MINUTES

Meeting of 22 June 2021, 9.00 – 11.15, 11.45 – 13.30 and 16.45 – 18.45

BRUSSELS

Remote participation open to AFCO Members via the Interactio meeting tool

The meeting opened at 9.10 on Tuesday, 22 June 2021, with Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

For legal reasons (right to privacy) the Chair informed the participants that the meeting would be filmed and streamed live on the Internet.

1. Adoption of agenda

The acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) informed that the rapporteur Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE) on “Strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU institutions by setting up an independent EU ethics body” (2020/2133(INI) agreed, in the spirit of good cooperation, to the postponement of the vote on his report (point 4 of the draft agenda), which was requested by the EPP group.

The vote on the report was thus scheduled for the next AFCO committee meeting taking place on 14 July 2021.

2. Chair's announcements

The acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) made the following general announcements:

• Interpretation for this meeting is available in the following languages:
- for the **morning** session (9:00 to 13:30), ICM:
  FR DE IT NL EN DA EL ES PT FI CS ET HU PL SK BG RO (17 languages)

- for the **afternoon** session (16:45 to 18:45):
  FR DE IT NL ES PT FI HU PL RO (11 languages)

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*** First remote voting session ***

**The first remote voting session opened at 9.24 through the EPvote system for the vote on Amendments**


AFCO/9/05945
2021/2048(REG)

Rapporteur **Gabriele Bischoff** (S&D) PR – PE692.659v03-00
AM – PE693.669v01-00

Before opening the voting session, the acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair and rapporteur) gave the floor to the representative of the European Commission, Ms Raquel Cortes Herrera, Head of Unit, Relations with the European Parliament & Consultative Committees - Secretariat General.

All original amendments (1 to 18) proposed by the rapporteur were adopted, as well as the second part of Amendment 21 (as an addition to Amendment 4). All other amendments were rejected, fell or were withdrawn.

*** End of the first remote voting session at 10.51 ***

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*(in parallel with the remote voting procedure for amendments)*

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Meeting European Parliament – National Parliaments**

4. **Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The Reform of the European Electoral Law" & "The European Parliament's Right of Inquiry"**

AFCO/9/06267
The acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff, 1st Vice-Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, welcomed the 38 Members of national Parliaments from 21 chambers and 18 Member States who had confirmed their participation to discuss together about "The Reform of the European Electoral Law" and "The European Parliament's Right of Inquiry" (all Members of National Parliaments participated remotely via the Interactio meeting tool).

She also informed that Commission Vice-Presidents Věra Jourová (responsible for Values and Transparency) and Maroš Šefčovič (responsible for Inter-institutional Relations and Foresight) were invited to participate but due to other pressing commitments could only intervene through a pre-recorded message of Vice-President Věra Jourová, which was transmitted at the meeting at the beginning of the first panel, and a letter from Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, which was read at the meeting at the beginning of the second panel.

The acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) then outlined the programme of the inter-parliamentary meeting.

1st panel – THE REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN ELECTORAL LAW

In the ensuing debate, in addition to the acting Chair Gabriele BISCHOFF (1st Vice-Chair), and Domènec RUIZ DEVESA (AFCO rapporteur on the “Proposal for a Council Regulation on the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, repealing Council Decision (76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom) and the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage annexed to that decision” (2020/2220(INL)), the following Members of Parliaments took the floor:

Isabel ONETO (Assembleia da República, Portugal), Marguerite DEPREZ-AUDEBERT (Assemblée nationale, France), Andreas KATSANİOTIS (Hellenic Parliament, Greece), Sven SIMON (European Parliament), Gabriela CREŢU (Senat, Romania), Erik OTTOSON (Riksdagen, Swedish Parliament, Sweden), Guy VERHOFSTAD (European Parliament), Stefano CECCANTI (Camera dei Deputati, Italy), Zoltán TESSELY (Magyar Országgyűlés, National Assembly, Hungary), Damian BOESELÄGER (European Parliament), Angel DZHAMBAZKI (European Parliament), Helmut SCHOLZ (European Parliament), Kacper PLAŻYŃSKI (Sejm, Poland), Loránt VINCZE (European Parliament, AFCO 4th Vice-Chair), Francesco BERTI (Camera dei Deputati, Italy), Pedro SILVA PEREIRA (European Parliament), Sandro GOZI (European Parliament), Daniel FREUND (European Parliament).

