

## Newsletter

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

### **Monitoring the application of EU law 2015**



*Rapporteur:* Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (ECR)

AFCO traditionally provides an opinion to the Committee on Legal Affairs regarding their assessment of the Commission's Annual report on the Monitoring of the Application of EU law.

This year JURI decided also to include within its scope a communication published in the framework of Commission's Better Regulation Agenda entitled 'EU Law: Better results through better application'.

The vote on the opinion will take place directly after the comments from the rapporteur, Kazimierz Ujazdowski, on the amendments and the exchange of views.

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## INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 37th issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat, which aims to inform you about AFCO activities and increase awareness of institutional challenges that the EU is facing.

At our meeting on 30 May, we will first be holding a vote on the opinion to the Committee on Legal Affairs' report regarding their assessment of the Commission's Annual report on the Monitoring of the Application of EU law.

This will be followed by a first exchange of views on an own-initiative report to ask the Commission for a revision of the regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative.

Finally, a second exchange of views will take place on AFCO's opinion to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs in response to the Commission's proposal to change the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

## **Revision of Regulation (EU) 211/2011 on the citizens' initiative**



*Exchange of views*

*Rapporteur:* György Schöpflin (EPP)

The effectiveness of the European Citizens' Initiative mechanism has often been subject to criticism, in particular due to unsatisfactory replies from the Commission. Consequently, after recurring requests to modify the regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative, the AFCO committee has decided to draft a legislative own-initiative report to give input to Commission for a proper revision. Meanwhile, the Commission has announced that it will present a proposal for the revision of the regulation before the end of the year.

A first exchange of views will take place on the assessment of this instrument and on how it is working. Furthermore, the rapporteur, György Schöpflin, who was also the rapporteur on the implementation of the regulation in 2015, will inform AFCO of the further steps that he plans in order to have the regulation modified.

Two committees will deliver an opinion: PETI committee as an associated committee, and the CULT committee.

### **Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers**



*Consideration of Draft Opinion*

*Rapporteur:* Pascal Durand (Verts/ALE)

On 14 February the Commission adopted a [proposal](#) with targeted changes to the [Regulation](#) laying down rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for Member States to control the

## **MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE**

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, EL, ES, PT, 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 [EP internal](#) websites.

## **MEETING DATE AND VENUE**

30 May 2017, 16.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)  
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (5 B 001)

Here is the [link to the latest committee draft agenda](#).

## **NEXT MEETING**

20 June 2017, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

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Commission's exercise of implementing powers, to deal with the so-called 'no opinion' situations. Those are situations in which the Commission has to take a decision on a draft implementing act in absence of a qualified majority opinion by Member States (in favour or against). The Commission considers such decision-making without support of the Member States problematic since such cases - although they are not frequent in number - often occur in politically sensitive areas, notably in the field of health and safety of humans, animals or plants.

Following the first exchange of views that took place in AFCO on 3 May, the rapporteur, Pascal Durand, will present his draft opinion to the Committee.

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