



**Wednesday 3 December 2014:** 09.00 - 11.30 (BUDG Meeting, partly in camera)  
11.30-12.30 (Coordinators Meeting)  
and 15.00-18.30 (BUDG Meeting)

**Thursday 4 December 2014:** 09.00 - 12.30

**Brussels - Room ASP 5G3**

Please note that, due to the ongoing budget negotiations, the timing of the BUDG meeting might have to be adjusted at very short notice (any changes will be communicated by email).

In the Chair: Jean Arthuis, Chairman

1. **Adoption of agenda**
2. **Chairman's announcements**

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### 3. Approval of minutes of meetings :

- 4 November 2014
- 20 November 2014

## BUDGET 2014 / BUDGET 2015 *in camera*

### 4. New Draft Budget for 2015 adopted by the European Commission on 27 November

### 5. Outcome of the Budgetary Trilogue of 2 December 2014

- *Exchange of views*

In a joint debate on points 4 and 5 Members will be debriefed by the EP delegation about the outcome of the Budgetary Trilogue of 2 December. This Trilogue had been the first occasion for the three institutions to jointly assess the situation after the failure of the budgetary procedure in Conciliation.

The Commission in the meantime adopted a new Draft Budget 2015 as well as a Draft Amending Budget 8/2014 (identical with the previous DAB 2/2014), largely based on the progress achieved already by the conciliation committee. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the EP positioning on the new Draft Budget and the pending DABs for 2014. This part of the meeting will be held *in camera*.

## EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

### 6. Amendment of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities' own resources

*Rapporteur: G. Deprez/J. Lewandowski*

- *Exchange of views*

On 12 November, the Commission followed up on the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 7 November and presented a legislative proposal for the amendment of Regulation 1150/2000, regarding the making available of own resources. The proposal is presented under art 322.2 TFUE, meaning that Parliament is only involved under the consultation procedure (at the same level as the Court of Auditors).

The purpose of the proposal is to render an interest-free postponement of the 1 December additional call for funds possible for all Member States until 1 September of the following year. On 25 November, Plenary decided not to accede to the Council's request for urgency under article 154 of the Rules of Procedure.

Members will hold a second exchange of views on this proposal, on which Parliament is expected to adopt its opinion during December Plenary.

## 7. Commission communication on "an investment plan for Europe"

- *Exchange of views*

On 26 November Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker presented a EUR 315bn "investment plan for Europe" composed of new financial tools, a pipeline for projects and regulatory reforms.

The core proposal of this investment plan is the creation of a new European Fund for Strategic Investments, within the EIB group, with a guarantee from the EU budget of EUR 16 bn. The set-up of this fund will require a legislative instrument which was announced for January 2015.

## 8. Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union

*Rapporteur: I. Gräßle*

- *Exchange of views*

The purpose of this proposal is to align the Financial regulation with the new Directives 2014/23 (Concessions) and 2014/24 (Public procurements). Member states have two years to transpose these Directives in their national legal orders.

The main changes put forward by Commission are:

- New procedures, shorter time limits
- Procurement used as a policy tool for environmental, social and innovation aspects
- More transparency (publication of procurement documents in electronic format)
- Possibility of modification of contracts without procedure

However beyond this alignment purpose, part of the proposal is in particular to set up a new single system for increasing the protection of the Union financial interests (taking into account the existing Central Exclusion Database). The aim of the system should be to ensure the early detection of risk as well as the centralisation of excluded economic operators.

It is to be noted that an expert group composed by the representatives of the Member States already started preparing the drafting of the new delegated act foreseen by the proposal, which will amend the current Rules of application of the Financial regulation. The Parliament has been invited at technical level to all five meetings of this expert group from 12 September to 10 October 2014.

The Rapporteur will present 23 amendments to the Commission proposal, some of which bring provisions up from the draft delegated act (RAP) level, as presented by the Commission during the first round of expert group meetings, to the level of the FR itself.

CONT and AFET/SEDE committees intend to deliver an opinion to the BUDG committees draft report.

Calendar:

Date	Body	Event
03.12	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
08.01	BUDG	Deadline AM
20.01	BUDG	Exchange of views
05.02	BUDG	Vote in BUDG

## 9. Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Senegal

*Rapporteur for the opinion: Indrek Tarand (Verts/ALE)*

- *Exchange of views*

The Council authorised the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the renewal of the Agreement between the Government of Senegal and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Senegal, which entered into force on 1 June 1981, and a Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution. At the end of the negotiations, a new draft Agreement and Protocol were initialled by the negotiators on 25 April 2014. It is now necessary to conclude the draft Agreement and the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The main aim of the new Agreement is to provide an updated framework taking into account the priorities of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy and its external dimension, with a view to establishing a strategic partnership between the European Union and Senegal in the field of fisheries.

The financial statement to the draft Agreement sets out an overall amount of EUR 9.61 million in commitment and payment appropriations from 2014 to 2018 (including administrative expenses for the management of the Agreement).

The BUDG Committee in its opinion recommends to the PECH Committee to give consent to the proposal for a Council decision.

## 10. EU agency for law enforcement training (Cepol)

*Rapporteur for the opinion: J. Geier*

- *Exchange of views*

The Rapporteur will present his draft opinion on the new legal basis for the European Policy College CEPOL.

The European Commission had proposed this new regulation following the rejection of its previous proposal to merge Europol and Cepol. The Rapporteur in his draft opinion focusses strongly on the potential for efficiency gains and the location of the agency.

