



Newsletter

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Introductory words by Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER

Dear Readers,

After the summer recess, which I hope has been restful, I am very happy to present the 22nd 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.

At our meeting on Monday 5 September in the afternoon AFCO will consider important institutional issues such as the constitutional relationship of the UK with the European Union after the results of the Referendum of last 23 June and the presentation of the programme of the Slovak EU Council Presidency. Furthermore, the AFCO committee will vote on two opinions: on the EU Budget for 2017 and concerning the Budgetary Capacity for the Euro area. Finally, there will be a presentation of the draft report on the General Revision of Parliament's Rules of Procedure. I hope you will find this issue useful, and I wish the readers a very good start following the summer vacation.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

Meeting languages available

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

05.09.2016 in BRUSSELS
15:00 - 18:30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (3G-3)

- Adoption of Agenda.
- Council Presidency (Presentation of the Slovak Presidency's programme)
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections. (Consideration and adoption)
- Budgetary capacity for the euro area (Consideration and adoption)
- Chair's announcements
- Confirmation of the AFCO calendar of meetings for 2017
- General Revision of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (Presentation of draft report)
- The constitutional relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union: the consequences of the results of the referendum of 23 June 2016
- Any other business

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**Exchange of views with Ivan Korčok
Government Plenipotentiary for the Slovak
Presidency of the Council of the EU, and
presentation of the Slovak Presidency ‘
Programme**

The programme of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union is based on four priorities: an economically strong Europe, a modern single market, a sustainable migration and asylum policies and a globally engaged Europe.

The priority themes which will be at the forefront of the Slovak Presidency are driven by three interconnected principles: achieving tangible results, overcoming fragmentation and focusing on the citizen.

Following a well-established tradition, at the beginning of each EU Council Presidency, the acting President of the Council presents the Programme of the Slovak Council Presidency, concerning in particular the matters related to the AFCO competencies.

*** Voting Time ****

**General Budget of the European Union for the
financial year 2017 - all sections**



Rapporteur for the opinion: György Schöpflin (EPP)

Responsible Committee: BUDG - Rapporteurs Jens Geier (S&D) and Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA)

AFCO is delivering an opinion to the BUDG report on “General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections”.

The Commission delayed the adoption of the Draft Budget 2017, normally foreseen for the end of May, to the end of June. An exchange of views on the draft opinion and the budgetary amendments proposed by the rapporteur took place in the AFCO meeting of 12 July, in the presence of the general rapporteur of the Committee on Budgets, Jens Geier. The deadline for amendments was on 19 July. In total 10 budgetary amendments have been tabled, including those by the rapporteur and 4 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion.

Shadow Rapporteurs: Claudia Tapardel (S&D), Morten Messerschmidt (ECR), Charles Goerens (ALDE), Helmut Scholz (GUE), Pascal Durand (Greens/ EFA)

Budgetary capacity for the euro area



At its meeting of 14 January the AFCO committee confirmed to draft an opinion under Rule 54 to this joint initiative report by the BUDG and ECON committees (Rule 55) and that the rapporteur would come from the EPP (Mr Rangel).

An exchange of views on an outline of his draft opinion took place during the AFCO meeting of 20 April. The deadline for amendments was on 7 June. 86 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion and 8 compromise amendments were drafted by the rapporteur. Two meetings of

shadow rapporteurs took place, on 7 July and on 31 August.

Shadow Rapporteurs: Mercedes Bresso (S&D), Morten Messerschmidt (ECR), Sylvie Goulard (ALDE), Helmut Scholz (GUE), Pascal Durand (Greens/ EFA), Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD).

*** End of Vote ****

General Revision of Parliament's Rules of Procedure



Presentation of the Draft Report

Rapporteur: Richard Corbett (S&D)

The rapporteur, Richard Corbett, will make a first presentation of his draft report, which is based on the work of the AFCO Working Group chaired by Vice-President Reiner Wieland, who presented us the outcome of the work of the Group at last AFCO meeting on 12 July.

Calendar Proposed:

Exchange of views: 12 September

Deadline for amendments: 26 September

Vote: 8 November

Shadow Rapporteurs: Rainer Wieland (EPP), Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (ECR), Charles Goerens (ALDE), Helmut Scholz (GUE), Max Andersson (Greens/EFA), Isabella Adinolfi (EFDD), Gerolf Annemans (ENF).

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



During this workshop, the AFCO Committee will hear from five experts who will comment on the possible future evolution of the constitutional relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union. The workshop will be divided into three sections and will conclude with a debate.

During the first section, two experts will discuss the process of withdrawal of the UK from the EU and establishment of the framework of the new relationship. AFCO will hear from Francisco Aldecoa Luzzarraga, professor of International relations at University Complutense of Madrid and Mercedes Guinea Llorente, lecturer at the International Affairs department of the University Complutense of Madrid.

Economic governance and issues related to the Single Market will be addressed in the second part of the workshop. Expert analysis will be provided by René Repas, scientific coordinator of the European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG) at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. He will be joined by his colleague Fabien Amttenbrink, Vice Dean and professor at the Erasmus School of Law of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he holds the Chair of European Union Law.

The last part of the workshop will address the freedom of movement. This is both crucial for the EU citizens living and working in the EU and UK citizens living in the EU. Professor Steve Peers from the University of Essex will speak about this issue on which he has published extensively.

Next Meeting

Thursday 29 September 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 and
15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

Further information

For any further information, please visit the AFCO committee website:

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

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