

## Newsletter

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### Budget 2020 resolution - General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections

At its meeting of 1 October 2019, the BUDG Committee voted on amendments to the Council's position on the 2020 budget.

The Committee will now vote on resolution prepared by the co- Rapporteurs with a view to reflect and accompany the outcome of the budgetary vote.

136 amendments were tabled. The resolution and the budgetary amendments will be adopted on 23 October in the European Parliament's plenary sitting in Strasbourg.

The first conciliation meeting is scheduled for 4 November.

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Deadline for Amendments to the Resolution: 8 October -14:00

Adoption of BUDG Resolution:  
14 October

PLEN Deadline for Amendments to the resolution + Trilogue: 16 October

Vote Plenary: 23 October

First Conciliation: 4 November (pm)  
Trilogue: 16 October and 7 November

Potential Vote Plenary of joint text: 27 November II

## Measures concerning the implementation and financing of the general budget of the Union in 2020 in relation to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union

The Committee on Budgets is asked to recommend whether to give consent to the contingency measure for the 2020 budget. Consent is given to the draft Council regulation rather than the Commission proposal. Therefore the vote on **this file is conditional to receiving Council's position in time.**

Rapporteur:  
Johan Van Overtveldt (ECR)

Deadline amendments:  
2 October at 16.00

Shadows:  
Pierre Larroutourou (S&D)  
Dinesh Dhamija (Renew)

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## 2019 Transfers - Section III - Commission

DEC 16/2019

The proposal for the so-called "Global Transfer", which usually arrives at this time of the year in order to rebalance payment appropriations in the light of actual and expected implementation, amounts to EUR 1 077,6 million (payments only) and concerns 131 budget lines (26 for reinforcement and 105 for reductions) throughout all headings.

DEC 17/2019

The proposal aims at transferring EUR 50 717 716 in commitment appropriations from various budget lines to the item 22 04 01 03 "Mediterranean countries -- Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts" in order to make an additional contribution to the North Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, to fund actions in Morocco and in Libya.

DEC 19/2019

The proposal aims at transferring EUR 530 000 in commitment and payment appropriations from budget line 02 03 03 "European Chemicals Agency -- Chemicals legislation" to the item 06 02 04 "European Union Agency for Railways", to **cover the staff expenditure following a significant reduction of the Agency's vacancy rate.**

Rapporteur:  
John Howarth (S&D)

Shadows:  
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## 2019 Transfers - Other Sections

EEAS: INF 1/2019

The EEAS is submitting for information a transfer of appropriations in its budget for 2019 between titles and between chapters, totalling 2.302.000 EUR.

This transfer intended to reinforce:

- Article 150 Measures to assist staff with EUR 99.480
- Article 200 Buildings with EUR 1.853.000
- Article 220 Meetings, conferences and congresses with EUR 130.000
- Article 222 Language services with EUR 220.000

To face its increasing responsibilities, the EEAS has been granted additional staff resources by the Budget Authority, for that reason additional office space needed for these staff members, some rent increases, unforeseen tax payments plus additional expenditure on the conferences and meeting.

This increase in appropriations is made possible as a result of savings on appropriations obtained in several budgetary lines.

ECA: V/AB-13/C/19

This transfer intends to reinforce:

- Sub-Item 2380-04 - Departmental removals and handling with EUR 6.000
- Sub-Item 2380-07 - EMAS activities, including promotion, and the European - Court of Auditors' carbon offsetting scheme with EUR 16.000

An incident of water leak on 3rd, 4th, and 5th floor of K3 necessitate the removal and installation back of several offices that was not planned in the beginning of the year, plus additional budget is required to cover the needs of the EMAS related contracts.

This increase in appropriations is made possible as a result of savings on appropriations obtained in Article 214 - Technical equipment and installations.

ECA: V/AB-14/C/19

This transfer intends to reinforce Sub-Item 2380-07 - EMAS activities, including promotion, and the European Court of Auditors' carbon offsetting scheme with EUR 4.000, for the subscription of the "Inspiring More Sustainability" the network accompanying Luxembourgish organisations in their commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility.

This increase in appropriations is made possible as a result of savings on appropriations obtained in Item 2029 - Other expenditure on buildings.

ECA: V/AB-15/C/19

This transfer intends to reinforce Item 2720 - Documentation, library and archiving expenditure with EUR 10.000. The ECA Library 2019 Budget was strictly the continuity of the 2018 budget request. The market situation in 2019 is different, with a significant annual price increases of approximately 10%, mainly for the electronic resources required for the audit work

This increase in appropriations is made possible as a result of savings on appropriations obtained in Item 2103 - Telecommunications.

