

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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Present

Bureau: Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELD (Chair)
Mr Olivier CHASTEL (Vice-Chair)
L-Onor. Margarida MARQUES (Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Mr José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP)
Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)
Ms Valerie HAYER (Renew)
Mr Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens/EFA)
Mr Joachim KUHS (ID)
Mr Bogdan RZONCA (ECR)

Rapporteurs: Ms Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. General working methods

The coordinators adopted the following working methods for their meetings:

- the Chair, in cooperation with the secretariat, shall establish a draft agenda for the coordinators' meetings, which shall be sent to political groups as soon as possible in advance of the meeting;
- political groups may suggest additions and changes to the draft agenda to the Chair via the secretariat; where appropriate, a preparatory meeting with political group advisors may be convened ahead of the meeting (a calendar of those meeting shall be prepared in advance);
- coordinators' meetings are held *in camera*; participation is limited to:
 - Chair and Vice-Chairs;
 - coordinators;
 - advisors of the political groups that follow the activities of the committee, plus a representative of the secretariat of the non-attached Members;
 - the officials whose functions justify their presence, such as Cabinet of the President, Legal Service, DG COMM, the Policy Department and the committee secretariat;

- one assistant for each of the Members invited;
- coordinators' draft decisions, once approved by the coordinators, are made public and approved by the following meeting of the full committee.

As regards coordinators' and committee meetings, the coordinators decided that:

- in line with the EP "paperless" strategy, committee and coordinators' meetings will be held without printed documents (distribution and consultation of confidential documents may represent an exception to the general rule);
- where a committee meeting is held *in camera*, the above rules on participation shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with the participation extended to all BUDG full members and permanent substitutes; if confidential information is treated at the meeting, the corresponding rules shall apply.

2.2. Attribution of files and nomination of rapporteurs

The coordinators held an exchange of views and postponed their decision.

2.3. Rapporteurs for the annual budget

The coordinators appointed the following rapporteurs:

	Section III (Commission)	Other Sections
Budget 2019	John Howarth (S&D)	José Manuel Fernandes (EPP)
Budget 2020	Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)	S&D – name to be confirmed

2.4. Budgetary trilogue

The coordinators heard the presentation of the rapporteur's draft working document for the trilogue and held an exchange of views. A deadline for suggestions by the political groups was set to Tuesday 16 July.

2.5. Interinstitutional meeting on payments

In view of the lack of new information from Member States at this point in time, the coordinators decided to cancel the interinstitutional meeting on payments on 23 July, without prejudice to future meetings on payments in July. Information on payments is to be presented by the Commission as an item on the agenda of the budgetary trilogue instead.

2.6. Standing rapporteurs and special arrangements

The coordinators held an exchange of views and postponed their decision.

2.7. Appointments

Reports			
2019/2023(BUD) COM(2019)0206	Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria	<u>Decision:</u> Report Siegfried Mureşan (EPP)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2036(BUD) COM(2019)0206	Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2019/000 TA 2019 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission	<u>Decision:</u> Report ECR <i>Rapporteur to be communicated to the Secretariat</i>	Lead: BUDG
Opinions			
2019/0070(COD) COM(2019)0125	Amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism	<u>Decision postponed</u>	Lead: ENVI
2019/0076 (NLE) COM(2019)0135	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto	<u>Decision postponed</u>	Lead: PECH
2019/0078(NLE) COM(2019)0137	Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde (2019-2024)	<u>Decision postponed</u>	Lead: PECH
2019/0090(NLE) COM(2019)0171	Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024)	<u>Decision postponed</u>	Lead: PECH

