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## Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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### **MINUTES**

Meeting of 3 September 2019, 9.00 – 11.00 (coordinators' meeting), 11.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 16.00  
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 11.11 on Tuesday, 3 September 2019, with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

For legal reasons (right to privacy) those present were informed that the meeting would be filmed and streamed live on the Internet.

**1. Adoption of agenda**

AFCO\_OJ PE 640.638 v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Chair's announcements**

The Chair informed about the Conference of President's decision of 4th July concerning the mandate and composition of the Brexit Steering Group (BSG) and reported on the recent activities of the new BSG.

**3. Chair's announcements concerning coordinators' recommendations**

The Chair reported on the decisions taken by the Coordinators at the meeting of 3 September 2019 concerning the following issues:

- the points system;
- AFCO missions and hearings in 2019;
- unfinished business (modification of the Statute of the European Ombudsman; draft regulation on European Parliament's right of inquiry);
- hearings of the commissioners-designate;

- Conference on the Future of Europe;
- setting-up of a standing working-group on Parliament's Rules of Procedure;
- opinions on discharge 2018: general budget.

#### 4. **Approval of minutes of meeting of**

- 10 July 2019

PV – PE 639.780 v01-00

The Minutes were approved.

#### 5. **Confirmation of the AFCO calendar of meetings for 2020**

The calendar of meetings of AFCO in 2020 was approved.

#### 6. **Election of the second Vice-Chair**

Charles Goerens (Renew) was elected second Vice-Chair of AFCO by acclamation.

#### 7. **Election of the third Vice-Chair**

Guliano Pisapia (S&D) was elected third Vice-Chair of AFCO by acclamation.

#### 8. **Election of the fourth Vice-Chair**

The election of the fourth Vice-Chair of AFCO was postponed to the next AFCO meeting.

In addition to the Chair Antonio Tajani the following Member took the floor: Danuta Maria Hübner.

#### 9. **General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections**

AFCO/9/00557  
2019/2028(BUD)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Chair **Antonio Tajani** (PPE)      PA – PE 639.807 v01-00  
AM – PE 639.934 v01-00

Responsible:      BUDG      Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)  
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)

The AFCO rapporteur for the General Budget 2020, Antonio Tajani (Chair) presented the draft opinion and the budgetary amendments.

In addition to the Chair Antonio Tajani the following Members took the floor:

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Pascal Durand.

\*\*\* *Voting time* \*\*\*

**10. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections**

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All AFCO budgetary amendments 6425, 6426, 6427, 6428, 6429, 6430, 6431 and 6432 were adopted. Compromise amendments A, B, C (with oral amendment 1), D and E, as well as amendment 7 to the draft opinion were adopted.

The draft opinion was adopted with 21 votes in favour, 3 against and no abstentions.

**11. Commission Delegated Regulation replacing Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European citizens' initiative**

AFCO/9/01046  
2019/2772(DEA) – C(2019)05402

Responsible: AFCO

- Consideration and possibly vote on any reasoned motion for a resolution objecting to the delegated act

No vote was necessary since no proposals for objections were presented by Members by the deadline of 29 August.

\*\*\* *End of vote* \*\*\*

The meeting adjourned at 11.43 and resumed at 14.39 with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

**12. Council Presidency**

AFCO/9/01050

Presentation of the programme of the Finnish EU Council Presidency by Ms Tytti Tuppurainen, President of the Council of the European Union, Minister for European Affairs

Members discussed the Finnish Presidency programme with the Finnish Minister for European Affairs, Tytti Tuppurainen.

The Presidency's position on the files of special interests for AFCO was debated. A specific issue concerning the refusal of the latest Council Presidencies to take part in BUDG committee meetings was raised by the Chair.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, the following Members took the floor: Rainer Wieland, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Pascal Durand, Daniel Freund, Laura Huhtasaari, Martina Anderson, Maria Grapini, Paulo Rangel, Margrete Auken, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Loránt Vincze, Richard Corbett.

**13. Other business**

None.

**14. Date and place of next meeting**

- 25 September 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 16.00.

## Results of roll-call votes

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#### Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

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<b>21</b>	<b>+</b>
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson
PPE	Vladimír Bilčík, Brice Hortefeux, Othmar Karas, Paulo Rangel, Antonio Tajani, László Trócsányi, Loránt Vincze
RENEW	Catherine Bearder, Pascal Durand, Charles Goerens, Guy Verhofstadt
S&D	Gabriele Bischoff, Richard Corbett, Maria Grapini, Miapetra Kumpula Natri, Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa
VERTS/ALE	Damian Boeselager, Gwendoline Delbos-Corffeld, Daniel Freund

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ID	Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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