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Transparency, integrity and accountability in the EU institutions

26-03-2019 PE 608.873

Kopsavilkums: This briefing provides an overview of the main tools on transparency, integrity and accountability implemented in the EU institutions and the reforms thereof.

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Food Labelling for Consumers – EU Law, Regulation and Policy Options

15-03-2019 PE 608.871

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the PETI Committee of the European Parliament, provides a brief overview of the relevant EU labelling legislation Member States have to comply with, with regard to labelling of food, including organic products, for consumers, with emphasis on the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011. It critically assesses these laws and discusses progress - or lack thereof -, in particular with regard to aspects such as safety, health effects, effects for disabled people, etc. It explores and elaborates on the question of whether the current labelling requirements actually result in clearer information to help citizens to better understand the composition and health effects of food. The study also provides brief analyses/assessments of several petitions provided by the PETI Committee. Where possible, this study makes (policy) recommendations for EU institutions and/or Member States, taking into account their respective remits.

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PETI

Cross-border nuclear safety, liability and cooperation in the European Union

11-02-2019 PE 608.860

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, aims at gaining deeper insights into the legal aspects of cross border nuclear safety and cooperation in the European Union. It analyses the legal framework of nuclear safety as well as the liability and insurance schemes for nuclear accidents. The study examines the current liability and insurance framework and formulates possibilities for a further involvement of the EU in the liability regime. Specific attention is paid to citizen and NGO involvement in decision-making concerning nuclear power plants. The study analyses the case law in that respect and formulates various recommendations to improve the regime concerning cross-border nuclear safety, liability and corporation in the EU.

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PETI

Endocrine Disruptors: From Scientific Evidence to Human Health Protection

15-01-2019 PE 608.866

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the PETI Committee of the European Parliament, presents the scientific knowledge regarding the health effects of endocrine disruptors, a class of hazards recognized in EU regulation since 1999. This report reviews the scientific evidence regarding the concept of endocrine disruption, the extent of exposure, associated health effects and costs. The existing relevant EU regulations are discussed and recommendations made to better protect human health.

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PETI

Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - January 2019

14-01-2019 PE 629.830

Kopsavilkums: The Monthly Highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, of the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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Fit for purpose? The Facilitation Directive and the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants: 2018 update

21-12-2018 PE 608.838

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, aims to update the 2016 study "Fit for purpose? The Facilitation Directive and the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants". It takes stock of and examines the latest developments that have taken place since 2016, specifically the legislative and policy changes, along with various forms and cases of criminalisation of humanitarian actors, migrants' family members and basic service providers. The study uses the notion of 'policing humanitarianism' to describe not only cases of formal prosecution and sentencing in criminal justice procedures, but also wider dynamics of suspicion, intimidation, harassment and disciplining in five selected Member States – Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Italy. Policing humanitarianism negatively affects EU citizens' rights – such as the freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and freedom of conscience. When civil society is effectively (self-)silenced and its accountability role undermined, policies to combat migrant smuggling may be overused and give rise to serious breaches of the EU's founding values, notably the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights. Moreover, policing humanitarianism negatively affects wider societal trust and diverts the limited resources of law enforcement from investigating more serious crimes.

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Fact Finding visit to Italy (Valledora-Piemonte) 17-18 December

17-12-2018 PE 608.849

Kopsavilkums: The aim of this briefing is to provide summarized information for the delegation of the Committee on Petitions which is to visit the above-mentioned Valledora area in the Piedmont Region of Italy from 17 to 18 December 2018.

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Quality Differences in Consumer Products In the EU Legislation

30-11-2018 PE 608.840

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, deals with so called dual quality products, that is goods (food products, detergents, cosmetics, toiletries and products intended for babies, etc.) marketed on the Single Market under the same brand or trademark but with differences in content, composition or quality in individual EU Member States.

The issue of dual quality products is one of the recent issues that the EU has only begun to focus on in recent years. Initially, it was rather an individual initiative of the individual MEPs, subsequently the European Parliament as a whole and the European Commission began to deal with it. The European Commission issued several legal standards that initially interpreted the existing legal regulation, later directly identified dual quality as an unfair commercial practice.

