

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting
in cooperation with the European network of ombudsmen
EMPOWERING PARLIAMENTS AND ENFORCING CITIZENS RIGHTS
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF UNION LAW

Tuesday, 27 November 2018, 09.00 – 18.00

09.00 **Registration of participants**

Infopoint, besides the Simone Veil entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building (on the Solidarność 1980 Esplanade)

DRAFT AGENDA

09.30 **Welcome words:**

Pavel Svoboda, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

Cecilia Wikström, Chair of the Committee on Petitions, European Parliament

09.40 **Introduction to the topic:**

Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council of the Parliament of Austria (tbc)

Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission (tbc)

Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman

TRANSPPOSITION, IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF UNION LAW

(Chaired by JURI)

10.00 Introduction and general remarks by:

Mady Delvaux, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

Freddy Drexler, the Jurisconsult, European Parliament

Case studies

10.20 Transposition and implementation of the 2008 Directive on mediation in civil and commercial matters

*Giuseppe De Palo, Professor of Alternative Dispute Resolution Law and Practice at Hamline University School of Law, St Paul, U.S.**

Debate

(Chaired by PETI)

11.10 Transposition and implementation of the 2014 Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on environment

*Marta Ballesteros, Associate Principal Legal and Policy Advisor, Milieu, Law and Policy Consulting, Brussels, Belgium**

Debate

11.45 Implementation of the regulation on passengers rights.

*Sara Drake, Senior lecturer in European Union law, Cardiff School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University, United Kingdom**

Debate

12.30 Lunch break

* Presentation of a briefing commissioned by the the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Policy.

TRANSPPOSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW AT NATIONAL LEVEL: A NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS' POINT OF VIEW

(Chaired by PETI)

14.30 Introduction by:

Inge Posch-Gruska, President of the Federal Council of the Parliament of Austria (tbc)

Transposition of EU legislation into domestic law: challenges faced by National Parliaments:

*Wim Voermans, Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Leiden University**

Challenges in the implementation of EU Law at national level:

*Melanie Smith, Reader in Law, Cardiff School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University**

Representatives of national parliaments (Italy, Greece, Germany)

Debate

THE ROLE OF COMPLAINTS TO OMBUDSMEN AND PETITIONS TO PARLIAMENTS AS INSTRUMENTS TO DETECT BREACHES OF UNION LAW

(Chaired by PETI)

16.00 Introduction by:

Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman

Cecilia Wikström, Chair of the Committee on Petitions, European Parliament

Speakers:

*Tiago Tibúrcio, researcher at (ISCTE-IUL), University of Lisbon, Portugal**

Mária Patakyová, Public Defender of Rights of Slovakia

Maija Sakslin, Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman, Finland(tbc)

Teresa Anjinho, Deputy Ombudsman, Portugal(tbc)

Sylwia Spurek, Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

Debate

17.45 Closing remarks by: (PETI MEP chairing the session)

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