

WORKSHOP

EU Customs Control Mechanisms and Their Possible Improvement

*organised by the Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs
for
the Committee on Budgetary Control*

15 June 2022

15:00 - 17:00

**European Parliament, Brussels, Room: Altiero Spinelli
building, 3G2
(Hybrid meeting)**

PROGRAMME

Opening remarks and Introduction

15:00-15.10

Monika Hohlmeier MEP

Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

Katalin Cseh MEP and Tomáš Zdechovský MEP

Rapporteurs

Customs control in the EU, challenges and responses

Presentations

- 15:10-15:20 **“Title to be inserted” (Customs control mechanisms – current challenges and weaknesses, tackling fraud (also including in intervention links to police cooperation/Europol), views on a common customs agency, Commission efforts and coordination activities, next steps in policy development)**
Gerassimos Thomas
Director General, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- 15:20-15:30 **Putting more Union in the European Customs – ten proposals by the Customs Wise Persons Group**
Mateja Vraničar Erman Vice-Chair, Wise Persons Group on the Reform of the EU Customs Union
- 15:30-15:40 **Discussants: Ioanna Metaxopoulou**, Director in Chamber IV - Regulation of markets and competitive economy (European Court of Auditors) and **James Sweeney**, Head of Unit, Customs and Trade - Operations and Investigations (European Anti-Fraud Office)

Questions and answers

- 15:40 - 15:55 **Questions & answers**

Sharing evidence and practical experiences

Presentations

- 15:55-16:05 **Customs controls in the European Union: towards a greater convergence**
Professor Giangiacomo D'Angelo
Principal Investigator, ECCE - European Common Customs Evaluation, Associate Professor in Tax Law, Department of Legal Studies, University of Bologna
- 16:05-16:15 **CELBET: customs cooperation in action**
It. colonel Andrés Bartha
Head of Customs Eastern and South-Eastern Land Border Expert Team (CELBET)

16:15-16:25 **“Title to be inserted” (Balancing controls with efficient (legitimate) traffic of goods – perspective of the business community)**
Luisa Santos
Deputy Director-General for International Relations,
BusinessEurope

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Questions and answers

16:35-16:50 **Questions & answers**

Conclusions and closing remarks

16:50-17:00 **Katalin Cseh MEP and Tomáš Zdechovský MEP**
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