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The role of ombudsmen and petitions committees in detecting breaches of EU law

26-11-2018 PE 608.842

Kopsavilkums: Over the last decades, national and EU political institutions have sought ways to get closer to citizens, who are showing an increasing dissatisfaction with the performance of democratic institutions. The right to petition and the right to submit complaints to ombudsmen (the twin rights) can be considered two privileged instruments for strengthening this relationship, since they are two of the most accessible ways for citizens to address political institutions, notably to react to the application of EU law and policy. Pioneering efforts have been made to enhance the relationship with the citizens, notably through the use of new technologies. These technologies facilitate the exercise of the twin rights, they democratise access to information or facilitate communication between institutions and citizens. One of the major shortcomings in the petitions/complaints process is the lack of knowledge of the profile of those who make use of their right to petition or to complain. This briefing provides some recommendations on how to empower parliaments and enforce citizens' rights through the petitions and complaints process.

Autori: JOHANNES HEEZEN

PETI

Case analysis: the transposition and implementation of Regulation 261/2004 on air passenger rights

26-11-2018 PE 608.843

Kopsavilkums: This briefing draws on the latest available data to analyse the implementation and application of Regulation 261/2004 which introduces common rules on assistance and compensation to air passengers when their travel is disrupted. The briefing explains why the European Union enacted air passenger rights and the current state of play in terms of their enjoyment. It further sets out the current legal framework before exploring its shortcomings. Finally, it gives examples of best practice and presents some recommendations for national parliaments and EU institutions to improve the enforcement of citizens' rights.

Autori: JOHANNES HEEZEN

PETI

Implementation of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment

26-11-2018 PE 608.844

Kopsavilkums: Proper implementation of EU law is essential to deliver the EU policy goals as defined in the Treaties and secondary legislation. This briefing aims to give an overview of the transposition and implementation of Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (the EIA Directive). It presents the key elements of this Directive. The amendments brought by Directive 2014/52/EU to the previous legal text aim to improve the quality of Environmental Impact Assessment reports and the information gathered, as well as to reinforce environmental protection in the assessment of the impacts on the environment.

Autori: JOHANNES HEEZEN

PETI

Empowering parliaments and enforcing citizens' rights in the implementation and application of Union law

20-11-2018 PE 618.979

Kopsavilkums: The Committees on Legal Affairs and on Petitions is holding an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on 27.11.18, regarding the empowerment of parliaments and the enforcement of citizens' rights in the implementation and application of EU law. The debates focus on transposition, implementation and application of EU law, and on the role of complaints to ombudsmen and petitions to parliaments to detect EU law breaches. This Thematic Digest contains relevant publications from the Policy Departments.

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Air Quality and urban traffic in the EU: best practices and possible solutions

05-10-2018 PE 604.988

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, aims at gaining deeper insights into air quality problems of cities and regions, which are often caused by traffic. Five cities and regions are analysed in more detail. General best practice examples and policy options are provided for transport, but also for domestic heating, construction work and integrated approaches.

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2018 Update of the Study on the protection role of the Committee on Petitions in the context of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

01-10-2018 PE 608.830

Kopsavilkums: This briefing provides an update on the protection role of the Committee on Petitions in the context of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). It builds on an in-depth study requested in 2015 and updated annually since then. It reviews the relevant Petitions received and identifies current challenges regarding Parliament's responsibilities and those of other EU institutions.

Autori: Mark Priestley

PETI

Fact-finding visit to Spain - 19 - 21 September 2018

12-09-2018 PE 604.981

Kopsavilkums: This briefing provides background information on the history, the development and the current situation of the Doñana National Park in the south of Spain. The PETI Committee has received a number of petitions on environmental issues concerning Doñana and decided to send a small delegation of its members on a fact-finding visit to the area. The briefing also provides the latest information on the state of play of the petitions, in particular with regard to the response of the European Commission to the petitions.

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PETI

Political and Electoral Rights of Non-citizen Residents in Latvia and Estonia: Current Situation and Perspectives

16-05-2018 PE 604.953

Kopsavilkums: Persons with undetermined citizenship of Estonia and non-citizens of Latvia ('respective non-citizen populations') do not have the right to take part in the elections to the European Parliament.

The position of Estonia and Latvia is that their respective non-citizen populations have certain legal links with respective States but that these populations are not their nationals. There are certain differences between persons with undetermined citizenship of Estonia and non-citizens of Latvia, both regarding the formal title of the status and the content of the rights (for example, Estonian non-citizen population can vote in municipal elections).

The background to the status of respective non-citizen populations is set by public international law rules on the statehood of Baltic States. The mainstream position is that Baltic States were unlawfully controlled by the Soviet Union until the early 1990s, therefore Soviet-era settlers and their descendants did not have an automatic right to their nationality.

There are three ways of conceptualising the legal status of the respective non-citizen populations. The Estonian and Latvian position that they have a special status has been accepted by some States and, by necessary implication, by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. Some UN human rights institutions characterise these peoples as stateless. The third reading, suggested by certain legal writers, is that respective non-citizen populations are nationals with limited political rights.

