



Committee on Constitutional Affairs

PUBLIC HEARING

“The Reform of the European Electoral Law”




13 April 2021 – 13:50 to 15:20

room: József Antall (6Q2) + Interactio

***** Draft Programme *****

13.50 - 13.55 Opening remarks by AFCO Chair, Mr. Antonio Tajani





Invited Experts:

-  Professor **Marina Costa Lobo**, Principal Researcher, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
-  Professor **Alberto Alemanno**, Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law Policy, École des hautes études commerciales de Paris (HEC Paris);
-  Professor **Frédérique Berrod**, Professor of Public Law, University Sciences-PO, Strasbourg

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13.55 - 14.35 Presentations by the invited experts, with the contribution of Jo Leinen, former co-Rapporteur, proposal for amendment of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (2015)

Speakers will have 10 minutes each to reflect on modifications to the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, with the aim of:

-  enhancing the European character of European elections,
-  increasing citizens political awareness of European issues and participation in the elections,
-  ensuring more transparency in the preparation of the elections, facilitating pan-European political public debate, and
-  streamlining and rendering more coherent the electoral proceedings in different Member States.

Speakers are also welcome to consider issues such as the creation of a joint constituency, gender equality, and transparency in the composition of electoral lists.

14.35-15.15 Exchange of views with AFCO MEPs

15.15-15.20 Closing remarks by AFCO Chair, Mr. Antonio Tajani

*****End of the Public Hearing*****

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