

Committee on Constitutional Affairs
The Chair



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Mr Bogdan Rzońca
Chair
Committee on Petitions
European Parliament
Brussels

Subject: Opinion of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) on Petition No 0456/2025 by the Union of European Federalists

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs thanks the Committee on Petitions for its request of 26 September 2025 for an opinion on Petition No 0456/2025 concerning the reform of the Treaty of Lisbon.

Having examined the petition, the AFCO Committee would like to recall that the European Parliament exercised its prerogatives under Article 48 TEU by adopting, on 22 November 2023, its proposals for Treaty revision and transmitting them to the European Council. Against this backdrop, the petition reflects Parliament's consistent position that the European Council is expected to examine those proposals and engage substantively with the revision process. The AFCO Committee fully shares this view. In its regular institutional exchanges with the Hungarian, Polish and Danish Council Presidencies, AFCO Members have repeatedly stressed that the European Council must assume its responsibilities under Article 48 TEU and advance the procedure in a spirit of sincere cooperation and respect for institutional balance.

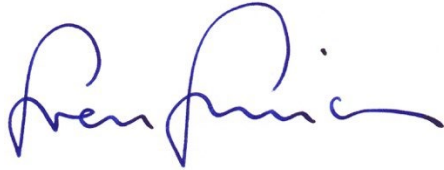
While these contacts have confirmed that Parliament's request is well understood, the European Council has, to date, not yet taken formal steps to initiate the next phase of the revision process. AFCO therefore maintains that further engagement by the Council is necessary in order to give effect to the Treaties and provide clarity on the way forward.

The Committee also takes note of the petitioner's reference to additional political and legal avenues that could be pursued to secure follow-up to Parliament's initiative, including budgetary instruments, the involvement of national parliaments and possible judicial action.

While the use of such instruments is ultimately a matter for Parliament as a whole, the AFCO Committee shares the view that the integrity of the revision procedure must be preserved and the institutional balance upheld, while keeping the focus on achieving tangible progress in the interinstitutional process.

In light of these considerations, the AFCO Committee considers it appropriate for the Committee on Petitions to keep the petition open for now and to continue public dialogue on this matter, including, where relevant, through hearings with the petitioner organisation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven Simon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sven Simon

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