Autori: Martins Paparinskis

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Naturalization and Citizenship in Latvia and Estonia

16-05-2018 PE 604.951

Kopsavilkums: This in-depth analysis, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, argues that Latvia and Estonia have introduced legal statuses –non-citizenship in Latvia and undetermined citizenship in Estonia – that are unique in the European Union in that they give their holders a status that is not citizenship but that is not statelessness either suggesting that the statuses give far-reaching rights to their holders while staying short of citizenship.

Moreover, the author suggests that debates about the status of non-citizens in Latvia and Aliens in Estonia need to be read against the background of the two states' history as Soviet republics and political and legal decisions that were taken in the 1990s. She supports that Citizenship has become a very emotional and contested issue in Latvia and Estonia. She goes on to say that Latvia and Estonia bring a key question regarding citizenship to light i.e. the question of the agent of citizenship : who needs to act in issues regarding citizenship and whether it is the state's task to confer citizenship or is it an individuals' task to claim it.

Autori: Susanne Tonsmann

PETI

Democratic Transition and Linguistic Minorities in Estonia and Latvia

16-05-2018 PE 604.952

Kopsavilkums: Upon request by the PETI Committee, the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs commissioned this in-depth analysis on Democratic Transition and Linguistic Minorities in Estonia and Latvia. The writer claims that in order to understand the situation of political representation rights of ethnic and linguistic minorities in Estonia and Latvia it is essential to provide a historical-political framework that contextualizes the presence of such substantial minorities in the two countries and justifies the type of relationship existing with the majority of nation holder.

He also suggests that from one side, full integration is the goal that needs to be pursued, while at the same time it's important to ensure the cultural and national values of Latvians and Estonians.

Autori: Angela DI GREGORIO

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FATCA Legislation and its Application at International and EU Level

14-05-2018 PE 604.967

Kopsavilkums: This study commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, analyzes FATCA legislation and its application at international and EU level: it first provides a global overview on exchange of tax information and of the FATCA mechanisms applied through intergovernmental agreements. The study then describes the extraterritorial nature and negative externalities of FATCA, in particular its impact on U.S. citizens abroad and the potential conflicts with EU law, with specific attention to the right of FATCA data protection under the GDPR. It concludes with suggestions for bilateral and unilateral EU-U.S. policies, with final remarks on a multilateral approach.

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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - April 2018

16-04-2018 PE 618.962

Kopsavilkums: The Monthly Highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, of the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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Update of the study on The impact of Brexit in relation to the right to petition and on the competences, responsibilities and activities of the Committee on Petitions

16-04-2018 PE 604.959

Kopsavilkums: This in-depth analysis, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, provides an update to the prior study considering the impact of Brexit on EU-27 and UK citizens. In particular, this analysis considers the citizens' part of the Draft Withdrawal Agreement (DWA) which was agreed between the UK and the EU on 19 March 2018 and endorsed by the European Council on 23 March 2018. It highlights those situations that might remain unprotected by the Draft Withdrawal Agreement. The update is limited to examining the right to reside of EU-27 and UK citizens post Brexit.

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Respect for fundamental rights in the European Union

16-04-2018 PE 600.415

Kopsavilkums: This booklet presents issues related to the fundamental rights of EU citizens. The Charter of Fundamental Rights gathers all the rights of individuals in a single document, grouping them around several major principles: human dignity, fundamental freedoms, equality, solidarity, citizens' rights and justice. EU citizens have the right to move freely within the EU and to petition Parliament or present Citizens' Initiatives to the Commission on any matter in a field in which the EU has competence.

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Waste Management in Europe: Main Problems Identified in EU Petitions and Best Practices (updated version)

13-03-2018 PE 596.846

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee examines the application and proper transposition of European environmental law on waste by Member States, that is one of the recurrent topics addressed by the Committee on Petitions, which collects complaints from citizens in this matter and call for respect of the rule of law.

Waste management concerns all activities and actions that are required to manage waste, from its generation to its final disposal. This includes the collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste, together with monitoring and regulation.

This study is an updated version of the previous research from 2011. Based on the results from 2011, new petitions from 2013 to 2016 were analysed with the aim to update the main findings and recommendations on the crucial areas of complaints. The results of the recently carried out assessment show that most of the analysed petitions still relate to deficits in the waste management system, the operating of existing installations (mainly landfills) and the permitting procedure for new facilities. In addition, two petitions address the improper management of radioactive waste which constitutes a new area of complaint (EURATOM Treaty) compared to the analysis in 2011. For all the main areas covered, best practice examples and recommendations for better approaches in future were updated and reviewed.

