Article 17 TFEU

Dialogue seminar with churches, religious associations or communities, philosophical and non-confessional organisations

The importance of the Article 17 dialogue for raising awareness against disinformation and foreign interference

as well as for achieving a high turnout at the European elections



Tuesday 13 February 2024 13.00 > 15.30 @ SPINELLI 3E2

Hosted by:

Othmar Karas

First Vice-President Responsible for the Article 17 Dialogue



Introductory remarks

13:00 Othmar Karas

First Vice-President of the European Parliament,

Responsible for the Parliament's implementation of Article 17 TFEU

Margaritis Schinas

Vice-President of the European Commission

for 'Promoting European Way of Life' and responsible for Article 17 TFEU

Willem van de Voorde

Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union, on behalf of the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU

Setting the scene

13:20 Raphaël Glucksmann

Chair of the former Special Committee on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation, and the strengthening of integrity, transparency and accountability in the European Parliament (ING2)

Jaume Duch Guillot

Director-General for Communication of the European Parliament

Contributions of faith and philosophical representatives

13:40 Facing Common Challenges: Disinformation and External Interference in Europe

Chair: Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Vice-Chair of the former Special Committee (ING2)

CER (Conference of European Rabbis)

Albert Guiqui

Chief Rabbi of the Central Israelite Consistory of Belgium

EBU (European Buddhist Union)

Stefano Davide Bettera

President of the European Buddhist Union

EAFT (European Association for Free Thought)

Guy T'hooft

President of the European Association for Free Thought

COMECE (Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union)

Steven Van Hecke

Professor in European Politics at KU Leuven

Questions and Answers: General discussion among partners and with Members of the European Parliament

Interpretation in EN, FR, DE, IT, ES, RO

14:30 Significance of European Elections: Addressing Contemporary Common Challenges and Encouraging Voter Engagement

Chair: Vladimír Bilčík, Co-rapporteur of the former Special Committee (ING2)

CEC (Conference of European Churches)

Hillie van de Streek

Council of Churches in the Netherlands

EULEMA (European Muslim Leaders Mailis)

Amina Baghajati

EULEMA Board Member

Humanists International

Boris van der Ham

Humanists International Board Member

CROCEU (Committee of the Representatives of the Orthodox Churches to the European Union)

Rev. Fr. Dr. Mihai Pavel
Romanian Orthodox Church

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Concluding remarks

15:20 Othmar Karas

First Vice-President of the European Parliament, responsible for the Parliament's implementation of Article 17 TFEU