Words by the Chair
Claude MORAES

On 3 July I was incredibly happy to be elected as Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Having been a Member of the Committee since 2004, including Coordinator, I understand the challenges LIBE faces. My first duty as LIBE Chair was to attend the informal Justice and Home Affairs Council on 8-9 July in Milan. It was a quick start into the Chair responsibilities and it gave me the chance to discuss the Italian Presidency priorities, including strategic guidelines in the areas of Justice and Home Affairs, the Task Force Mediterranean, the Data Protection reform and the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

Having just had our first Coordinators meeting, it is clear that we will start the Committee work at full speed and we must prioritise completing outstanding files, such as the Data Protection Package. I look forward to working with the MEPs and staff on this important Committee of values.

About the LIBE Committee

LIBE is the committee responsible for:
1. the protection within the territory of the Union of citizens' rights, human rights and fundamental rights, including the protection of minorities, as laid down in the Treaties and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
2. the measures needed to combat all forms of discrimination other than those based on sex or those occurring at the workplace and in the labour market;
3. legislation in the areas of transparency and of the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data;
4. the establishment and development of an area of freedom, security and justice while respecting the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, in particular:
   (a) measures concerning the entry and movement of persons, asylum and migration,
   (b) measures concerning an integrated management of the common borders,
   (c) measures relating to police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including terrorism, and substantive and procedural measures relating to the development of a more coherent Union approach to criminal law;
5. the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Europol, Eurojust, Cepol, the European Public Prosecutor's Office and other bodies and agencies in the same area;
6. the determination of a clear risk of a serious breach by a Member State of the principles common to the Member States.

(Annex VI to the EP Rules of Procedure)
The new LIBE Committee

Claude MORAES (S&D, UK) is the new chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, elected by acclamation on 7 July 2014. During its constituent meeting, the Committee also elected its vice-chairs Kinga GÁL (EPP, HU), Iliana IOTOVA (S&D, BG), Jan Philipp ALBRECHT (Greens/EFA, DE) and Barbara KUDRYCKA (EPP, PL).

Together, the chair and vice-chairs make up the Bureau of the Committee, elected for a two-and-a-half year term.

The first meeting of the LIBE Committee took place on 14 July 2014. The next meeting is on 22-23 July.

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Upcoming LIBE Meeting:
22-23 July 2014
Main points

Find the list of available meeting documents here

- **22 July 2014, 9.45 - 10.30**: General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections
  The Rapporteur, Tomáš Zdechovský, will present his draft opinion on the 2015 budget.

- **22 July 2014, 10.30 - 12.30**: Priorities of the Italian Presidency in the area of Justice and Home Affairs
  Mr Angelino Alfano, Minister for the Interior, and Mr Andrea Orlando, Minister for Justice, as Presidents-in-office of the JHA Council, will present the priorities for the semester that has just started.

- **22 July 2014, 15.00 - 16.00**: Commission staff working document Implementation of the Communication on the Work of the Task Force Mediterraneo
  Director-General Matthias Ruete, DG Home, European Commission, will give a presentation on this subject.

- **22 July 2014, 16.00 - 16.45**: Protocol 36 of the Treaty of Lisbon - Preparatory work in view of the end of the transition period on 1st December 2014 - UK opt out
  An exchange of views will be held with Commission and Council representatives.

- **22 July 2014, 16.45 - 17.30**: General Data Protection Regulation and Directive
  Joint debate featuring a presentation of the state of play and a relevant exchange of views.

- **22 July 2014, 17.30 - 18.30 (IN CAMERA)**
  EU-US Safe Harbour: Director-General Françoise Le Bail, DG Justice, European Commission, will present the state of play and give a debriefing after the EU-US ministerial meeting of 24/25 June.
  EU-US "umbrella agreement": Director-General Françoise Le Bail, DG Justice, European Commission, will present the state of play on the agreement on data protection for exchanges of personal data for law enforcement and give a debriefing after the EU-US ministerial meeting of 24/25 June.

  Presentation by the Commission

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- **23 July 2014, 10.30 - 11.15**: Commission Communication on the implementation of Directive 2009/50/EC on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment ("EU Blue Card")
  Presentation by the Commission

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  Presentation by the EP Legal Service
From 1 July 2014 Italy is in charge of the rotating presidency of the Council. Prime Minister Matteo Renzi outlined the priorities of the Italian presidency in his speech in the Plenary on 2 July 2014.

