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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights



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Impact of COVID-19 on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights



Dear Reader,

The COVID-19 crisis has led EU Member States to adopt emergency measures to contain the virus. The Policy Department's briefing "The Impact of Covid-19 Measures on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights in the EU" examines such measures from an institutional/constitutional and a fundamental rights angle, covering emergency and exceptional powers; functioning of the judiciary; freedom of movement, expression, media

and assembly; data protection; asylum; prisons and discrimination.

The [briefing](#) was prepared to support the LIBE Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Monitoring Group and is very useful in view of the first annual inter-institutional monitoring exercise on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights, also based on the Commission's annual Rule of Law report expected for September.

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Education and employment of women in science

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



There is still gender bias and inequality in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields and the digital sector.

This study, an up-to-date literature review on women's education and employment, shows

that there is still gender bias and inequality in STEM and the digital sector. It identifies obstacles and bottlenecks that prevent gender parity in these sectors and provides suggestions for future research, initiatives and policies.

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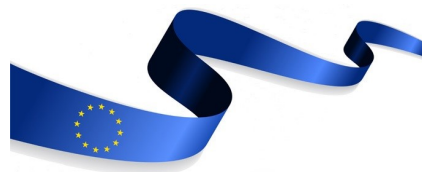
7 September 2020

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Assigned revenue in the Recovery Plan

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



Exception to the budgetary principle of universality, assigned revenues flatten at 10.5 % in last years. The emergency European Recovery Instrument amounts to EUR 750 billion. Out of this amount, more than a third of it will be considered as assigned revenue in the EU budget. On assigned revenue, the Parliament is excluded from the decision-making process. Given the size of the amount in question, the budgetary treatment of external assigned revenue should be reassessed.



Comprehensive EU Strategy for Africa

Policy Department for External Relations



Africa has become a major focus for the EU in terms of security, migration, development, climate change and of rising interest in a fair and sustainable economic partnership. Following the publication of the new EU-Africa strategy, these briefings give a first evaluation in the areas of competence of three committees and should also contribute to the envisaged meetings between the EU and the African Union end of October this year.



Opportunities for Artificial Intelligence

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

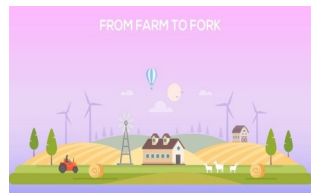


AI applications are expected to deliver a wide range of positive impacts, for individual firms, across value chains, as well as at the societal and macroeconomic levels. This study, provided by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), scrutinises the state of play around AI in the EU, as compared to key competitor countries. It also highlights areas of industry where AI will bring significant socioeconomic benefits.



The Farm to Fork Strategy Implications for Agriculture and the CAP

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



The Farm to Fork Strategy (F2F) stands out among multiple initiatives as the flagship agri-food element of the European Green Deal. The Farm to Fork Strategy with its goal of providing European citizens with nutritious, affordable and safe food is the first attempt by the European Commission to present a comprehensive approach covering every step in the food supply chain from production to consumption and supporting farmers' adaptation.



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