

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

Room: JAN 6Q2

09.00 – 18.30

09.00-09.20 Registration of participants

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

DRAFT AGENDA

09.30-09.40 Welcome words by:

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

Pál Csáky, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions, European Parliament

09.40-10.00 Introductory words by:

Céline Gauer, Deputy Secretary-General of the European Commission

Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman

TRANSPOSITION, IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF UNION LAW: ANALYSIS OF CASE STUDIES

Chaired by Mady Delvaux, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

10.00-10.15 **Introductory words by:**

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

Freddy Drexler, the Jurisconsult, European Parliament (tbc)

10.15-10.30 **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 Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St Paul, U.S.A.**

10.30-11.00 **Debate**

Chaired by Pál Csáky, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions

11.00-11.15 **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**

11.15-11.45 **Debate**

11.45-12.00 **Transposition and implementation of the 2004 Regulation on air passengers rights**

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

12.00-12.30 **Debate**

12.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

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

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

Chaired by Laura Ferrara, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

14.30-14.40 **Introductory words by:**

***Wolfgang Gerstl**, Vice-Chair of the Constitution Committee of the National Council of Austria*

***Laura Ferrara**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament*

14.40-14.55 **Transposition of EU legislation into domestic law: challenges faced by National Parliaments**

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

14.55-15.10 **Challenges in the implementation of EU Law at national level**

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

15.10-15.40 **Interventions by Members of national parliaments**

***Emanuela Rossini**, Member of the EU policies Committee, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Italy*

***Ioannis Sarakiotis**, Member of the Special Standing Committee on European Affairs, Hellenic Parliament, Greece*

***Stephan Brandner**, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Consumer Protection of the German Bundestag, Germany*

15.40-16.10 **Debate**

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

Chaired by Pál Csáky, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions

16.10-16.25 **Introductory words by:**

***Emily O'Reilly**, European Ombudsman*

***Pál Csáky**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions, European Parliament*

16.25-16.40 **The role of ombudsmen and petitions committees in detecting breaches of EU law**

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

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16.40-17.20

Interventions by:

Mária Patakyová, *Public Defender of Rights, Slovakia*

Maija Sakslin, *Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman, Finland*

Teresa Anjinho, *Deputy Ombudsman, Portugal*

Sylwia Spurek, *Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland*

17.20-17.50

Debate

17.50-18.00

Closing remarks by *Pál Csáky*, *Vice-Chair of the Committee on Petitions*