

## COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

### Interparliamentary Committee Meeting

#### ‘BETTER LAW MAKING FROM A DIGITAL PERSPECTIVE’

**Tuesday, 27 October 2020**

**13.45 – 15.45**

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT- BRUSSELS  
József Antall Building, Room JAN 2Q2- REMOTE MEETING

**13.45**      **Welcome words**  
Mr Adrián Vázquez Lázara  
Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

**13.50**      **Introduction to the topic**  
Mr Hrvoje Grubisic  
European Commission  
DG Justice and Consumers - Unit A1- Civil justice policy  
Secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters

*Feasibility and necessity of a possible EU digital platform collecting data on existing EU national laws on the topic*

**14.00**      **Digital-Ready Legislation: the Danish experience**  
Ms Lisbeth Bech-Nielsen  
Member of the Danish Parliament and Spokesperson on digital affairs

*Digital-ready legislation must create the basis for a more up-to-date, cohesive public administration providing the most value to citizens and businesses and contributing to a more user-friendly, easily accessible and transparent public sector. In short, digital-ready legislation is about ensuring that the legislation conforms to the digital society that Europe has become. In January 2018, the Danish parliament (Folketinget) adopted an agreement on digital-ready legislation, which will ensure a simpler, clearer legal framework, which is easy to understand and translate into secure and user-friendly digital solutions.*

**14.10**      **Debate**

- 14.25            Digitalized services to citizens and enterprises: the Estonian experience**  
Mr Andrei Korobeinik  
Member of the Constitutional Committee of the *Riigikogu* (Estonian Parliament)

*Estonia sets a good example concerning digitalization of the public sector. The public administration and the government work mostly paperless with citizens, firms and enterprises enjoying a vast offer of administrative procedures online and where a high standard of data protection is ensured.*

**14.35            Debate**

- 14.50            Digital tools in the service of law-making: The French experience**  
Ms Émilie Cariou  
Member of the Finance Committee of the *Assemblée nationale* (France)

Mr Mounir Mahjoubi  
Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the *Assemblée nationale* (France)

*Digital legislative tools were used by the French legislator within the framework of the Law for a Digital Republic adopted in 2016 (Loi pour une République numérique), where the civil society was invited to contribute to the drafting of the law via a dedicated digital platform put in place by the government. The drafting process of this law provides a good example of such digital tools enabling civil society participation.*

**15.00            Debate**

- 15.15            National experiences with remote legislating process in the COVID-19 pandemic**  
Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann  
Vice-Chair of the National Regulatory Control Council (Nationaler Normenkontrollrat – NKR)  
Holder of the Hedda Andersson Chair at Lund University, Sweden  
Vice-President for Western Europe of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences  
Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, USA  
Universität Potsdam, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät

*The COVID-19 pandemic has brought forward the need to accelerate the digital transition at EU and at national levels. There is a number of activities which can be undertaken remotely or through digital means and recent experience has highlighted that in certain circumstances this can result in equal, if not increased, productivity and efficiency: what lessons can already be learned from the pandemic?*

**15.25            Debate**

- 15.40            Closing remarks**  
Mr Adrián Vázquez Lázara, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, EP

**15.45            End of meeting**

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