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***European Economic and Social Committee***

***External Relations Section***

**Hearing in the framework of the EESC opinion on a Multilateral Investment Court**

Tuesday 20 February 2018, 09.00-13.00 | European Economic and Social Committee | 2 rue Van Maerlant, room VMA3 (2nd floor)

***DRAFT PROGRAMME***

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| **09.00-09.15**  | **Opening – Ms Benedicte Federspiel**, president of the EESC's study group on a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes |
| **09.15-09.45** | **Short introductions** by **Mr Philippe de Buck**, rapporteur, and **Ms Tanja Buzek**, co-rapporteur |
| **09.45-11.00** | **SESSION – Perspectives on the possible future establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court**  |
|  | **Speakers**:* **Mr Martin Lukas**, Head of Unit F2, Dispute settlement and Legal aspects of Trade Policy, DG TRADE, European Commission *(tbc)*
* **Ms Anna Joubin-Bret**, Secretary, Director of the International Trade Law Division of UNCITRAL
* **Mr James Zhan**, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
* **Dr Peter Schneiderhan**, Member of the Bureau of theGerman Magistrate Association (DRB) and senior public prosecutor
* **Ms Luisa Santos**, Director for International Relations, BusinessEurope
* **Mr Daniele Basso**, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
* **Ms Monique Goyens,** Director General, The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC)
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| **11.00-11.30** | **Coffee break** |
| **11.30-12.45**  | **Questions & answers** **Discussion** |
| **12.45-13.00** | **Conclusions - Ms Benedicte Federspiel**, president of the EESC's study group on a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes |

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