what has been achieved so far and to look ahead to the way forward as suggested in the Parliament's proposals to amend the Treaties. Experts from academic world and think tanks along with the representatives of the Commission and the Council will share their vision with Members on how to enhance the competences, role and scope of action of the EU and to strengthen links between citizens and their elected representatives, while increasing accountability and transparency, promoting citizen participation and a more inclusive decision-making process.



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

20 March 2024

10.00 – 12.30 and 15.00– 18.30

Room: SPINELLI 3G3, Brussels

MEETING LANGUAGES REQUESTED

DE EN FR IT NL DA ES PT FI CS ET HU PL SK BG RO

NEXT MEETING

3 April 2024

09:00 - 12:30

15:00 - 18:30

Brussels

FURTHER INFORMATION



[AFCO website](#)



@EPInstitutional

CONTACT THE EDITOR

European Parliament, Directorate General for Internal Policies of the Union, Secretariat of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs



+ 32 2 28 43676



[AFCO mailbox](#)

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

The items contained herein are drafted by the Secretariat of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and are provided for general information purposes only. The opinions expressed in this document are the sole responsibility of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position of the European Parliament. The AFCO Newsletter may contain links to websites that are created and maintained by other organisations. The AFCO Secretariat does not necessarily endorse the views expressed on these websites.

.Images used are under the license from European Union and Adobestock.