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# **DRAFT AGENDA**

## **JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**European Parliament - National Parliaments**

### **Future Priorities in the field of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**

Wednesday 19 March 2014, 9.00 – 18.30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: József Antall (JAN) 2Q2

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## **1. General introduction**

The period of implementation of "The Stockholm Programme - an open and secure Europe serving and protecting citizens" will end by 2014 and discussions as to the post-Stockholm agenda for the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice are currently taking place.

Following the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Justice and Home Affairs of EU Parliaments, which was held in Athens on February 17, 2014 this joint committee meeting is intended to provide a forum for the exchange of views on the future priorities on the basis of the progress made under the Stockholm Programme. As such it should contribute to the definition of parliamentary priorities ahead of the June 2014 European Council which plans to define strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning in the area of freedom, security and justice (pursuant to Article 68 TFEU). In this context it will also provide the occasion to assess the two communications - one on home affairs and one on justice affairs - that the Commission intends to present by spring 2014.

The Lisbon Treaty offers enhanced possibilities of involving national Parliaments in the legislative and other work undertaken in the field of civil liberties, justice and home affairs, notably by reference to Articles 69, 70, 71 and 85 TFEU, as well as the Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.

## **2. Background documents**

All relevant background documents are available on the [JCM dedicated webpage](#).

## Order of business

**Wednesday, 19 March 2014**

**09.00 - 09.10**      **Opening by Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

**Opening by Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS**, Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice of the Hellenic Parliament

<b>09.10- 11.00</b>	<b>SESSION I - Developing an EU Internal Security Strategy and enhancing police cooperation</b>
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***What future for Europol?***

*The fight against cross-border serious and organised crime can only be carried out effectively in the EU through close cooperation between national law enforcement authorities. Amongst the different cooperation and information exchange mechanisms, Europol plays a central role as an information hub. In March 2013, the Commission proposed a new legal framework for Europol<sup>1</sup>, making the agency more flexible in processing information, with more rigorous data protection requirements, and placed it under the clear parliamentary scrutiny of the European Parliament together with national Parliaments. In February 2014, the European Parliament adopted its position on the proposed Europol Regulation<sup>2</sup>, strengthening the data protection safeguards, spelling out in greater detail the joint parliamentary scrutiny by the European Parliament and the national Parliaments, rejecting the proposed merger between Europol and CEPOL, and clarifying the cooperation and exchange of information between Member States, third countries and Europol.*

**Moderator:**            **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

**Speakers:**

**09.10 - 09.20**            **Agustín DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA-CONSUEGRA**, MEP, Rapporteur on the Europol draft Regulation

**09.20 - 09.30**            National Member

**09.30 - 09.40**            **Rob WAINWRIGHT**, Director of Europol

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA, COM (2013)0173 final

<sup>2</sup> A7- 0096/2014

09.40- 11.00

Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEPs

**11.00 - 12.30**

**SESSION II - Developing the EU's immigration and asylum policy**

***How to deal with the on-going crisis in the Mediterranean?***

*Following the tragic events off Lampedusa, a Task Force Mediterranean has been set up, which, according to the relevant Commission Communication aims at an integrated approach regarding migratory flows in the Mediterranean, focusing on cooperation with third countries, regional protection, resettlement and reinforced legal avenues to Europe, fighting against trafficking, smuggling and organised crime, reinforced border surveillance, and finally assistance and solidarity with Member States dealing with high migration pressure. The European Parliament in a Resolution adopted in October 2013<sup>1</sup> welcomed the intention to establish the Task Force. In legislative terms an important step was the agreement reached on the draft Regulation establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by Frontex at the External Borders of the Members States.*

Moderator: **Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS**, Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice of the Hellenic Parliament

Speakers:

11.00 - 11.10 Introductory remarks by **Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS**, Minister of Mercantile Marine, Hellenic Republic

11.10 - 11.20 **Carlos COEHLO**, MEP, Rapporteur on the draft Regulation establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by Frontex at the External Borders of the Members States

