



**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*

**TRANSPOSITION, 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**

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

**(Chaired by PETI)**

**14.30 Introduction by:**

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*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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