

Working Group V

25 September 2003 – Inaugural Meeting

The Working Group inaugurates and unanimously elects Dr. Madeleine Petrovic as vice-chairperson. Afterwards they hold a general debate about the mandate, where they also discuss the topics they will deal with in common with Working Groups III and VI.

9 October 2003 – 2nd Meeting

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Karl Weber gives a speech on “what’s the purpose and aim of federal-state differentiation in legislation or of homogenous legislation”. Furthermore, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bernd-Christian Funk analyses the existing division of powers between federal state, provincial diets and municipalities. After the speeches, the Working Group discusses the topics.

15 October 2003 – 3rd Meeting

Initially the chairman gives a speech on law-making procedures in de-centrally structured EU countries and on questions regarding the implementation of EU law. Based on this, the Working Group discusses law-making instruments.

7 November 2003 – 4th Meeting

The Working Group debates law-making competences of the federal state, the provincial diets and shared competences based on three drafts worked out by the chairman, the Austrian Chamber of Commerce and by Dr. Johannes Schnizer.

1 December 2003 – 5th Meeting

The Working Group welcomes Univ.-Prof. Dr. Theo Öhlinger as a new member. Then they discuss questions of law-making in case of shared competence.

18 December 2003 – 6th Meeting

The Working Group continues its debates on questions of law-making in case of shared competence. Then they discuss exclusive competences of the federal state and exclusive competences of the provincial diets.

15 January 2004 – 7th Meeting

The Working Group continues its discussion on the basis of a text proposal of the chairman. They debate the exclusive legislative competences of the federal state and of the provincial diets and the shared competences of federal state and provincial diets. Furthermore, the members discuss a paper on the re-formulation and new structure of the jurisdiction presented by Univ.Prof. Dr. Funk.

23 January 2004 – 8th Meeting

The Working Group continues its discussion on the text proposal presented by the chairman. They debate the topics “how legislation works”, “rights of the Federal Council” and “participation of the provincial diets in EU legislation”.

9 February 2004 – 9th Meeting

The chairman presents a draft of the final report. Individual items are discussed in detail.

23 February 2004 – 10th Meeting

The chairman presents a revised version of the final report based on the results of the 9th meeting. The Working Group concludes the revision of this version.

Additional Mandate

22 June 2004 – 11th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the further schedule and generally debates the additional mandate. Then the members discuss the question of broader competences.

5 July 2004 – 12th Meeting

The Working Group continues the debate on the question of broader competences.

9 July 2004 – 13th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the draft of the partial report presented by the chairman.

14 July 2004 – 14th Meeting

The Working Group finishes the debate on the draft of the partial report presented by the chairman.

15 September 2004 – 15th Meeting

The Working Group debates the competences of the federal state and of the provinces according to the additional mandate.

27 September 2004 – 16th Meeting

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13 October 2004 – 17th Meeting

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22 October 2004 – 18th Meeting

The Working Group debates the competences of the federal state and of the provinces according to the additional mandate.

15 November 2004 – 19th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the proposal for distributing the competences between federal state and provinces presented by Dr. Johannes Schnizer.