



Committee on Legal Affairs
The Chairman

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To the Chair(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear Colleague,

Since April last year the European Parliament has initiated some ground-breaking work to reflect on legal issues raised by robotics and artificial intelligence, and to pave the way for the drafting of consequent civil law rules.

A working group involving several committees was set up by the Committee on Legal Affairs to stimulate the reflection of Members on these issues. The work led to the preparation of a draft legislative initiative report which was presented by its rapporteur, Mady Delvaux, to the JURI committee on 24 May 2016. It will eventually be submitted to the Plenary for adoption by January 2017.

The European Parliament is one of the very few parliamentary institutions in Europe and in the world having seized the issue. At this stage, it is essential to continue raising awareness among parliamentarians, both within the European Parliament and at national level, to ensure fruitful discussions towards the adoption of the report and beyond. The Committee on Legal Affairs has therefore asked the European Parliament's Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs to organise a

**Workshop with national Parliaments on
Robotics and artificial intelligence - Ethical issues and regulatory approach, on
17 October 2016 from 3.00 to 6.30 p.m., at the European Parliament in Brussels**

The workshop is meant as a way to broaden the debate and to increase the visibility of this important topic. As usual with European Parliament workshops, we invite experts, notably from the academia, but also speakers who enjoy a high-level of notoriety and would be able to give the issue the attention it deserves.

I am thus very pleased to invite to this meeting a representative of the responsible committee of your Parliament (one from each Chamber for bicameral national Parliaments). The programme and more practical information will be further communicated to your Parliament's or Chamber's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation and I am already looking forward to welcoming you at the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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