In the field of Justice and Home Affairs, the Informal JHA Council meeting which took place in Milan on 8 and 9 July 2014 provided the opportunity to the Ministers of the Member States as well as to the representatives of the European Parliament and the Commission to discuss the future priorities in this area after the adoption of the new strategic guidelines by the European Council (further to Article 68 TFEU) at the end of June.

Furthermore, the Minister for Home Affairs, Angelino Alfano and the Minister of Justice, Andrea Orlando, will address the Members of the LIBE Committee on the priorities of the Italian Presidency during the committee meeting scheduled on 22 July.

For more information: http://italia2014.eu.

Here below find the calendar of the next meetings of the Italian Presidency relating to the field of Justice and Home Affairs:

- 22 July 2014: Presentation of the Italian Presidency priorities to LIBE in JHA area
- 9-10 October 2014: JHA Council Meeting (Luxembourg)
- 13-14 October 2014: Interparliamentary Meeting on Fundamental Rights (Rome)
- 4-5 December 2014: JHA Council Meeting

More to come about JHA conferences in the next issue of the LIBE newsletter.
Latest news from JHA Agencies

**EUROJUST** - Last April, Ms Michèle Coninsx, President of Eurojust, presented before the LIBE Committee the Eurojust Annual report 2013. Ms Coninsx focused on Eurojust’s unique coordination tools, notably coordination meetings and coordination centres and emphasised the success story of the Joint investigation teams.

On 10 & 11 June 2014, Eurojust organised, in cooperation with the Hellenic Presidency of the Council, a Strategic Seminar on “The European Arrest Warrant: Which Way Forward?” followed by the 7th Meeting of the Consultative Forum of Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecutions of the EU Member States. The debates evolved around issues linked with the scope and content of the Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW), grounds for non-recognition, surrender procedures and effects of surrender, the role of Eurojust in the context of EAWs, the relation of the EAW with other mutual recognition instruments as well as its place in the broader context of mutual recognition. Baroness Ludford, LIBE Rapporteur on the own-initiative legislative report concerning the review of the EAW, was also invited to present the Parliament position (resolution of 27 February 2014).

On 25 & 26 June 2014, the Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) annual meeting was hosted at Eurojust with the participation of Europol. The main theme of the meeting was cooperation with third states, but more general issues were also touched upon, including data protection, matters of evidence admissibility, or questions of JIT funding, including in the light of proposed legislative instruments under negotiation in Parliament and Council, as well as the cooperation between Eurojust and Europol role in the field of JITs.

**FRA** - Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) - In June FRA published its annual report 2013 – “Fundamental rights: challenges and achievements in 2013”. This year’s FRA annual report looks at fundamental rights-related developments in asylum, immigration and integration; border control and visa policy; information society, respect for private life and data protection; the rights of the child and the protection of children; equality and non-discrimination; racism, xenophobia and related intolerance; access to justice and judicial cooperation; rights of crime victims; EU Member States and international obligations.

**FRA Director, Mr. Morten Kjaerum will present the report to the LIBE Members at the LIBE Committee meeting of 4 September.**

On 5 June 2014, FRA issued, with the Council of Europe, a new version of the Handbook of EU data protection law. It also published an update of their guide to European law on asylum, borders and immigration, which updates the material contained in the handbook published last year and is available in a further two languages.

**European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)** - According to the European Drug Report 2014: Trends and developments, released on 27 May 2014, Europe’s drugs problem is becoming increasingly complex with new challenges emerging that raise concerns for public health. In its annual review of the drugs problem, the agency again describes an overall stable situation, with some positive signs in relation to the more established drugs. But this is counter-balanced by new threats posed by synthetic drugs, including stimulants, new psychoactive substances and medicinal products, all of which are becoming more prominent in a changing European drug market. The findings of this report were presented by EMCDDA Director to the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 6 June and will be presented to the LIBE Committee in September.

EMCDDA’s General Report of Activities 2013: Key achievements and governance: a year in review was published in June 2014. The General Report of Activities is an annual publication providing a detailed progress report of the EMCDDA’s activities over a 12-month period. It catologues the Centre’s achievements in each area of its annual work programme. The report is a useful information source for all those seeking comprehensive information on the Centre and its work.

