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### Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations



#### *Consideration of draft report*

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After repeated insistence by the EP, the Commission finally presented, last September, a proposal for the revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations.

Although this Regulation only became applicable at the beginning of the current year, Members had already identified some shortcomings in the legal text that required rapid correction in order to ensure transparency and effectiveness of the financing by the EU budget of European political parties. This notably concerns the level of co-financing, the possibility of multi-party membership of European Parliaments' Members, the reduced number of Members of the EP - one, in fact - required for funding, the financing of referendum campaigns or the introduction of a financial capacity criterion. The proposal of the Commission addresses some of these shortcomings.

The co-rapporteurs will be presenting their draft report, which in general welcomes the proposal of the Commission, although they propose several amendments to it.

AFCO will conduct its work on this proposal with a view that the new rules be applicable in due time before the next European elections in 2019.

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## INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 43rd 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.

During this extraordinary meeting on Monday 23 October, AFCO will be discussing the draft report on the proposal of the Commission to modify Regulation 1141/2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations.

This proposal was presented by the Commission in response to repeated appeals from AFCO and the Parliament, in view of evident loopholes that requires action to ensure transparency and an appropriate allocation of European funds.

**Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair**

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## MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR,DE,IT,NL,EN,DA,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

23 October 2017, 20.30-21.30 (N1.3 Strasbourg)

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

## NEXT MEETING

21 November 2017, 09:00-12:30 and 14:30-18:30 (Brussels)

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