



Public Hearing on Consumer Agenda

09 February 2012, 08:00-12:30,
European Parliament, József Antall building, room 4Q2

Chairperson Malcolm Harbour, MEP (ECR, UK, Chair IMCO)

08:00-09:00 *Arrivals and registration*

09:00-09:30 Keynote speeches:

Viviane Reding, Vice President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental rights and Citizenship

John Dalli, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

Jonas Bering Liisberg, Deputy Permanent Representative, Denmark

09:30-10:00 Questions from the audience

10:00-10:05 Introductory remarks

Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, MEP(GE/NGL, CY, IMCO), a rapporteur for the European Parliament INI report on the future Consumer Strategy

10:05-10:35 Consumer safety

Moderator: Paola Testori Coggi, Director General, DG Health and Consumers

Statements:

- Christel Schaldemose, MEP (S&D, DK, IMCO)
- Paul Coebergh van den Braak, Healthcare Senior Director, BUSINESSEUROPE
- Jan Deconinck, Chairman, PROSAFE enforcement forum

Interventions from the floor and discussion

10:35-11:15 Consumer legislation and welfare

Moderator: Françoise Le Bail, Director General, DG Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Statements:

- Andreas Schwab MEP (EPP, DE, IMCO)
- María Irigoyen Pérez MEP (S&D, ES, IMCO)
- Thomas Nortvedt (Norwegian Consumer Council)

- Jason Freeman, Legal Director, OFT
- Rodrigo Gouveia, Secretary-General, European Association of Consumer Cooperatives

Interventions from the floor and discussion

11:15-11:50 Information and education

Moderator: David Mair, Head of Unit – Science, Advice to Policy, Joint Research Centre

Statements:

- Louis Grech, MEP (S&D, MT, IMCO)
- Monique Goyens, Director General, BEUC
- Gerard De Graaf, Director for Audiovisual, Media, Internet; DG Information Society and Media

Interventions from the floor and discussion

11:50-12:25 Enforcement and redress

Moderator: Nathalie Homobono, Director General for Competition Policy, Consumer affairs and Fraud Control, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France

Statements:

- Róża Thun, MEP (EPP, PL, IMCO)
- Edith Appelmans, Director of ECC, Belgium
- Henrik Øe, Danish Consumer Ombudsman

Interventions from the floor and discussion

12:25-12:30 Concluding remarks by Malcolm Harbour, MEP, Chair IMCO