



## Newsletter

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### **Introductory words by Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER**

Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 20th issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat, which aims to inform you about AFCO activities and increase awareness on institutional challenges that the EU is facing.

Our extraordinary meeting on Monday 4 July in the afternoon will focus only on the consequences of the results of the referendum of 23 June. In fact, AFCO as competent committee dealing with the institutional consequences of the withdrawal of a Member State from the Union, will discuss this important issue for the future of our Union.

I hope you will find this issue useful,

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

### **Meeting languages available**

DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, NL, PL, PT

### **Meeting Documents**

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project please bear in mind that only a very limited number of paper dossiers will be available in the meeting room.



Instead, meeting documents will be made available on the following public and internal websites:

<http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/archives/201512/AFCO>

and (EP internal only):

<http://www.emeeeting.ep.parl.union.eu/committee/>

### **MEETING DATE AND VENUE**

04.07.2016 in STRASBOURG

Room: Salvador de Madariaga (SDM - S5)

19:00- 20:30

- Adoption of Agenda
- Chair's announcements
- The constitutional relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union: the consequences of the results of the referendum of 23 June 2016 (Debate in Committee)
- Any other business

### **The constitutional relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union: the consequences of the results of the referendum of 23 June 2016**



Following the result of the referendum on the membership of the United Kingdom to the European Union held on 23 June 2016, AFCO decided to have a meeting to consider the outcome.

On 28 June 2016, during an extraordinary session, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the outcome of the referendum in the United Kingdom. The Parliament pointed out that the will expressed by the British people must be entirely and fully respected, starting with the activation of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) as soon as possible and that negotiations under Article 50 TEU concerning the UK's withdrawal from the EU must begin as soon as formal notification has been communicated.

Moreover, the Parliament recalled that its consent is required under the Treaties, and for this Parliament must be fully involved at all stages of the various procedures concerning the withdrawal agreement and any future relationship. As the responsible committee for the institutional consequences of enlargement negotiations of or withdrawal from the Union (Annex VI, XVIII (3) Rules of Procedure), AFCO has an important responsibility in the future negotiations.

The Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) was actively observing the situation in the United Kingdom over the last few months. For this, a delegation of AFCO visited London and had contacts with the main political actors involved in the process, and numerous meetings, exchanges

of views and hearings with experts assessing the constitutional implications of the referendum were held. Furthermore, studies and expertise were requested.

In today's meeting, the Committee will discuss the consequences of the result of the referendum, by taking into account the political line drawn by the whole Parliament.

#### **Next Meeting**

Monday 11 July 2016, 15.00 - 18.30 and Tuesday 12 July 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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#### **Further information**

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