Draft calendar :

Date	Body	Event
03.12.	BUDG	Presentation of draft opinion
11.12.	LIBE	Presentation of draft report
16.12.	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
19./20.1.	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
24.2.	LIBE	Vote in LIBE (tbc)
tbc	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

## VOTING TIME

### 11. 2014 Budget: Section III - Commission Rapporteur: Gérard Deprez (ADLE) - DEC 37 and 53/2014

DEC 37 concerns a transfer for EUR 44 232 356 arising from savings in the executive agencies and Horizon 2020 administrative lines to the operational lines of the Horizon 2020 programme, transport policy and Erasmus +.

DEC 53 proposes to transfer EUR 1,25 million from the completion lines for programmes under the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund concerning the period 2000 – 2006, which can no longer be used, to honour the obligation stemming from a clearance of accounts decision in favour of Member States in 2014.

### 12. 2014 Budget: Other Sections Rapporteur: Monika Hohlmeier (PPE) - EP – C4/2014 - OMB – 5/2014 - CoJ – 3/2014 - CoR – INF8, INF9, INF10, INF11, INF12 and INF13/2014 - EESC – DEC2/2014

Under the FR Article 25 procedure:

- CoJ – 3/2014

The Court of Justice intends to transfer EUR 485 000 from Item 2024 'Energy consumption' to Item 2100 'Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software'.

Improved contractual terms and more favourable weather conditions than anticipated allow to finance the updating and replacement of the hardware and software related to the transfer from the Buildings Directorate of the management of the security backbone network to the Directorate for Information Technologies (DIT).

- CoR – INF8, INF9, INF10, INF11, INF12 and INF13/2014

The Committee of Regions intends to make the following transfers:

INF 8/2014

Reinforce the budget 162 "Missions" in order to allow the CoR to finance additional, earlier unforeseen missions following specific political developments such the organization of ARLEM Plenary Session in Turkey in December 2014 instead of 2015 as well as missions in Ukraine and "Europe in my Region" events. The amount concerned is EUR 50 000.

INF 9/2014

Reinforce the budget 214 "Technical equipment and installations" in order to allow the CoR to finance two technical projects: (i) improvement of the distribution of the sound in the conference rooms for the journalists (EUR 40 000) and (ii) facilitation of the implementation of paper-poor payment system for the members reimbursements (EUR 5 000). Thus the total amount of the transfer is EUR 45 000.

INF 10/2014

Reinforce the budget line 2007 "Fitting out of premises" in order to allow to replace the electricity based central heating system by the gas based central heating system. This is a joint CoR/EESC project to which the CoR contributes its share. The total amount of this transfer is EUR 45 186.

INF 11/2014

Reinforce the IT related budget line 2100 "Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work" in order to allow the CoR to finance additional needs for some IT projects in Information Systems (such as Members portal; the migration of Document Manager, Intranet and Extranet to the new version of SharePoint; contact management; document workflows) and Infrastructure domains (such as new network infrastructure and switches for the Belliard 68 building). These are joint CoR/EESC projects to which the CoR contributes its share. The total amount of this transfer is EUR 148 680.

INF 12/2014

Reinforce:

(i) the budget line 214 "Technical equipment and installations" by EUR 3 172 in order to allow the CoR to prolong a purchase order relating to the dispatching framework contract (Security related) as well as to complete several security related projects, and  
(ii) the budget line 238 "Other administrative expenditure" by EUR 4 248 in order to allow the CoR to finance the additional moves caused by the reorganization of the Translation Directorate. These are joint CoR/EESC projects to which the CoR contributes its share. The total amount of the transfer is thus EUR 27 420.

INF 13/2014

Reinforce the budget line 2001 "Annual lease payments" in order to allow the CoR to pay part of the 2015 lease payments on the joint CoR-EESC buildings in Brussels (due between 1 and 15 January 2015) using the 2014 budget rather than the 2015 budget.

This will free up some appropriations on budget line 2001 in 2015 which in turn will be used (by means of transfer later in the year) for carrying out additional projects to amongst others improve the energy efficiency of CoR/EESC buildings to be in conformity with the European energy efficiency directive 2012/27/EU and to comply with the legal requirements, for which there is currently no funding available in the 2015 budget.

The total amount of the transfer is EUR 925 000.

Under the FR Article 27 procedure:

- EP – C4/2014

The European Parliament intends to make a transfer of appropriations of a total amount of EUR 71 500 000. The purpose of this proposal is to provide the means for the mobilisation of unused appropriations of financial year 2014 to contribute to the construction works of the KAD building in Luxembourg.

This proposal is in accordance with resolution of April 17, 2014 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2015, which "(invited) the Secretary General to evaluate, at the end of the year, the funds not used in the 2014 budget and to commit them to the KAD project".

- EESC – DEC2/2014

This transfer of appropriations is intended to reinforce Items 2007 "Fitting-out of premises" and 2100 "Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work" as well as Articles 214 "Technical equipment and installations" and 238 "Other administrative expenditure" under the financial management of the Joint Services of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). Appropriations being transferred originate mainly in Energy consumption and Interpreting.

The total amount of the transfer is EUR 989 652.

- OMB – 5/2014

The European Ombudsman intends to transfer appropriations from a number of lines (mainly from Translation and Publications) in order to cover remaining needs on salary related lines due to the salary adjustment from 1 July 2012 as decided by the European Parliament and Council in 2014.

The total amount of the transfer is EUR 155 100.

**13. Building policy**

**Rapporteur: Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)**

**- Creation of a visitor reception area to the European Parliament in Brussels**

The Parliament has the intention to implement the partial renovation of three floors of Atrium K building and to transform the space into a visitor's reception area.

The Committee on Budgets was pre-informed about the project in accordance with article 203(4) of the Financial Regulation in the annual working document on building policy of June 2013. In accordance with Article 203(5) of the Financial Regulation, the Budget Committee has four weeks to take a decision.

**END OF VOTING TIME**

**14. Any other business**

**15. Next meeting : 11 December 2014**