



PARLAMENTO EUROPEO EVROPSKÝ PARLAMENT EUROPA-PARLAMENTET  
EUROPÄISCHES PARLAMENT EUROOPA PARLAMENT ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΟ ΚΟΙΝΟΒΟΥΛΙΟ EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN PARLAMENTO EUROPEO EIROPAS PARLaments  
EUROPOS PARLAMENTAS EURÓPAI PARLAMENT IL-PARLAMENT EWROPEW EUROPEES PARLEMENT  
PARLAMENT EUROPEJSKI PARLAMENTO EUROPEU EURÓPSKY PARLAMENT  
EVROPSKI PARLAMENT EUROOPAN PARLAMENTTI EUROAPARLAMENTET

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Workshop

### *Implementation of the Services Directive*

31 March 2009 10:30-12:30

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**Room: JAN 6 Q 2**

*Interpretation will be available*

The Service Directive is due to be implemented in Member States by the end of this year. Certain surveys and analysis conducted have shown that there is uneven pace in the transposition processes in individual Member States.<sup>1</sup> The aim of the Workshop is to invite representatives from a selection of Member States to present the state of play of the national implementation. The focus is on the practical implementation of the Points of Single Contact and the potential for reduced administrative burdens for business in the Internal Market. Of special interest will be to highlight best practices in the field.

#### **10:30 - 10:35 Opening & Introduction**

**10:30 - 10:35** Welcoming and introduction by IMCO Chair Mrs. Arlene McCarthy

10:35 - 10:40 Introduction by the Rapporteur for the Services Directive Mrs. Evelyne Gebhardt

#### **10:40 - 11:20 Session 1: Practical implementation of Points of Single Contact**

*Special effort is required to ensure that the Directive will work according to the intentions, this concern in particular the setting up of effective and fully operational Points of Single Contacts. Of special interest in this regard is the use of electronic procedures, the communication between the Contact Points, their operational languages and general information. The purpose of session 1 is to hear about the state of play, notably in the setting up of the Single Point of Contact.*

10:40 - 10:50 Mr. Frank Platthoff, Finanzministerium, Schleswig-Holstein

10:50 - 11:00 Mr. Marc Hameleers, Projectmanager Implementation Services Directive at the Ministry for Economic Affairs, The Netherlands

11:00 - 11:10 Mr. Clas Heinegård, Special Advisor EU Services Directive Team at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

11:10 - 11:20 Questions and Comments

---

<sup>1</sup> See for example Eurochambers' six months surveys on the implementation of the Services Directive as well as BusinessEurope's study in the field.

**11:20 - 12:05 Session 2: The potential for reduced administrative burdens for business**

*Many stakeholders hope the implementation of the Directive, notably the foreseen screening of national legislation, will lead to administrative and regulatory simplification. The purpose of Session 2 is to hear about the state of play of the screening process and how Member States are working to ensure coordination between various administrative levels, professional bodies as well as the work to raise awareness of the Directive and its tools.*

11:20 - 11:30 Mrs. Marie-José Palasz, Head of Mission to the General Economic and Financial Audit Department at the Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment, France

11:30 - 11:40 Mr. David Hingley, Project Manager, Services Directive Implementation Project at the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, UK

11:40 - 11:50 Mr. Jaroslav Zajíček, First Secretary, Head of Section, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

11:50 - 12:05 Questions and Comments

**12:05 - 12:30 Discussion & Conclusions**

12:05 - 12:25 Discussion chaired by IMCO Chair Mrs. Arlene McCarthy

12:25 - 12:30 Concluding remarks by the Rapporteur for the Services Directive Mrs. Evelyne Gebhardt and by the IMCO Chair Mrs. Arlene McCarthy