



Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting*

THE FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF THE UNION: ENHANCING POLITICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN EP AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS REINFORCING THE SCRUTINY OVER THE EXECUTIVE AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 10.30 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 17.30

European Parliament, Brussels
Paul-Henri Spaak building, room P3C050

(09.00 – 10.30) (ORDINARY AFCO MEETING)

09.00 – 10.30 Registration of participants
Rue Wiertz entrance of the Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

DRAFT AGENDA

10.30 – 11.00 Opening remarks by
Danuta Maria Hübner, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
Marc Angel, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Cooperation and Immigration of the Luxemburg Chamber of Deputies
Nicolas Schmit, Luxemburg Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy – Former Member of the European Convention
Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

I – THE FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF THE UNION

11.00 – 12.30 Presentations by **EP Co-Rapporteurs**
Mercedes Bresso and **Elmar Brok**, AFCO MEPs and Co-Rapporteurs on "Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty"

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Contribution to the debate from the **European Economic and Social Committee:**
Gonçalo Lobo Xavier, Vice-President, on the opinion of the EESC

Debate and Conclusions

12:30 – 15:00 Lunch

II – REINFORCING THE PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY OF THE EU GOVERNANCE

15.00 – 17.15 **HEARING**

PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY OVER THE EXECUTIVE IN THE EU

EXPERTS:

Prof. Dr. Christine Neuhold, Special Chair EU Democratic Governance, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University

Prof. Olivier Rozenberg, Associated Professor in Political Sciences, Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po, Paris

Prof. Philippe Poirier, Holder of the Chair of Parliamentary Studies Research in the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg, Head of the collection on parliamentary studies - Editions Larcier, Associate Professor of Political Sciences at the College of Bernardins & at the University of Paris Sorbonne (Celsa)

Debate and Conclusions

17.15 – 17.30 **Closing remarks** by

Danuta Maria Hübner, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs