LIBE Committee Inquiry on Electronic Mass Surveillance of EU Citizens

Draft programme

Thursday, 14 November 2013, 15:00 - 18:30
Brussels
Meeting room: JAN 2Q2
1. Point 16 f of the resolution of 4 July 2013 on the US National Security Agency surveillance programme, surveillance bodies in various Member States and their impact on EU citizens’ privacy instructs the LIBE Committee to report back by “issuing recommendations aimed at strengthening IT security in the EU’s institutions, bodies and agencies by means of proper internal security rules for communication systems, in order to prevent and remedy unauthorised access and the disclosure or loss of information and personal data (remedying of security breaches);”.

Press reports suggest that in a number of cases the security of EU institutions was compromised. Reference has been made to EU diplomatic mission in the US but also the Institutions in Brussels.

In Session I the inquiry will turn to questions such as technical possibilities to protect the Institutions, current security measures and recommendations for improvements. One session of the inquiry has already discussed the case of Belgacom and a judicial inquiry is on-going (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/events.html?action=0&id=hearings#menuzone).

2. Follow-up on the previous (7th and 11th November) hearings, Session II will continue exploring the different national practices of parliamentary or other independent oversight of national intelligence activities, with representatives of different Member States’ national Parliaments. This Session will consider the situation in Belgium and in Denmark.
15:00 Introductory remarks by Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR, Chair of the LIBE Committee

SESSION I
IT Security of EU institutions (Part I)

15:05 –15:35 Statements by
• Mr Ronald PRINS, Director and co-founder of Fox-IT
• Mr Freddy DEZEURE, head of task force CERT-EU, DG DIGIT, European Commission
• Mr Giancarlo VILELLA, Director General, DG ITEC, European Parliament
• Mr Luca ZAMPAGLIONE, Security Officer, eu-LISA

15:35 –16:15 Questions & Answers

SESSION II
The role of Parliamentary oversight of intelligence services at national level in an era of mass surveillance (Part III)

The situation in Belgium:
16:15 –16:30 Statements by
• Mr Armand DE DECKER, Vice-Chair of the Belgian Senate, Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Intelligence Services Oversight Committee
• Mr Guy RAPAILLE, Chair of the Intelligence Services Oversight Committee (Comité R)

16:30 –17:20 Questions & Answers

The situation in Denmark:
17:20–17:30 Statement by
• Mr Karsten LAURITZEN, Member of the Legal Affairs Committee, Spokesperson for Legal Affairs – Danish Folketing

17:30 –18:25 Questions & Answers

18:25 –18:30 Concluding remarks and follow-up