

EU Committee Task Forces – Past Events

Health, Consumer Issues & Social Affairs

March 08	Michael Hübel, Head of Unit, DG SANCO, "The fight against obesity and alcohol abuse - what can the EU do to help?"
July 08	Jivka Staneva, Member of Commissioner Meglena Kuneva's Cabinet, Consumer Protection, "Product safety in the global supply chain"
October 08	Guillaume Delvallee, Counsellor for Public Market and Consumers, French Permanent Representation to the EU, "French Presidency priorities and progress with consumer issues"
January 09	Vera Knoblochova, Czech consumer attaché, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union "Czech Presidency's priorities in terms of consumer protection, and in particular the Consumer Rights Directive"
March 09	MEP Focus Group on "Consumer contractual rights"
May 09	Benjamin Caspar, Eco-design/ Eco-labelling desk office, DG ENVI: "A general update on the label from a consumer point of view"
June 09	Mathilda Aberg, Swedish Permanent Representation, "The position of the Swedish Government & the proposed timeline regarding the food labelling regulation"
July 09	Karin Sauerteig, Political Adviser IMCO on "the new composition of ALDE Group"

Energy, Environment & Transport

April 08	Philippe Quevauviller, Policy Officer, DG Environment, "European trends for integrated water resource management under the Water Framework Directive"
May 08	Damian Meadows, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment, "The Climate action and renewable energy package"
November 08	Tom Howes, DG Energy and Transport, "European renewable energy policy: state of play"
February 09	Julius Langendorff, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment, "Reconciling free trade and the environment – issues, challenges & opportunities"
March 09	Paul Speight, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment on "protecting natural environment"
July 09	Fulvia Raffaelli, "Authorisation" Team Leader, DG Enterprise & Industry, "REACH Authorisation process: present and future"

Business Security

In March 2008, the EU Committee hosted a lunchtime briefing with Bill Newton-Dunn MEP, the European Parliament's Rapporteur and expert on combating organised crime. The ensuing discussion revealed that many corporate members of the EU Committee were increasingly impacted and concerned by counterfeit and the involvement of organised crime. It was decided to establish a British Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Business Security to seek engagement and co-operation with the EU institutions on two principal strands - namely counterfeit and border security.

December 08	Integrated Border Management Conference
May 09	Stanhope Group Lunch on "What role & priorities for the European Observatory on Counterfeiting?"
July 09	Conference "Meeting the challenges facing Customs in the 21st Century"