Autori: Giorgio Mussa

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Large Carnivore Management Plans of Protection: Best Practices in EU Member States

15-02-2018 PE 596.844

Kopsavilkums: This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee. This paper analyses the legal framework on large carnivores – brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*), wolf (*Canis lupus*), wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) - and their current management within the EU are presented. Additionally, the best coexistence methods obtained from research and EU-funded projects are compiled. A thorough analysis of the conditions for derogations under the Habitats Directive is followed by the implications of the current management. A general review and recommendations are made.

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FACT-FINDING VISIT TO LUSATIA, GERMANY. 14-16 February 2018

08-02-2018 PE 596.845

Kopsavilkums: This briefing note was prepared by the Policy Department for the PETI Committee and provides background information on the region of Lusatia in Germany. In particular it contains background information on the Sorb population of this region and on various aspects concerning the lignite mining activities and its consequences for the population, the economy and the environment of the region.

Autori: JOHANNES HEEZEN

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The Protection Role of the Committee on Petitions in the Context of the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

15-11-2017 PE 596.827

Kopsavilkums: This briefing note provides an update on developments in the implementation of the UNCRPD in the EU since the study "The Protection Role of the Committee on Petitions in the Context of the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities", requested by PETI in 2015 and updated in 2016. It reviews the recommendations of that study and identifies the key challenges regarding the European Parliament's responsibilities in relation to the UN CRPD and other EU institutions. There have been developments in legislation, increased visibility for disability issues in the open methods of co-ordination, and progress on disability data and indicators for rights monitoring. However, some long-standing blockages remain and few of the PETI study recommendations have been actioned.

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Italian state beach concessions and Directive 2006/123/EC, in the European context

15-11-2017 PE 596.809

Kopsavilkums: This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee. This paper analyses the Italian regulation framework on beach concessions within a compared European framework. It illustrates pending issues and the potential consequences of the judgment of the EU Court of Justice, C-458/14 e C-67/15, which may impose a comprehensive beach reform that cannot be delayed any further. The models adopted by other EU member states and Italy for managing coastal property are here compared, in order to verify their functionality and effectiveness.

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Effective access to justice

15-11-2017 PE 596.818

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs upon request by PETI Committee, aims to identify and understand the issues affecting effective access to justice raised by the EU citizens and residents in some Member States with the main aim to frame the analysis and obtain a fair representation of recurring issues pertaining to access to justice across the EU.

It seeks to understand why citizens have turned to the EU institutions to seek access to justice, and looks at a large range of factors, including legal and procedural issues as well as practical, social, historical and political factors that underpin the issues raised in these petitions.

More broadly, the study intends to assess the relevance of the petitions system to address access to justice issues experienced by citizens at national level.

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Temporary contracts, precarious employment, employees' fundamental rights and EU employment law

15-11-2017 PE 596.823

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions, was prepared to assess the nature and extent of employment precariousness in the framework of EU's fundamental rights and EU employment law. The analysis focuses on two broad areas, namely atypical forms of employment and franchising. The report identifies a number of 'protective gaps' at various levels of regulation and puts forward policy recommendations that are informed by the need to adopt holistic and comprehensive action for addressing what emerges as a constantly moving target.

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Ban glyphosate - European Citizens' Initiative

09-11-2017 PE 606.778

Kopsavilkums: The Committee on Environment, Public health and Food Safety will hold a hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides", on 20.11.17. This ECI calls for a ban on glyphosate, a reform of the pesticide approval procedure, and EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use. This Thematic Digest provides selected policy departments publications prepared to support the committees in their work on this topic.

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Monitoring the implementation of EU law: tools and challenge

07-11-2017 PE 596.799

Kopsavilkums: This study was requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions. It was commissioned, overseen and published by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. The paper presents the evolution of the EU enforcement policy as part of the principle of rule of law in the European Union. It provides information on the main actors responsible for the implementation and enforcement of EU law and trends related to the transposition and application of European legislative acts according to the latest information available. Finally, it browses through the different measures within the EU enforcement policy, including the recent developments regarding the use of EU Pilot tool.

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PETI

Inclusive education for learners with disabilities

15-09-2017 PE 596.807

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions, has been prepared to examine the issue of inclusive education for learners with disabilities. It provides an overview of definitions for and background to inclusive education, and of the role of international organisations and the European Union in this issue. The study also looks into the situation of inclusive education in the EU Member States and the main perspectives for the future.

