Meeting of 27 October 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 and 16.45 – 18.45

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The meeting opened at 9.10 on Wednesday, 27 October 2021, with Antonio Tajani (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 agenda was adopted with the following modification: at the request of the rapporteur Paulo Rangel, point 4 of the draft agenda concerning the exchange of views on amendments to the draft report on the Parliament's right of initiative (2020/2132(INI) is postponed.

2. Chair's announcements

The following appointments were announced by the Chair and endorsed by the committee:

- for the AFCO opinion to the report of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) on “The Report on the application in 2020 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents”, the S&D group has informed that MiaPetra
Kumpula-Natri would be the rapporteur;

- for the AFCO opinion to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) on the "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) 1094/2010, (EU) 1095/2010" (2021/0240(COD)), the group The Left informed that Helmut Scholz would be the rapporteur;

- for the AFCO opinion to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) on the “2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council” (2021/2108(DEC)), Antonio Tajani is the rapporteur, as Chair.

The Chair then made also the following general announcements:

- **Interpretation** for this meeting is available in the following languages:
  
  DE, EN, FR, IT, NL, ES, PT, FI, HU, PL and RO

- Social **distance measures** are in force in all Parliament and **the use of community masks is mandatory** in all premises of the EP, including during meetings and even while taking the floor, except for the person chairing the meeting.

3. **European Gender Equality Week in the European Parliament**

   AFCO/9/07456

   - Exchange of views: statements by the Chair and Gwendoline Delbos Corfield, AFCO permanent representative to the Gender Mainstreaming Network

Within the framework of the European Parliament’s European Gender Equality Week 2021, **Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield**, AFCO permanent representative to the Gender Mainstreaming Network (GMN), presented the subject.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, and Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, the following Members took the floor: Danuta Maria Hübner, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Helmut Scholz.

*The Chair proposed to treat together points 4 and 5 of the agenda as amended:*

4. **Implementation of the common foreign and security policy - annual report 2021**

   AFCO/9/07274
   2021/2182(INI)

   Rapporteur for the opinion: **Gerolf Annemans** (ID) PA – PE699.061v01-00

   Responsible: AFET David McAllister (PPE) PR – PE696.543v02-00
5. Implementation of the common security and defence policy - annual report 2021

AFCO/9/07275
2021/2183(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Gerolf Annemans (ID) PA – PE699.060v01-00
Responsible: AFET Nathalie Loiseau (Renew) PR – PE695.312v03-00

The rapporteur for the two opinions related to items 4 and 5, Gerolf Annemans, presented the draft opinions.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, and the rapporteur for both opinions, Gerolf Annemans, the following Members took the floor: Vladimír Bilčík, Pedro Silva Pereira, Charles Goerens, Markéta Gregorová, Victor Negrescu, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa.

The Chair informed that the deadline for amendments was set for both opinions to 28 October 2021 at 17.00, and that all amendments would have to be tabled in English only.

The meeting interrupted at 10.21 and restarted at 11.15, with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

Public Hearing

6. Hearing on "The Role of a European Electoral Authority"

AFCO/9/07447

Chair Antonio Tajani informed that the Hearing would be divided in two parts, the first one being held in the morning and the second in the afternoon, and stressed that the Hearing is linked to the ongoing AFCO report regarding the modification of the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (2020/2220(INL)), for which the Rapporteur is Domeneç Ruiz Devesa.

Thereafter, he welcomed the expert invited for the first part of the Hearing, Ph.D., D.Litt. Magdalena Bainczyk (University Professor at Andrzej Frycz Modrzejewski Krakow University and Chief Analyst at Institute for Western Affairs, Poznan), who proceeded with her presentation.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, and the expert, Magdalena Bainczyk, the following Members took the floor: Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, Damian Boeselager.
The meeting adjourned at 11.40 and resumed at 16.48, with Charles Goerens (2nd ViceChair) presiding.

(continuation of the Public Hearing)

7. Hearing on "The Role of a European Electoral Authority"

AFCO/9/07447

The following experts made their presentations: Professor Luciano Bardi (Professor of political science and international relations, European University Institute, Florence) and Doctor Georg Thiel (Federal Returning Officer and President of the Federal Statistics Office, German Federal Republic, Wiesbaden).

In addition to the acting Chair, Charles Goerens (2nd ViceChair), and the experts, Luciano Bardi and Georg Thiel, the following Members took the floor: Danuta Maria Hübner, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Antonio Maria Rinaldi.

8. Study on "Financing of political structures in EU Member States - How funding is provided to national political parties, their foundations and parliamentary political groups, and how the use of funds is controlled"

AFCO/9/07454

- Presentation of a study requested by the Directorate-General for Internal Policies in cooperation with the Political Structures Financing Unit, Directorate-General for Finance, and commissioned by the Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs, by two of its authors:
  - Mr Quentin Reed, Prague/Czechia and
  - Mr Tommy Krieger, Centre for European Economic Policy (ZEW), Germany

The committee heard the presentation of the study by Mr Quentin Reed and Mr Tommy Krieger.

In addition to the acting Chair, Charles Goerens (2nd ViceChair), and the authors of the Study, Quentin Reed and Tommy Krieger, the following Members took the floor: Charles Goerens (on behalf and in the name of Rainer Wieland), Domèneç Ruiz Devesa.

9. Other business

None.

10. Date and place of next meeting

9 November 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 and 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)
The meeting closed at 18.23.
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