2018/0330B(COD) COM(2018)0631	European Border and Coast Guard: false and authentic documents online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action No 98/700/JHA	<u>Decision postponed</u>	Lead: LIBE
For information			
2019/2021(BUD)	Draft amending budget no 1 to the general budget 2019 entering the surplus of the financial year 2018	Rapporteur Budget 2019 - Section III John Howarth (S&D)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2022(BUD)	Draft amending budget no 2 to the general budget - Reinforcement of key programmes for EU competitiveness: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+	Rapporteur Budget 2019 - Section III John Howarth (S&D)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2024(BUD)	Draft amending budget no 3 to the general budget 2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria	Rapporteur Budget 2019 - Section III John Howarth (S&D)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2037(BUD) COM(2019)0610	Draft amending budget no 4 to the general budget 2019 – Reduction of commitment and payment appropriations in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)	Rapporteur Budget 2019 - Section III John Howarth (S&D)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2039(BUD) COM(2019)0600	Amending Decision (EU) 2019/276 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019 to be used for	Rapporteur Budget 2019 - Section III John Howarth (S&D)	Lead: BUDG

	migration, refugee inflows and security threats		
2019/2026(BUD) COM(2019)0251	Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats	Rapporteur Budget 2020 - Section III Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)	Lead: BUDG
2019/2027(BUD) COM(2019)0252	Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020	Rapporteur Budget 2020 - Section III Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)	Lead: BUDG

2.8. Resumption of business

Unfinished business

Reports			
2018/0166(APP) COM(2018)0322	Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG
2018/0135(CNS) COM(2018)0325	Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG
2018/0132(APP) COM(2018)0327	Council Regulation laying down implementing measures for the system of Own Resources of the European Union	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG
2018/0131(NLE) COM(2018)0326	Council Regulation on the methods and procedure for making available the Own Resources based on the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base, on the European Union Emissions Trading System and on Plastic	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG

	packaging waste that is not recycled, and on the measures to meet cash requirements		
2018/0133(NLE) COM(2018)0328	Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG
2018/0213(COD) COM(2018)0391	Establishment of the Reform Support Programme	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG/ECON
2018/0212(COD) COM(2018)0387	Establishment of the European Investment Stabilisation Function	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG/ECON
2017/0333(APP) COM(2017)0827	Establishment of the European Monetary Fund	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business / request Rule 58	Lead: BUDG/ECON (tbc)
Opinion			
2018/2070(ACI) COM(2018)0323	Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: AFCO

Other pending files

Report			
2018/0136(COD) COM(2018)0324	Protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG/CONT
2018/0229(COD) COM(2018)0439	InvestEU Programme	<u>Decision:</u> Resume business	Lead: BUDG/ECON

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2.9. Public hearings

The coordinators decided the following arrangements for public hearings:

- hearings are to be organised only during the first part of each year;
- the number of invited guests shall be limited, for example to a maximum of three;
- ahead of a hearing, a small set of written questions compiled by the secretariat on the basis of the political groups' proposals is sent out to the invited guests on behalf of the committee;
- hearings are structured as follows:
 - upon introduction by the Chair, the guest is invited to make an opening oral statement;
 - committee members then ask questions in accordance with the 'ping-pong' principle, with the answer immediately following each question, and with the possibility for the questioning Member to interrupt the guest to ask follow-up questions, keeping within the overall time allotted;
 - the first round of questions is asked by the relevant rapporteur (if any) and by one representative for each (other) political group (coordinator, shadow rapporteur or another designated member);
 - a second round of questions is to be asked by Members indicated in advance of the hearing, with a speaking order determined according to the rolling D'Hondt method;
 - additional questions may be asked following a "catch-the-eye" procedure;
- a deadline for Members to submit follow-up questions for the guest is set after each hearing.

The coordinators will communicate to the secretariat their proposals for hearings in the first part of 2020 by 9 September 2019.

2.10. Missions

The coordinators decided that:

- missions are to be organised only during the first part of each year;
- membership of missions is determined by using the rolling D'Hondt method;
- accompanying members on their own expenses could be allowed to accompany a mission provided that their number does not exceed the number of official members of the mission and they receive prior authorisation from the coordinators, whose decision will take into account the political balance of the mission in question, on a case by case basis.

The coordinators will communicate to the secretariat their proposals for missions in 2020 by 9 September 2019.