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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - September 2017

11-09-2017 PE 600.430

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PETI Fact-Finding Mission to Taranto (17-19 July 2017) - Environmental topics in Taranto: ILVA plant and ENI refinery (Petitions: 0760/2007, 2207/2013, 1107/2011, 0024/2012)

04-07-2017 PE 571.403

Kopsavilkums: The Committee on Petitions has been working intensively on several petitions (0760/2007, 2207/2013, 1107/2011 and 0024/2012) on the ILVA steel plant, ENI refinery and new gas pipeline located in the Taranto region. The area is suffering from considerable, long-standing social problems related to unemployment and from the consequences of the non-compliance with the European environmental and health legislation.

Autori: Giorgio Mussa

PETI

The impact of Brexit in relation to the right to petition and on the competences, responsibilities and activities of the Committee on Petitions

14-06-2017 PE 583.154

Kopsavilkums: Upon request by the PETI Committee, this study considers issues raised in petitions to the European Parliament by citizens concerned about the way Brexit will impact on their rights. In particular, it first looks at the changes that Brexit will determine in relation to voting rights, the right to petition, the right to apply to the European Ombudsman and the European Citizens' Initiative. It then focuses at length on the way Brexit will affect UK citizens in the EU-27, and EU citizens living in the UK. In this respect, it considers challenges and risks for both citizens who have resided in the EU-27 or the UK for less than 5 years, and for those who have already acquired the right to permanent residence at the time of Brexit.

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PETI

The establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights

13-06-2017 PE 600.428

Kopsavilkums: The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs is holding an inter-parliamentary committee meeting on the establishment of an EU Mechanism on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights, on 22 June 2017. This aim of this debate with members of national parliaments is to go over this proposed new mechanism, which should ensure that all Member States respect the values enshrined in the EU treaties and set clear, evidence-based and non-political criteria for assessing their records.

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Discrimination(s) as emerging from petitions received

28-02-2017 PE 583.129

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions (PETI), focuses on several issues stemming from a sample of forty petitions received. Whilst all petitions are related to anti-discrimination law, they are quite heterogeneous in terms of the respondent entity, the grounds of discrimination and the legal sources invoked. Recommendations are made to assist the PETI Committee and the EP in replying to petitions received in this field.

Autori: JOHANNES HEEZEN

PETI

European Semester Conference - European Parliamentary Week 2017

25-01-2017 PE 580.861

Kopsavilkums: This year's European Parliamentary Week focuses on the 2017 Semester Cycle policy priorities, taking stock of strengths and weaknesses of the current economic governance framework. This thematic digest contains selected publications provided by the policy departments and the Economic Governance Support Unit to support committees in their work on e.g. the Panama Papers, the Banking Union, workers' mobility, the European Pillar of Social Rights, EU financing, and the Financial Regulation reform.

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Animal Welfare in the European Union

16-01-2017 PE 583.114

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs upon request of the Committee on Petitions, finds out that EU animal welfare policy and legislation has had much positive influence in the world, on the image of the EU as well as helping animals. However, most kinds of animals kept in the EU are not covered by legislation, including some of the worst animal welfare problems, so a general animal welfare law and specific laws on several species are needed. Animal sentience and welfare should be mentioned, using accurate scientific terminology, in many trade-related laws as well as in animal-specific laws.

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The Marrakesh Treaty

15-11-2016 PE 571.387

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs upon request by the PETI Committee, provides an analysis of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Copyright Works for the Blind or Print-Disabled. It explains the background and movements that led to its proposal, negotiation and successful adoption. It then considers the Treaty's current situation in relation to its content and issues around its ratification, particularly by the EU. It finally examines future developments around copyright reform and makes recommendations to EU institutions and Member States.

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Lindane (Persistent Organic Pollutant) in the EU, Best Practices of De-Contamination Exchanged

15-11-2016 PE 571.398

Kopsavilkums: This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions (PETI). Lindane and technical-HCH were extensively produced in the EU until the 1990s and used as a broad spectrum insecticide until 2008. The use and production of lindane is now banned in most countries around the world. However, it unfortunately continues to make itself known. Its persistence, bioaccumulative and toxic properties, spillages from former production sites and the illegal dumping of HCH-waste, have given rise to serious concerns as understanding grows about the ability of HCH-polluted-spots to widely disperse HCH pollution into surface and groundwater.

