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Corporate governance: Shareholders' rights - the key to ending short-termism in EU companies?

Wednesday 10 December
15h00-18h30
Room ASP 3G3

15h00 **Opening remarks**

Gianni Pitella, *President of the S&D Group*

15h10 **The proposal on the shareholders' rights directive and how other stakeholder involvement can contribute to ending short-termism in European companies**

Moderator: ***Norbert Kluge****, Hans Böckler Stiftung, Düsseldorf*

Issues:

1. Presentation on the Commission proposal, its aims and means
2. How to promote long-termism in European companies
3. Other stakeholders that might have an interest in sustainable companies
4. Possible ways how the EU could strengthen their role in the interest of the European economy

Introduction ***Sergio Cofferati,*** *JURI rapporteur for the shareholders' rights directive &* ***Olle Ludvigsson,*** *ECON draftsperson*

Followed by interventions (+/- 10 mins) from:

Paraskevi Michou, *Acting Director-General, European Commission*
Marcello Bianchi*, Head of Corporate Governance, Consob,*
Claudia Menne*, Confederal Secretary, ETUC*
François Passant*, Executive Director, Eurosif*
Andrew Johnston*, Professor of Company Law & Corporate Governance, University of Sheffield*
Malin Ripa*, Senior Vice President CSR Management, Volvo Sweden*

Followed by an open debate with participants

18h10 **Conclusions/wrap up of the discussions by the moderator**

18h20 **Closing remarks**

***Evelyn Regner**, MEP, S&D Coordinator of the Committee on Legal Affairs*

18h30 *Cocktail & refreshments*