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Younous Omarjee (GUE)

ECA: V/AB-16/C/19

This transfer intends to reinforce Item 2120 - Furniture with EUR 30.000. Following the successful project "Nouvel Environnement de Travail", there are an increasing number of requests from the Members' Private Offices to modify their working spaces in a more ergonomic and collaborative one.

This increase in appropriations is made possible as a result of savings on appropriations obtained in Item 2300 - Stationery, office supplies and miscellaneous consumables.

## Building Policy

No requests received

\*\*\* *END OF VOTE* \*\*\*

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## Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between EU and the Republic of Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto

The BUDG committee will provide an opinion to the PECH Committee which has to issue a recommendation in the context of a consent procedure. It concerns the renewal of **the** Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia as well as a new Implementation Protocol to the Partnership Agreement. The vote is foreseen for November.



Rapporteur:  
Olivier Chastel (Renew)

Shadows  
Francisco Guerreiro (Greens/EFA)

Deadline for tabling  
amendments: No Amendments

Adoption BUDG: 6 November  
Vote Plenary: 17 December

## Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2019/001 BE/Carrefour - Belgium

The Commission proposes the mobilisation of the reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for an amount of EUR 1 632 028 in commitment appropriations following the request by the Belgian authorities.

The funding is intended to contribute to the costs of a coordinated package of eligible personalised services for 400 targeted beneficiaries following redundancies in Carrefour Belgique, operating in the retail trade sector in Belgium, as well as 330 targeted young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), with the aim of providing assistance for re-integrating the affected persons into the labour market. The rapporteur José Manuel Fernandes will present his draft report.



Rapporteur:  
José Manuel Fernandes (EPP)

Shadows:  
Monika Vana (Greens/EFA)

Deadline for tabling  
amendments:  
22 October 2019 at 12.00

Adoption BUDG: 6 November

Vote Plenary: November I

## Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020

The Committee on Budgets will exchange views on a Commission proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020 for a total amount of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations. In line with Article 4a(4) of amended Regulation (EC) N°2012/2002, advances may be mobilised for an amount of up to EUR 50 million where necessary in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources.

The payment of an advance can be granted at the request of a Member State and following a preliminary assessment of the application by the Commission, covering not more than 10% of the anticipated financial contribution and EUR 30 million.

The rapporteur recommends that the proposed amounts for advance payments be included in the 2020 Budget, in order to speed up aid disbursement to affected countries **and to enhance the Fund's effectiveness.**

Rapporteur:  
Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)

Deadline for tabling  
amendments: 22 October 2019 at  
12.00

Adoption BUDG: 21 November  
(tbc)

Vote Plenary: 17 December

## Exchange of views on European Parliament's **building policy in the** presence of the Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament in charge of the building policy and the Secretary General

Under the Financial Regulation, each Institution must submit a working document on its buildings policy to both arms of the budgetary authority. The document sets out, for each building, the expenditure and the surface area covered by the appropriations of the corresponding budgetary lines. It also includes the expected evolution of the global programming of surfaces and the final terms and costs of project previously submitted projects.



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## NEXT MEETINGS

6-7 November 2019 (Brussels)

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## NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT D

### Recent publications

#### BUDG

- Study - "Mainstreaming Innovation Funding in the EU Budget"
- Study - "Protection of EU financial interest on customs and VAT: cooperation of national tax and customs authorities to prevent fraud"
- Study - "**Gender Responsive EU Budgeting. Update of the study 'The EU Budget for Gender Equality' and review of its conclusions and recommendations**"
- At a Glance - "The next MFF and Own Resources"
- In-depth Analysis - "**The History of the EU Budget**"
- **In-depth Analysis** "How the EU Budget Has Developed and Changed in the Last 10 years?"

#### CONT

- Study - "Performance Indicators for Convergence in Regional Development - How reliable are they to ensure Targeted and Result-Oriented spending?"
- Study - "**Appointment of the Commission's Secretary General in 2018**"
- Study - "Appointment procedures in the EU institutions"
- Study - "Aligning the budget with the Performance-Based Budgeting: lessons from Member States"
- Study - "Effectiveness of cohesion policy: learning from the project characteristics that produce the best results"
- Study - "**The European Public Prosecutor's Office: Strategies for coping with complexity**"
- In-depth Analysis - "Gaps and Errors in the TED database"
- **In-depth Analysis** "**Follow up to the 2009 and 2014 Studies on the Code of Conduct for Commissioners - Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency**"

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