This report presents an updated mapping of the lindane production plants and HCH-waste dumping sites in the EU. Potential remediation techniques, including laboratory and field experiences, are also provided with a selection of best practices regarding the restoration of contaminated sites and the participation of stakeholders. The information on lindane from official websites is also analysed.

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PETI

The Protection Role of the Committee on Petitions in the Context of the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - Update 2016

03-11-2016 PE 571.384

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European Structural and Investment Funds and People with Disabilities in the European Union

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Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI committee, concerns the situation of people with disabilities in the European Union (EU) and how EU funds ('European Structural and Investment Funds') can support the reforms needed to replace the outdated systems of institutional care with community-based and inclusive services. It also highlights areas that must be addressed to avoid the mistakes of the past, in particular the use of EU funds to maintain institutional care, and ensure that instead they are used to promote community living.

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Workshop on the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Access to Healthcare and Medicines

30-09-2016 PE 571.378

Kopsavilkums: A Workshop organised by the Policy Department C was held on the impact of economic crisis on access to healthcare and medicines. The speakers addressed issues such as budget cuts in health care, high price of medicines, inequalities in access to various treatments as a direct result of those cuts, addressed medicines as a financial products with their share on stock market which creates an artificial incentive to keep the high value for medicines, etc. Better coordinated procurement for medicines, as practiced by the Benelux countries, was given as an example. Further recommendations on how to improve access to healthcare were suggested by the experts and by the representative of the Commission.

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Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families: Comparative Analysis

15-09-2016 PE 571.375

Kopsavilkums: TThis study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, presents a synthesis of in-depth studies in nine Member States in addition to broader EU and national research. Based on an analysis of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the UK, it identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions. It finds that, ten years after the deadline for transposition, there is general compliance, though some challenges remain. More systematic data collection, evaluation and guidance is thus required. The nine country studies are made available separately.

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European Structural and Investment Funds and People with Disabilities: Focus on the Situation in Slovakia

08-09-2016 PE 571.371

Kopsavilkums: Upon request by the PETI Committee, the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs commissioned the present in-depth analysis on the use of European Structural and Investment Funds to facilitate the transition from the institutional care of people with disabilities to community living in Slovakia, in the view of the PETI Fact Finding Visit of September 2016.

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The European Accessibility Act

15-08-2016 PE 571.382

Kopsavilkums: This paper, produced by the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs, looks into the Commission proposal for a European Accessibility Act. It briefly describes its contents, the Council discussions on the proposal, its Impact Assessment and the main points of contention, as well as the views of disability advocacy groups, as well as of the business and industry organisations, both on the act and on its articles. A series of suggestions and recommendations are proposed with the objective of ensuring that the Act can effectively achieve its declared aims: implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by fostering the integration of disabled persons in society and guaranteeing equal access to goods and services.

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River Basins and Water Management in Spain

15-07-2016 PE 536.491

Kopsavilkums: This Study was commissioned and supervised by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI committee. It aims to analyze issues related to the petitions from Spanish citizens on the Spanish side of the Tagus and Ebro River Basin Districts. Two main solutions have been brought forward in order to solve the water shortage in Spain: water transfer or desalination. The most widely used approach so far has been the transfer, which has been proposed for both the Tagus and Ebro rivers. As indicated in the Study, in Spain the water-related issues have frequently no political or social dimension but the territorial significance. This Study tries to illuminate problems and issues related to the river basins management in Spain while considering the applicable EU legislation.

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The EU and the Aarhus Convention: Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

17-06-2016 PE 571.357

Kopsavilkums: This briefing, commissioned by the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs for the PETI committee, focuses on the Aarhus Convention, applicable to the EU and to all Member States. The Convention provides for rights to the public to access to information, participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters. The Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee has found several EU Member States as well as the EU itself non-compliant with the Convention. Currently eight EU Member States and the EU are on the list of non-compliant Parties, decided by the Meeting of Parties when endorsing Committee findings. The Committee follows up and reports on whether these Parties are taking sufficient measures to get in compliance. Adequate implementation by EU legislation, monitoring by the Commission and jurisprudence by the EU judiciary are important for effective enjoyment of the Aarhus Convention rights by the public throughout the EU.

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Openness, Transparency and the Right of Access to Documents in the EU

16-06-2016 PE 556.973

Kopsavilkums: Upon request of the PETI Committee, the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs commissioned the present analysis, which examines the situation in relation to openness, transparency, access to documents and information in the EU. Case law and developments in the jurisprudence of the CJEU are examined, notably for legislative documents, documents relating to administrative proceedings, to Court proceedings, infringement proceedings and EU Pilot cases, protection of privacy and international relations. Current and future challenges, as well as conclusions and policy recommendations are set out, in order to ensure compliance with the Treaties' and Charter of Fundamental Rights' requirements aimed at enhancing citizens' participation in the EU decision-making process, and consequently stronger accountability and democracy in the EU.