**FRONTEX** - Frontex (the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union) - On 15 May 2014, Frontex published its 2014 Annual Risk Analysis. The report underlines that detections of irregular migrants at the EU external borders increased sharply in 2013, to over 307 000 compared to 75 000 in 2012. The 2013 level is comparable to that of 2009 and 2010 but lower than in 2011 (342 000). The report also indicates that migration towards the EU in 2013 was characterised by three main phenomena: a significant increase in the number of Syrians arriving (25 500 persons, almost a quarter of all arrivals in 2013), a steady flow of migrants departing from North Africa and heading across the Mediterranean, and a sharp increase in detections of irregular migrants on the Western Balkan route.

Regarding the procedure for the appointment of the Executive Director to replace Mr. Ilkka Laitinen who left at the end of May 2014, the Commission has published a new vacancy notice on 13 June 2014. The deadline for submitting applications was on 14 July 2014.
European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) -
On 31 March 2014, the European Data Protection Supervisor presented at the LIBE Committee the annual activity report for the year 2013. The report presented the activities carried out in the three main areas of activity: supervision and enforcement; policy and consultation and cooperation. The report also indicates the main objectives for 2014: (i) Promoting a data protection culture within the EU institutions and bodies whereby they are aware of their obligations and accountable for compliance with data protection requirements, (ii) Ensuring that the EU legislator (Commission, Parliament and Council) is aware of data protection requirements and that data protection is integrated in new legislation and (iii) Improving the good cooperation with National Data Protection authorities to ensure greater consistency of data protection in the EU.

On 4 June 2014, the EDPS has issued a policy paper called The EDPS as an advisor to EU institutions on policy and legislation: building on ten years of experience. The paper has been transmitted to the Parliament. In this paper, the EDPS recalls his advisory role as regards legal initiatives affecting data protection in order to ensure that all institutions involved in the legislative process integrate data protection principles in legislations adopted and respect fundamental rights. The policy paper develops ideas on how this advisory role may contribute to add value in the EU legislative process. Furthermore, the EDPS is developing a “policy toolkit” including general guidance to the legislator in order to help legislator to make informed decisions on the data protection impacts of new proposals.

Also on 4 June 2014, the EDPS has issued an opinion on the future development of the area of freedom, security and justice. In his opinion the EDPS highlights the need for fuller integration of privacy and data protection in the activities of all EU institutions. He stresses that the guidelines that the European Council shall develop should acknowledge that, unless initiatives are built on a robust foundation which respects fundamental rights, they are unlikely to succeed.

The starting point, however, must be an agreement without further delay of a robust and modernized legal framework for data protection.

Regarding the procedure for appointing the EDPS and the Assistant Supervisor, the Commission has published two vacancy notices on 28 May 2014. The deadline for submitting applications expired on 25 June 2014. The Commission intends transmitting the shortlists of candidates to the Parliament and the Council by the end of September.

The LIBE Committee will then hold hearings. The new EDPS and Assistant EDPS shall be appointed by common accord between the European Parliament and the Council (Article 42 of Regulation 45/2001).

European Asylum Support Office (EASO) -
On 26 June 2014, the EASO management board adopted the EASO Annual Activity Report 2013.

On 7 July 2014, EASO launched its yearly reference report: The Annual Report on the Situation of Asylum in the European Union 2013 (available online on the EASO Website). It provides an overview of the situation of asylum in the EU, by taking into account requests for international protection to the EU, analysing application and decision data, and focusing on some of the most important countries of origin of applicants for international protection. In particular, the report focuses on three asylum flows that underline the very different characteristics of asylum applicants in the EU: Syria, Russian Federation and Western Balkans countries.

During the launch of the Report, EASO also commented on the latest asylum trends in Europe. In the first 5 months of 2014, they reported a 19% rise in the number of applications for asylum in the EU compared to the same period of 2013. The year 2014 seems to be marking new trends: Syrian asylum-seekers have increased in absolute and relative terms compared to 2013 and are in the top 3 countries of origin for 16 Member States. In recent months, the number of applications of Eritreans in a number of northern countries has increased substantially. Applications from citizens of the Russian Federation have declined significantly since 2013.

More news on Europol, eu-LISA and Cepol in the next LIBE newsletter.

News from the Council of Europe

On 24 June 2014, the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) re-elected Thorbjørn Jagland (Norway) as Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term.

In its annual report, published on 19 June 2014, the Council of Europe’s anti-corruption monitoring group (GRECO) expressed concern about the little progress made by a significant number of European countries in implementing its recommendations on transparency of political funding.
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