2.11. Requests for expertise

The coordinators heard a presentation by the Policy Department and will communicate to the secretariat their proposed requests for expertise by 9 September 2019.

The Policy Department is to select the appropriate format of expertise to be provided on the basis of the substance of the requests. The Policy Department and political group advisors will meet twice per year for a preliminary discussion to prepare coordinators' decisions on requests for expertise.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Calendar of committee meetings 2019

Monday, 22 July, 15.00-18.30 Tuesday, 23 July, 9.00-12.30 Tuesday, 23 July, 14.30-18.30	Monday, 30 September, 15.00-18.30 Tuesday, 1 October, 9.00-12.30 Tuesday, 1 October, 14.30-18.30 Wednesday, 2 October, 9.00-12.30 Wednesday, 2 October, 14.30-18.30 Thursday, 3 October, 9.00-12.30
Monday, 2 September, 15.00-18.30 Tuesday, 3 September, 9.00-12.30 Tuesday, 3 September, 14.30-18.30	Monday, 14 October, 15.00-18.30
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	Thursday, 21 November, 9.00-12.30
	Thursday, 12 December, 9.00-12.30

3.2. Linguistic profile for committee meetings

The linguistic profile of the committee meetings is as follows:

- Meeting rooms with 12 interpretation booths:
FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, EL, ES, PT, SV, PL, RO, HR
- Meeting rooms with 16 interpretation booths:
FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, EL, ES, PT, FI, SV, CS, LT, LV, PL, RO, HR
- Meeting rooms with 18 or more interpretation booths:
FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, EL, ES, PT, FI, SV, CS, HU, LT, LV, PL, SK, RO, HR

3.3. Calendar of budgetary procedure 2020

Week 23: 5 June	Presentation of the Commission's Statement of estimates 2020 in BUDG Committee
Week 27: 5 July	2nd information and training session with staff from specialised committees, political groups and APAs
9 July	1st round of PP-PAs back from Commission's pre-assessment
Week 28: 11 July - 17h	<i>2nd deadline for tabling indicative pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP-PAs) proposals for pre-assessment by the Commission (only for new Members)</i>
Week 28: 11 July (TBC)	Adoption of Council's position on DB in Coreper
Week 28: 22-23 July	Exchange of views on PPPAs in BUDG committee
Week 30: 23 July	Trilogue (Council's premises) + Payments meeting (TBC)
Early September	2nd round of PP-PAs back from Commission's pre-assessment
Week 35: 2-3 September	Presentation of WD on Council position in BUDG committee
Week 36: 5 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments: - by individual members to BUDG - and by Committees and MEPS (38 signatures) to Plenary
Week 37: 12 September - 12h	Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments by groups to Plenary
Week 40: 30 September - 3 October	BUDG vote on budgetary amendments
Week 41: 8 October - 14h	<i>Deadline for amendments to the budgetary resolution - all sections</i>
Week 41: 9 October - 12h	<i>Deadline for opinions from other committees to the resolution</i>
Week 42: 14 October	Adoption of budgetary resolution - all sections in BUDG committee
Week 42: 16 October	Trilogue ahead of Parliament's reading (EP premises)
Week 42: 16 October - 12h	<i>PLEN deadline for committees, MEPS (38 signatures) & groups to re-table budgetary amendments not adopted by BUDG</i>
Week 42: 16 October - 13h (TBC)	<i>PLEN deadline to table amendments to the resolution</i>
Week 43: 21 October - 12h	<i>PLEN deadline to request split / separate / roll call votes on the budgetary amendments</i>
Week 43: 21 October - 19h	<i>PLEN deadline to request split / separate / roll call votes on the resolution</i>
Week 43: 23 October	Adoption of Parliament's reading
Week 44: 29 October	Start of the 21-day conciliation period
Week 45: 4 November (pm)	First meeting of the Conciliation Committee (EP premises)

Week 45: 5 November (am)	Trilogue (EP premises)
Week 46: 12 November	Poss. additional trilogue (Council's premises)
Week 46: 15 November	Second meeting of the Conciliation Committee (Council's premises)
Week 47: 18 November	End of the 21-day conciliation period
Week 48: 27 November	Potential adoption of joint text in Plenary

3.4. Committee working methods

Conduct of committee meetings

The BUDG committee meets in public to debate matters under its remit on average once to twice a month. Pursuant to Rule 216 of Parliament's Rules, each committee meeting is convened with a draft agenda approved by the Chair, which is drawn on the basis of a forward plan of activities maintained by the secretariat. The committee adopts the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Public committee meetings are webstreamed.