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PETI

**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for France**

15-06-2016 PE 556.955

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in France and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in French law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for Germany**

15-06-2016 PE 556.963

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Germany and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in German national law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for Ireland**

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Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Ireland and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in Irish national law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for Spain**

15-06-2016 PE 556.965

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Spain and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in Spanish law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for Sweden**

15-06-2016 PE 556.966

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Sweden and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in Swedish national law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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**Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families:
Country Report for the United Kingdom**

15-06-2016 PE 556.967

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in the UK and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in UK law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families: Country Report for Belgium

15-06-2016 PE 556.969

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in France and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in French law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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Obstacles to the Right of Free Movement and Residence for EU Citizens and their Families: Country Report for Italy

15-06-2016 PE 556.970

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE and PETI Committees, analyses the current status of transposition of selected provisions of Directive 2004/38/EC in Italy and identifies the main persisting barriers to free movement for EU citizens and their family members in Italian national law and practice. The study also examines discriminatory restrictions to free movement, measures to counter abuse of rights and refusals of entry and residence rights, in addition to expulsions.

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Solar Energy Policy in the EU and the Member States, from the Perspective of the Petitions Received

10-06-2016 PE 556.968

Kopsavilkums: Upon request by the PETI Committee, the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs commissioned the present study in order to assess a series of petitions received in relation to solar energy policies in Member States and their compatibility with EU laws and policies. The petitions examined raise three main concerns, i.e. policy risk in support systems, self-consumption and industrial policy in EU Member States, notably Spain, Belgium, Germany and Italy. The analysis concludes that renewables' support policies should be stable and avoid frequent or retro-active changes; that the regulated extension of self-consumption is accompanied by measures to ensure that "prosumers" contribute to financing grid costs and other costs; and that industrial policy for renewables is stable and predictable.

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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - June 2016

06-06-2016 PE 576.016

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Adoption without Consent - Update 2016

12-05-2016 PE 556.940

Kopsavilkums: This study – commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions – examines the law and practice in England in relation to adoption without parental consent, in comparison to other jurisdictions within the European Union, including on the basis of petitions submitted to the European Parliament on the matter. It further details the procedures followed by the English courts in relation to child protection proceedings involving a child who has a connection to another EU Member State, and gives recommendations for cooperation between States in future proceedings. The study concludes that while other EU Member States have mechanisms for permitting adoption without parental consent in specific circumstances, few appear to exercise this power to the extent to which the English authorities do. Still, the lack of comparative statistical data on when this is used, how frequently, and by whom, precludes clear-cut conclusions, calling for more data and research to be carried out.

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The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Thematic Digest

13-04-2016 PE 576.010

Kopsavilkums: The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union sets out the basic rights that must be respected by the EU and by its Member States when implementing EU law. This leaflet provides an overview of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights itself and of its implementation in the EU.

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Human and Fundamental Rights

13-04-2016 PE 576.011

Kopsavilkums: The EU is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law. The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights sets out all the personal, civic, political, economic and social rights enjoyed by people in the EU. This leaflet provides extracts from relevant supporting analyses prepared by European Parliament's policy departments for different EP's committees.

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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - March 2016

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The interpretation of Article 51 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: the Dilemma of Stricter or Broader Application of the Charter to National Measures

15-02-2016 PE 556.930

Kopsavilkums: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions, considers the dilemma of a broad or narrow application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights (CFR) to national measures. It considers the way the Court of Justice of the EU (CJ EU) has been interpreting fundamental rights in relation to such measures before and after the Lisbon Treaty and the constitutionalisation of the Charter: currently the CJ EU applies a varied interpretation of the CFR, on the basis of a narrow approach to its applicability to Member States' measures implementing EU law. As a consequence, the Commission's strict approach in relation to a selection of petitions received by the Committee on Petitions raising issues of alleged CFR violations seems justified in the light of the existing law and CJ EU jurisprudence. The analysis, after examining the considerations that militate in favour and against a narrow interpretation of the Charter and of its Article 51, concludes that a more courageous approach should be taken at EU level when examining national implementing measures of EU law raising fundamental rights issues, notably until these are not evenly and properly guaranteed across the EU.