11.20 - 11.30 Eugenio **AMBROSI**, International Organisation for Migration

11.30 - 12.30 Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEPs

12.30 Seated lunch reception (by invitation only)

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<sup>1</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 October 2013 on migratory flows in the Mediterranean, with particular attention to the tragic events off Lampedusa (2013/2827(RSP))

*The European Commission plans to adopt on 25 February two communications on future priorities in the home affairs and justice field.*

- Moderator: **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR** and **Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS**
- 15.00 - 15.15 European Commission proposals for the post-Stockholm period in the area of justice: **Viviane REDING, Vice-President of the Commission** (confirmed)
- 15.15 - 15.45 Q&A session
- 15.45 - 16.00 European Commission proposals for the post-Stockholm period in the area of home affairs: **Cecilia MALMSTRÖM, Commissioner in charge of Home Affairs** (confirmed)
- 16.00- 16.30 Q&A session

<b>16.30 - 17.30</b>	<b>SESSION III - Fundamental rights for EU citizens in the digital era</b> <b><i>Reinforcing data protection and shielding EU citizens against electronic mass surveillance</i></b>
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*At the beginning of 2012 the Commission had presented the proposals of the data protection package consisting of a draft Regulation<sup>1</sup> and a draft Directive<sup>2</sup>. The LIBE committee voted its position and a mandate to enter into negotiations with the Council in view of a first reading agreement on 21 October 2013<sup>3</sup>. Negotiations could, however, not yet start as Member States in Council could not yet agree on a position.*

*The European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2013 on the US National Security Agency surveillance programme, surveillance bodies in various Member States and their impact on EU citizens' privacy mandated the LIBE Committee to conduct an in-depth inquiry into the matter also in collaboration with national parliaments. The work of the inquiry led to a number of recommendations and the session could serve to discuss parliamentary priorities of the coming years in this field.*

Moderator: **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR/ Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS**

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a Regulation on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation), COM(2012)0011

<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Directive on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the free movement of such data, COM(2012)0010

<sup>3</sup> A7- 0402/2013, A7- 0403/2013.

Speakers:

16.30 - 16.45	<b>Jan ALBRECHT</b> MEP, Rapporteur on the draft data protection Regulation <b>Claude MORAES</b> , Rapporteur of the LIBE Inquiry on "Electronic mass surveillance of EU citizens"
16.45 - 16.55	National Member
16.55 - 17.30	Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEPs

<b>17.30 - 18.25</b>	<b>SESSION IV - Developing a criminal justice area under the Lisbon Treaty with regard to the European Public Prosecutor's Office</b> <i>Judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>
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*In July 2013 the Commission presented a new draft Regulation on the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)<sup>1</sup>, and a draft Regulation on Eurojust<sup>2</sup>, the two being closely linked. According to the Commission, the creation of EPPO aims at an enhanced fight against crime affecting the EU budget, and thus savings millions of euros at times of fiscal consolidation. National Parliaments have, through their reasoned opinions, raised a 'yellow card' to this Commission proposal at the end of 2013, the Commission has, however, decided not to withdraw the proposal. Since Art. 86 TFEU, the legal basis for the EPPO Regulation, provides for a special legislative procedure with the consent of the European Parliament only at the end of the negotiations in the Council, the Parliament has decided to draw up an interim report containing recommendations for modification of the proposal which is currently under way. As to the draft Eurojust Regulation, it aims to make the functioning of Eurojust more efficient and apt to its important mission, including by clarifying its competences and structure, powers of national members, relations with the EPPO, as well as its democratic oversight.*

Moderator: **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR/ Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS**

Speakers:

17.30 - 17.40	<b>Salvatore IACOLINO</b> MEP, Rapporteur on the draft EPPO Regulation
17.40 - 17.50	National Member
17.50 - 18.25	Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEPs
<b>18.25 - 18.30</b>	<b>Summary of the conclusions of the meeting by Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR and Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, COM (2013)0534 final

<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), COM (2013)0535 final

## ANNEX

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