

Article 17 TFEU

Article 17 Dialogue seminar with churches, religious associations or communities, philosophical and non-confessional organisations on liberal democracy

Article 17 dialogue on Liberal Democracy

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#Art17Dialogue



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13:00 > 16:00 @ SPINELLI 3E2

Hosted by :

Othmar Karas

First Vice-President
Responsible for the Article 17 Dialogue



European Parliament

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Liberal Democracy

Interpretation in EN, FR, DE, IT

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 our European Way of Life', responsible for Article 17 TFEU
(via video message)
- Frans van Daele**
Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU

Setting the scene

- 13:30** **Michael O'Flaherty**
Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Contributions of faith and philosophical representatives

13:40

Panel chaired by First Vice-President Othmar Karas

- Philip McDonagh**
Adjunct Professor - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director,
Centre for Religion, Human Values, and International Relations, Dublin City University
- Marietta D.C. van der Tol**
Alfred Landecker Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government,
University of Oxford
- Catalin Raiu**
Lecturer in Politics and Administrative Science - Faculty of Business and Administration,
University of Bucharest

Panel chaired by Salvatore De Meo, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

- Adele Orioli**
Head of Advocacy at the Union of Rationalist Atheists and Agnostics
- Albert Guigui**
Chief Rabbi of the Central Israelite Consistory of Belgium
- Erika Halima Rubbo**
Member of Comunità Religiosa Islamica Italiana

Commentary

- 14:30** **Ionel Zamfir**
Policy Analyst in the Citizens' Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service

14:40 **Remarks from Members of the European Parliament**

- Nicola Beer**
Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Domènec Ruiz-Devesa**
Member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- Damian Boeselager**
Member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- Assita Kanko**
Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- 14:50** **Questions and Answers** General discussion

Concluding remarks

- 15:40 - 16:00** **Othmar Karas**
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