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PETI

Adoption: Cross-Border Legal Issues

25-11-2015 PE 536.477

Kopsavilkums: This collection of briefings was prepared in view of a joint JURI-PETI Workshop organised by the Policy Department on 1 December 2015, to address legal issues related to cross-border adoptions in the EU. Presented in a first session dedicated to "Citizens' concerns and petitions on adoption cross-border legal issues in the EU", the two first papers deal with "Child protection: tensions created by the diversity of the domestic laws of EU Member States" and "The view of Ombudsmen for Children from the perspective of the Polish, European and international law". The four other briefings provided background reflections to the second session, focussed on legal issues around "Cross-border recognition of adoptions". They first approached issues of recognition in a general way ("Conflicts and Coordination of Family statuses: Towards their recognition within the EU?"), turned to the "Recognition of intercountry adoptions - practical operation of the 1993 Hague Convention", further looked into limitations of the current EU legal framework and their consequences on free movement of citizens ("Cross-border recognition of domestic adoptions - obstacles to free movement") and finally examined issues around the recognition in the EU of adoptions made under non-EU legal systems ("Recognising child protection measures in the Middle Eastern legal systems as equivalents to adoption - a fresh look on Magrhebian kafala, Iranian sarparasti and Iraqi damm").

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The Protection Role of the Committee on Petitions in the Context of the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

09-10-2015 PE 536.465

Kopsavilkums: This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee. It explains the context of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) with reference to the PETI Committee's role in the EU Framework for its implementation. It considers the petitions received on disability issues and examples of CRPD protection mechanisms implemented at level of the UN, the EU and the Member States. Recommendations are made to assist the EP in deliberating on disability issues in its protection role.

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The Right to Petition

15-07-2015 PE 519.223

Kopsavilkums: At the request of the Petitions Committee, this study analyses the right to petition in the European Parliament, in Scotland and in the EU Member States, from a multi-disciplinary (historical, legal and political science) comparative perspective. An evaluation framework is proposed, with the aim of assessing how key characteristics of the different petition systems, related to the legal and institutional framework (conventional features and e-petitions) and to the main players behaviour (citizens, parliament and government), have an impact on the achievement of the goals of the right to petition, hereby enhancing its effectiveness.

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PETI

Towards a Revision of the European Citizens' Initiative?

15-07-2015 PE 519.240

Kopsavilkums: At the request of the PETI committee, the Study provides an overview of the most significant difficulties faced by organisers when setting up and running a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) and an in-depth analysis of the possible solutions based on a review of the latest reports by EU Institutions on this issue. The aim of the Study is to propose recommendations or measures to improve the ECI as an effective tool for participatory democracy in the EU in view of the current discussion concerning the revision of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the Citizens' Initiative. The ultimate goal is to define an ECI process with fewer costs and unnecessary burdens for EU citizens which would empower them to actively participate in shaping the future of Europe.

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PETI

Adoption without Consent

07-07-2015 PE 519.236

Kopsavilkums: At the request of the PETI Committee and on the basis of petitions submitted on the matter of adoption without parental consent in England and Wales, this study examines the law and practice in England and Wales, in comparison to other jurisdictions within the European Union. It further details the procedures followed by the English courts in relation to child protection proceedings involving a child who has a connection to another EU Member State, and gives recommendations for cooperation between States in future proceedings.

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Routine Tail-Docking of Pigs

25-11-2014 PE 509.997

Kopsavilkums: Upon request of the PETI committee, the present In Depth Analysis examines the issues raised in Petition 0336/2012, the legal framework on the protection of pigs, the level of implementation of the Directive on the protection of pigs in relation to tail-docking on the basis of the available information, the actions being carried out, or that could be carried out, to ensure proper implementation by Member States of the Directive requirements.

Autori: Ottavio MARZOCCHI

PETI

Commitments Made at the Hearings of the Commissioners-Designate, Juncker Commission (November 2014 - October 2019)

14-11-2014 PE 536.386

Kopsavilkums: This compilation of briefings presents the most salient points and essential commitments made by the commissioners-designate during the hearings held in September/October 2014 before the parliamentary committees. These commitments concern the main on-going legislative procedures, the preparation of future legislative proposals as well as the scrutiny of the implementation of existing legislation. They also touch upon the crucial issue of inter-institutional cooperation.

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Commitments Made at the Hearing of Frans Timmermans - Commissioner-Designate

24-10-2014 PE 509.994

Kopsavilkums: In his answers to the questionnaire and during the hearing on 7 October 2014 before the Conference of Presidents, Commissioner-designate Frans Timmermans made a number of commitments. These are summarised in the present briefing.

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