The meeting adjourned at 11.02 and resumed at 11.50, with Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair) presiding.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting European Parliament – National Parliaments
5. Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The Reform of the European Electoral Law" & "The European Parliament's Right of Inquiry"

AFCO/9/06267

2nd panel – THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT’S RIGHT OF INQUIRY:

In addition to the acting Chair Charles GOERENS (2nd Vice-Chair), and Domèneck RUIZ DEVESLA (AFCO rapporteur on the “Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry and repealing Decision 95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission”), the following Members of Parliaments took the floor:

André COELHO LIMA (Assembleia da República, Portugal), Theofilos XANTHOPOULOS (Hellenic Parliament, Greece), Rainer WIELAND (European Parliament), Anita CZERWINSKA (Sejm, Poland), Fabio Massimo CASTALDO (European Parliament), Sven SIMON (European Parliament).

The meeting adjourned at 12.46 and resumed at 16.55, with Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

*** Second remote voting session ***

The second remote voting procedure opened at 16.59 through the EPvote system for the final and single votes


AFCO/9/05945
2021/2048(REG)

Rapporteur Gabriele Bischoff (S&D) PR – PE692.659v03-00
AM – PE693.669v01-00

The draft decision (and the report as a whole) was adopted with 16 votes in favour, 9 against and 3 abstentions.

7. The creation of guidelines for the application of the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget

AFCO/9/06127
2021/2071(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Antonio Tajani (PPE) AL – PE693.916v01-00

Responsible: BUDG, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D) PR – PE693.668v01-00
The draft opinion in form of a letter was adopted with 23 votes in favour, 5 against and no abstentions.

* *** End of the second remote voting session at 18.10 *** *

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(in parallel with the remote voting procedure for the final and single votes)

8. European political parties – report 2021

AFCO/9/05510
2021/2018(INI)

Co-rapporteurs Charles Goerens (Renew) Rainer Wieland (PPE)

Opinions: CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D) PA – PE691.375v01-00

The co-rapporteurs Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair) and Rainer Wieland presented their draft report.

In addition to the acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), and the co-rapporteurs Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair) and Rainer Wieland, the following Members took the floor: Danuta Maria Hübner, François Alfonsi, Sandro Gozi, Helmut Scholz, Fabio Massimo Castaldo.

The acting Chair also gave the floor to the representative of the European Commission, Mr Enrico Forti, Director for Interinstitutional Relations - Secretariat General.

The deadline for tabling amendments has been set for 12 July 2021 at 15:00.

9. Assessment of the implementation of Article 50 TEU

AFCO/9/03630
2020/2136(INI)

Rapporteur: Danuta Maria Hübner (PPE) PR – PE692.762v01-00

Opinions: AFET Andreas Schieder (S&D) AD – PE689.561v03-00
INTA Christophe Hansen (PPE) AM – PE691.083v01-00
EMPL Decision: no opinion AL – PE691.134v02-00

During the AFCO committee meeting of 15 June 2021, the rapporteur Danuta Maria Hübner presented her draft implementation report but, due to lack of time for debate at the time, this was postponed to the current meeting.
In addition to the acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), and the rapporteur Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Members took the floor: Loránt Vincze (4th Vice-Chair), Pedro Silva Pereira, Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair), Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Gunnar Beck, Helmut Scholz, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Laura Huhtasaari, Niklas Nienaß.

The deadline for tabling amendments has been set for 7 July at 18:00 (subsequent to this meeting, the deadline for amendments has been modified, on behalf of Chair Tajani, to 16 July at 15:00).

10. Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022 - General Introduction - Total expenditure - General statement of revenue - Statement of revenue and expenditure by section

AFCO/9/06362
2021/0227(BUD))

Rapporteur for the opinion:  **Antonio Tajani** (PPE)

Responsible:  BUDG  Karlo Ressler (PPE)
            Damian Boeselager (Verts/ALE)

The acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), after informing that the Commission had presented on 8 June the Draft Budget for the year 2022, highlighted - on behalf of the rapporteur for the opinion Antonio Tajani (Chair) - the approach that the rapporteur intends to take with regard to the draft budgetary amendments, in accordance with the AFCO opinion in the form of a letter adopted on 25 February 2021 on General guidelines for the preparation of the 2022 budget, Section III – Commission (2020/2265(BUI)).

In addition to the acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), and the rapporteur

The deadline for tabling budgetary amendments, including pilot projects and preparatory actions, was set for 2 July at 17.00 (after proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions come back from the pre-assessment by the Commission around the end of June).

11. Working Document N°4 on The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

AFCO/9/05926

Rapporteur:  **Jacek Saryusz-Wolski** (ECR)

Second exchange of views: consideration of a Working Document

The rapporteur Jacek Saryusz-Wolski presented an updated version of the Working Document N° 4 taking into account the first exchange of views held during the AFCO committee meeting of 25 May 2021.

In addition to the acting Chair Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), and the rapporteur
Jacek Saryusz Wolski, the following Members took the floor: Loránt Vincze (4th Vice-Chair), Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair), François Alfonsi.

12. Other business

None.

13. Date and place of next meeting

14 July 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 and 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 18.55.
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