Generally, for each item on the agenda, the floor is given first to the rapporteur of the corresponding file (if any), followed by a representative of each political group in the order of the relative size of that political group (shadow rapporteur, coordinator or other designated Member). The rest of the speaking time is usually allocated on the basis of a "catch-the-eye" procedure, except in special cases (e.g. hearings of Commissioners) where speaking time may be allocated in advance to Members, taking into account the balance among political groups. Depending on the time available, the Chair may impose a limit on Members' speaking time. The Commission is usually given the floor at the end of a debate, where relevant, before the rapporteur's conclusions.

Any special requests as regards the conduct of a committee meeting (e.g. requests to broadcast/photograph parts of a meeting, invite groups of visitors, etc.) require prior information of the Chair via the secretariat.

Lifecycle of files

Reports and opinions for which the committee is responsible are duly and publicly debated in committee meetings at different stages.

For legislative reports, an administrative project team coordinated by the responsible administrator in the BUDG secretariat is usually set up to support the rapporteur's work.

Once the rapporteur's draft report is available, the committee holds a first debate on it, and a deadline is set by which full and substitute members of the committee may table amendments. The amendments may be debated during another committee meeting, in particular in case of legislative reports.

Usually, once the amendments are available, the rapporteur and the shadow rapporteurs meet in "shadows meetings" to discuss the respective positions and try to bridge differences by drafting compromise amendments (in English) that facilitate the vote in the committee. Amendments and strategy in the context of the budgetary

procedure are generally discussed in coordinators' meetings, in the presence of the shadow rapporteurs.

A voting list is then drafted by the secretariat, containing recommendations to the Chair on the conduct of the vote; the voting list is drawn up under the authority of the Chair and in accordance with the applicable rules on voting on amendments (see in particular Rules 181-183). The draft voting list is sent to the rapporteur and the political groups, and a deadline is set for comments and requests (such as for split/separate votes, oral amendments, withdrawals of amendments, etc.). After taking the comments received into account, the final voting list is sent out to the groups and made publicly available in the documents for the meeting. The Chair has the final say on any issues that may arise as regards the voting list.

The vote in committee then takes place according to the applicable rules (see in particular Rules 187-193), by show of hands and/or electronic voting. The final vote is taken by roll-call. The Chair's decision on the results of votes is final.

The preparation of the voting list and the running of the vote may be facilitated by the use of an electronic application (currently in a pilot stage).

Multilingualism

The BUDG committee commits to applying the rules on multilingualism, in particular by holding debates and votes on files once the corresponding documents (reports, amendments except compromise amendments) are available in all of its Members' official languages.

However, several procedures related to the annual EU budget have to follow strict timetables which are set out in the EU Treaties. In cases where it is unfeasible to respect the Treaty deadlines and the rules of multilingualism at the same time, the committee is forced to work in English only: this concerns in particular the resolution accompanying the committee vote on the annual budget during the budgetary procedure, the resolution accompanying the Estimates of Parliament's budget, as well as other procedures such as the adoption of decisions on the mobilisation of EGF.

In those limited cases, committee members are informed in advance of the procedure followed and the specific arrangements adopted.

3.5. Treatment of confidential information

3.6. Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions

3.7. Balance sheet of activities 2014-2019

3.8. Designation of Special Advisers

3.9. Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance

3.10. Documents for information

3.11. Delegated and implementing acts

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meetings is scheduled on 23 July 2019 in Brussels.