

Amending Article 22 of the Statute of the ESCB and the ECB



Consideration of amendments

Rapporteurs: Gabriel Mato (EPP) and Danuta Maria Hübner (EPP)

In a joint meeting with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), MEPS will consider amendments of both committees to a planned Decision on amending Article 22 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and of the European Central Bank (ECB). Amending the Statute was first mentioned by the General Court in Case T-496/11, where it held that current framework does not empower ECB to adopt regulatory measures with regards to the clearing systems for financial instruments, in particular Central Clearing Counterparties. Amendment of the Statute of the ECB was therefore recommended by the ECB in June 2017 to provide it with a clear legal competence in the area of central clearing and to enable the Eurosystem to fulfil its mandate of conducting monetary policy and ensuring stability of the euro.

Under Article 129(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Parliament and the Council can change a limited number of the Articles of the Statute following a recommendation from the ECB or a proposal by the Commission, following an ordinary legislative procedure

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 52nd issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat that aims to keep you informed of AFCO activities and to increase awareness of institutional challenges facing the European Union.

Ahead of our meeting on 24 May, we will first participate in a joint session with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) to consider amendments to a proposed Decision on changes to Article 22 of the Statute of the ESCB and ECB.

We will then proceed with our regular AFCO meeting by holding an exchange of views with representatives from the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) on the future of EU-UK security cooperation.

This will be followed by a vote on the adoption of a report on the role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union and then by a vote on a draft opinion on the rules and principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the European Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union



Exchange of views

To better understand what Brexit will mean for the future of Europe, as well as the impact it will have on the European Union's relationship with the United Kingdom, this month's AFCO meeting will feature an exchange of views on the perspectives for the future of EU-UK security cooperation. This discussion will be led by representatives from the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and will include presentations by Mark Leonard, co-founder and Director of the ECFR, and Wolfgang Ischinger, former German Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Subject File

**** *Voting time* ****

Role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (NI)

At the next meeting on 24 May, MEPs will vote on the adoption of a draft report on the "Role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union." This report, overseen by Rapporteur Ujazdowski, is AFCO's contribution to ongoing debates concerning the participation of cities in the EU decision-making process. It follows a resolution of the European Parliament on 9 September 2015 on the urban dimension of EU policies, in which Parliament formally recognised the growing relevance of cities in the institutional framework of the Union and acknowledged the important role that local authorities play in implementing European legislation. REGI committee is associated to this procedure.

Later in the day, AFCO will host a workshop on the EU-dimension of Brexit, focusing on the consequences for the EU of a future relationship agreement with the United Kingdom. This will include a presentation by experts of three research papers commissioned by Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

MEPs will then consider amendments to the Commission's proposed regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative, and the meeting will end with a presentation on the "European Added Value of the European Citizens Initiative", by Julian Plottka, Institute for European Politics.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR,DE,IT,NL,EN,DA,ES,PT,SV,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.

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



Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur for the opinion: Pascal Durand (Greens/EFA)

On 14 February, the Commission proposed changes to the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers. The proposed changes are intended to deal with "no-opinion" situations in which the Commission is forced to take a decision on a draft implementing act without a majority opinion by the Member States.

AFCO decided in March to draft an opinion on the Commission's proposal and appointed Pascal Durand as rapporteur. During the meeting on 24 May, MEPs will vote on the draft opinion and the amendments tabled.

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

Workshop: The consequences for the EU of the future relationship agreement with the United Kingdom



Presentation by experts

To put focus on the EU-dimension of Brexit, AFCO will hear from a panel of experts who will present three research papers commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

This will include presentations by Federico Fabbrini, Director of the Brexit Institute at Dublin City University, on the institutional consequences of a "hard" Brexit; Franklin Dehousse, Professor of Law at the University of Liège, on the institutional consequences of a bespoke agreement based on a "distant" cooperation model; and Professor Michael Dougan, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law at the University of Liverpool, who will discuss the consequences of an agreement based on a "distant" cooperation model.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

24 May 2018
09.00 - 09.45 Joint ECON/AFCO meeting
09.45 - 11.30 AFCO meeting
11.30-12.30 coordinators' meeting
14.30 - 18.00 AFCO meeting

József Antall (4Q1), Brussels

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

NEXT MEETINGS

20 June 2018, 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30

(Brussels)

European citizens' initiative



Consideration of amendments
Rapporteur: György Schöpflin (EPP)

Finally, MEPs will take the opportunity to consider over 194 amendments to the Commission's proposed regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), a democratic instrument introduced with the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007 to offer citizens a greater say in EU agenda-setting and policy-making.

This discussion will be followed by a presentation on the "European Added Value of the European Citizens' Initiative", a study by Julian Plottka of the Institute for European Politics and commissioned by the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS).

Procedure file

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