



## Newsletter

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

Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 18th 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 meeting on Monday 30th May in the afternoon will consider important institutional issues such as the vote of the opinion on the revision of the current MFF and the exchange of views on the draft opinion on monitoring the application of Union law in Member States. Members will also hear the feedback of the 1st meeting of the Joint AFCO-JURI Working Group on the interpretation and implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on "Better Law Making" signed by the European Parliament, Council and Commission last 13 April 2016.

I hope you will find this issue useful,

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

### **Meeting languages available**

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

### **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**

30.05.2016 in BRUSSELS

Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G-3)

16:00- 18:30

- Adoption of Agenda
- Chair's announcements
- Chair's announcements concerning coordinators' recommendations
- Application of Rule 130 of the Rules of Procedure (Questions for written answer)
- Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal (Adoption of draft opinion)
- Monitoring the application of Union law. 2014 Annual Report (Exchange of view)
- Joint AFCO/JURI - Working Group on the Interpretation and implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making (Exchange of views)
- Any other business

\*\*\* Voting Time \*\*\*



### **Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal**

#### *Adoption of draft opinion*

Rapporteur for the opinion: Pedro Silva Pereira (S&D)

Responsible Committee: BUDG - Co-rapporteurs Jan Olbrycht (EPP) - Isabelle Thomas (S&D)

On 14 January, AFCO decided to deliver an opinion to BUDG on the preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's, in accordance with Article 2 of the MFF Regulation.

Rapporteur Pedro Silva Pereira (S&D) presented his draft opinion at the AFCO committee meeting on 15 March 2016.

This opinion represents the AFCO contribution to the strategic report which BUDG is preparing as the political input of the Parliament on the mid-term review/revision of the MFF 2014-2020.

The rapporteur calls for a genuine revision of the MFF with full involvement of Parliament. He focuses as well on the establishment of a fiscal capacity within the Eurozone, within the EU budget, but above the ceilings of the MFF. On the fundamental issue of the duration of the post-2020 financial frameworks, the rapporteur considered that this should be aligned with the European election cycles.

29 amendments were tabled to the draft report, which were discussed in the committee meeting of 20 April. The amendments focus on different issues, including the need of fully ensuring information and parliamentary control, and transparency regarding budgetary operations; the accumulated payments backlog; the migration

and humanitarian issues in an economic crisis context; and the own resources and the financial transaction tax, among others.

#### *Calendar Proposed:*

Vote in BUDG: 15-16 June 2016

*Shadow Rapporteurs:* György Schöplín (EPP), Morten Messerschmidt (ECR), Charles Goerens (ALDE), Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL), Pascal Durand (Greens/EFA) and Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD)

\*\*\* End of vote \*\*\*



### **Monitoring the application of Union law. 2014 Annual Report**

#### *Exchange of views*

#### *Decision on deadline for tabling amendments*

Rapporteur for the opinion: Gerolf Annemans (ENF)

Responsible Committee: JURI - Rapporteur Heidi Hautala (Greens/EFA)

AFCO is delivering an opinion to the JURI report on "Monitoring the application of Union law. 2014 Annual Report".

Article 17 TEU sets out that the Commission has the obligation to monitor the application of Union law and under the current Interinstitutional agreement the Commission reports annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Union legislation. Indeed, last 9 July 2015 the Commission published its report on "Monitoring the application of Union law: 2014 Annual Report".

On 20 April 2016 Gerolf Annemans was appointed rapporteur for the AFCO opinion. In his draft opinion, the rapporteur stresses that it is only by respecting the principle of conferral and the

principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in article 5 TEU, that citizens may trust Union law.

He also welcomes the decreasing number of infringement proceedings launched by the Commission in the years 2010-2014, due to the Commission's structured platform called EU Pilot and the increased number of preliminary rulings under article 267 TFEU.

*Calendar Proposed:*

Deadline for amendments, in English: 1 June 2016 at 12am

Vote in AFCO: 15 June 2016

Vote in JURI: 12 July 2016

*Shadow Rapporteurs:* Cristian Dan Preda (EPP), Sylvia-Yvone Kaufmann (S&D), Kazimierz Michal Ujazdowski (ECR), Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz (ALDE), Kostas Chrysogonos (GUE), Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD)



**Joint AFCO/JURI - Working group on the Interpretation and implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making**

*Exchange of views*

On 20 April 2016, at their respective Committee meetings, JURI and AFCO decided to set up a joint Working Group on the interpretation and implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making. The Working Group is composed of representatives of all political groups.

Information will be given about the first meeting of the Working Group, which took place on 10 May 2016.

*AFCO members of the Working Group:* Danuta Hübner (Co-Chair), Richard Corbett (S&D), Esteban González Pons (EPP), Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (ECR), Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz (ALDE), Kostas Chrysogonos (GUE/NGL), Pascal Durand (Greens/EFA), Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD) (ENF Member still to be appointed)

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15 June 2016, 9.00 - 12.00 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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### **Further information**

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<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/afco/home.html>

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