EXPERT HEARING ON THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS’ INITIATIVE

26 February 2015
Room ASP 3G2 – 9H00-12h30

Draft Agenda

Institutional perspective (9:00 – 9:45)

Danuta Hübner, AFCO Chair
Cecilia Wikström, PETI Chair
Frans Timmermans, 1st vice-President of the Commission
Ian Harden, Secretary-General, European Ombudsman
Anne-Marie Sigmund, Economic and Social Committee

Legal perspective (9:45 – 10:40)

Prof. Jean-Luc Sauron, Counsel of the Conseil d’Etat, associate professor of International law at the Paris-Dauphine University
Laura Gyeney, assistant of European Law at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Hungary
Prof. Philippe Poirier, holder of the Chair in parliamentary studies at the University of Luxembourg
Debate

Technical perspective (10:40 – 11:35)

Carsten Berg, General Coordinator of “The ECI Campaign”
Francisco Polo – Country Director, Spain and Director of Global Expansion, International petitioning platform Change.org
Dr Susana del Rio Villar, author and director of the EU project Upgrading Europe
Debate

EP Rapporteurs and ECI organizers (11:35 – 12:30)

Alain Lamassoure, former EP rapporteur on the ECI Regulation
Diana Wallis, former PETI rapporteur on the ECI Regulation
Carlo Casini, former AFCO Chair
Organisers of a successful ECI – Right to Water
Organisers of a failed ECI – Prisca MERZ, director of the ECI End Ecocide in Europe
Organisers of a rejected ECI – the Minority SafePack
Debate

Concluding remarks

Gyorgy Schöpflin, AFCO rapporteur
Beatriz Becerra, PETI rapporteur