

# THE SITUATION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EU

THURSDAY,  
12 DECEMBER 2024  
09:30 - 12:30

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## AGENDA

**Interparliamentary  
Committee Meeting**

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# ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday, 12 December 2024

## **09:30-09:45** **Opening and keynote speech by:**

- **Javier ZARZALEJOS**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

## **09:45-10:20** **Session I - Exchange of views on the situation of the Rule of Law in 2023 - how to enhance Union Values in the Democracy Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights (DRF) mechanism**

- **Michael McGRATH**, Commissioner for Democracy, Justice and the Rule of Law, European Commission
- **Claire BAZY MALAURIE**, President of the Venice Commission
- **Laurent PECH**, Academic expert
- **Michael FARRUGIA**, Member of the Maltese House of Representatives
- **Boris DITTRICH**, Member of the Dutch Senate

## **10:20-11:15** **Question and Answer session**

## **11:15-11:50** **Session II - Checks and balances as pillars of the Rule of Law - how civil society organisations can contribute to this pillar of the Rule of Law**

- **Gabriel TOGGENBURG**, Head of Human Rights Structures and Mechanisms Sector, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Michael HAMILTON**, Legal Adviser, Amnesty International
- **Sylwia GREGORCZYK-ABRAM**, Co-Founder, Free Courts Civic Initiative
- **András LÉDERER**, Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- **TBC National Parliamentarian from a Member State**
- **Gabriela MORAWSKA-STANECKA**, Member of the Polish Senate

## **11:50-12:25** **Question and Answer session**

## **12:25 - 12:30** **Closing remarks by Javier ZARZALEJOS, LIBE Chair**

## **12:30-13:30** **Lunch**

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