

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting

Better Law Making from a digital perspective

Brussels, 27 October 2020, 13.45 – 15.45

13.45 **Welcome words**
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**
Danish MP

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**
Estonian MP

Estonia sets a good example concerning digitalization of the public sector. The public administration and the government work mostly paperless, and citizens, firms and enterprises enjoy a vast offer of administrative procedure online; and still, Estonia has a high standard of data protection.

14.35 **Debate**

14.50 Digital tools in the service of law-making: The French experience
French MP

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 example of the drafting process of this law is 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

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The COVID-19 pandemic has shed the light on the need to accelerate the digital transition at EU and at national level.

There is a number of activities which can be undertaken remotely or through digital means, and this experience has highlighted that in certain circumstances this can result in equal, if not increased productivity and efficiency: what lessons can be learned from the pandemic?

15.25 Debate

15.40 Closing remarks

Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

15.45 End of meeting