

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
Secretariat of the Committee on Petitions

Hearing on the Right to Petition

Tuesday 23 June 2015 from 9h00 to 12h30

European Parliament Brussels, ASP building, room A 3 G 3

9.00 - 9.15: Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Petitions Ms. Cecilia Wikström

1. The Right to Petition as a Fundamental Right

- the right to petition in the EU, including the recent jurisprudence of the ECJ on the right to petition

09.15 - 09.25: Professor Volker Haug, University of Stuttgart, Institute of Economics and Law, Department of Law

09.25 - 09.35: Ms. María José Martínez Iglesias, European Parliament, Legal Service, Legislative affairs, Director

09.35 - 09.45: Mr. Tiago Tiburcio, Researcher at the Lisbon University Institute: presentation of the comparative study on "The Right to Petition" in the National and the European Parliament

09.45 - 09.55: Mr. Ben Hagard, Head of Communication of the European Ombudsman, Coordinator of the European Network of Ombudsmen

09.55 - 10.15: Comments by Dr. Jana Dubovcová, the Slovak Ombudsman
Comments by Mr. David Lowe, former Head of Unit of the EP's Committee on Petitions

10.15 - 11.00: Q&As

2. Impact of the Petitions Committee on European law and policy making. - including e-Participation and e-democracy

11.00 - 11.10: Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira, University of Hull, Research Director

11.10 - 11.20: Mr. Pascal Leardini, European Commission, Secretariat General, Director

11.20 - 11.30: Italian Permanent Representation to the EU
Mr. Nicola Minasi, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU, Coordinator for Infringements and State Aid

11.30 - 11.40: MEP Jerzy Buzek, Chair of the Conference of the Committee Chairs and Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

11.40 - 11.50: Comments by Mr. Francisco Polo, the Internet petition platform Change.org representative

11.50 - 12.20: Q&As

12.20 - 12.30: Concluding remarks by the Chair