

## Newsletter

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

Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 29th issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat which aims at informing you about AFCO activities and at increasing awareness on institutional challenges that the EU is facing.

At our meeting on Monday 5 December, that will take place in the afternoon, AFCO will consider important and topical institutional issues, such as: the 'Constitutional implications of referenda on European issues'; 'the Constitutional relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union: the consequences of the results of the referendum of 23 June 2016' and 'the European Social Charter in the context of implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights'.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

### Meeting languages available

FR,DE,IT,NL,EN,EL,ES,PT,CS,PL,RO

### 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

Monday 05.12.2016 in BRUSSELS,  
15:00-18:30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (5B001)

Please find below the link to the latest committee draft agenda:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/afco/draft-agendas.html>

### Constitutional implications of referenda on European issues



### Exchange of views

The main objective of this hearing is to debate and exchange views on constitutional implications of referenda on European issues, notably the legal framework, legitimacy and constitutional impact of the referenda on the EU and national institutions, the impact of such referenda on the EU governance system in general and on EU



Despite its increased visibility and relevance to fields covered by the EU, the European Social Charter has been largely ignored from the more recent developments concerning the protection of fundamental rights in the EU legal order. According to this study, this creates the risk of conflicting obligations imposed on the EU Member States both as members of the EU and as parties to the European Social Charter. The study explores various options to move beyond the current impasse.

**Next Meeting**

- 8 December 2016, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)
- 30 January 2017, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 31 January 2017, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

**Further information**

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