

Presentation of Mr. Axel Singhofen



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Committee Overview

Committee	Rapp/Draftsman	Group	Country	Direction
Environment	Guido Sacconi	PSE	Italy	+
Industry	Lena Ek	ALDE	Sweden	+/-
Internal Market	Hartmut Nassauer	PPE	Germany	---
Budget	Jutta Haug	PSE	Germany	?
Econ. Affairs	Satu Hassi	Greens/EFA	Finland	+++
Social Affairs	Thomas Mann	PPE	Germany	---
Legal Affairs	Kurt Lechner	PPE	Germany	---
Trade	G. Quisthoudt-Rowohl	PPE	Germany	---
Women	Hiltrud Breyer	Greens/EFA	Germany	+++



Planned Timetable by lead committee (Environment)

- 19 January: EP full-day hearing
- 2-3 February: second exchange of views
- 14-15 March: consideration of draft report
- May: deadline for amendments
- June: discussion of amendments
- 14-15 September: vote in committee
- October: vote in plenary
- Opinion-giving committees will have to have voted in July



Lobbying the EP - the ground rules

- Make an appointment beforehand
- Be polite, “scientific”, non-emotional
- Be short, concise and to the point
- Be reliable (do not forget to follow-up if promised)
- Be there at every stage from A-Z
- Try to personalise your approach
- Summarise your demands on one page
- Formulate your demands as amendments
- Make voting recommendations



REACH - lobbying

- **the right time**
 - for EP: NOW until October
 - for Council: NOW until political agreement
- **the right place**
 - EP: Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs in ENVI
 - Council: Work level and Ministerial level
- **the right message**
 - very short introduction
 - your demands (link if possible to demands that MEP is familiar with or supported on similar issues)
 - be prepared to give counterarguments to industry arguments
- **... and authority**
 - build alliances with other groups



Conclusion

- **Improvement of REACH in EP?**
 - simple majority in first reading for some improvements may be possible
 - absolute majority in second reading for key improvements unlikely
- **Worsening of REACH in EP?**
 - simple majority in first reading likely for several/many bad modifications
 - absolute majority in second reading for bad modifications is possible, but very narrow
- **You want to improve REACH?**
 - Work on the Council and the Commission to improve it!
 - Work on the EP to avoid absolute majority for bad REACH!