

Committee on Legal Affairs
Committee on Petitions
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To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Subject: Invitation to Inter-parliamentary Committee meeting on “Empowering Parliaments and Enforcing Citizens Rights in the Implementation and Application of Union Law - Brussels, 27 Novembre 2018

Honourable Chairperson

We are pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) and Committee on Petitions (PETI) will organize an Inter-parliamentary committee meeting with National Parliaments on 27 November 2018 in Brussels, on “Empowering Parliaments and Enforcing Citizens Rights in the Implementation and Application of Union Law”.

The meeting will benefit the cooperation with the European Network of Ombudsmen and will focus on problems that national authorities face in the transposition, implementation and application of EU law, and on the role of complaints to Ombudsmen and petitions to Parliaments as instruments to detect breaches of Union law.

Due to of their crucial role play in this process, National Parliaments are in a unique position to share their views and experience and to give a positive and essential contribution in the discussion.

Therefore, the JURI and the PETI Committees would like to invite Members of National Parliaments to an Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting on “Empowering Parliaments and Enforcing Citizens Rights in the Implementation and Application of Union Law”.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27 November, from 9h00 to 12h30 and 14h00-18h00 in the European Parliament in Brussels (please see the draft programme attached - Annex I).

We are therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each National Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

The meeting is structured around three panels; in each of them National Parliaments' representatives will be involved.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution, which would be

distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 27 November 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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