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The European Parliament was the first major international organization to recognize the Armenian genocide in a [resolution](#) voted in 1987. It has also called upon the Turkish government to do likewise, in a score of resolutions on EU-Turkey relations.

A day of remembrance to mark the Armenian genocide is held every year on 24 April.

Debate: Wednesday, 15 April

Vote: Wednesday, 15 April

Procedure: *Council and Commission statements (with resolution)*

#Armenia #genocide

Further information

[Armenian genocide and Turkey: a historical background by EP Research service](#)

[EP resolution "On a political solution to Armenian question" \(20.7.1987\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research; Council and Commission statements - Armenian genocide 100th anniversary](#)

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Roma people are Europe's largest ethnic minority. Some 10 to 12 million are estimated to live in Europe, including around six million in the EU.

Roma Genocide Remembrance Day on 2 August seeks to raise awareness of the extermination of Roma people by the Nazis during the Second World War and of past and present hate crime and speech directed against them.

Procedure: non legislative resolution

Procedure Code:2015/2615(RSP)

Debate: Wednesday, 25 March

Vote: Wednesday, 15 April

#RomaDiscrimination #RomaGenocide

Further information

[European Parliament resolution of 12 December 2013 on the progress made in the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies](#)

[Press release - Roma discrimination: end illegal expulsions and ethnic profiling, MEPs say \(12.12.2013\)](#)

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[Video recording of the plenary debate \(25.03.2015\)](#)

[Story: International Roma Day: celebrating Europe's largest ethnic minority](#)

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Country	Company	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of aid (€)	Sector	EP rapporteur
France	Mory-Ducros SAS	2,513	6,052,200	Road haulage	Jean-Paul Denanot (S&D, FR)

Vote: Wednesday 15 April

Procedure: budget

#EGF #France #MoryDucros

Further information

[Draft report](#)

[Committee vote press release \(01.04.2015\)](#)

[European Commission's EGF page](#)

[EP research: Success Stories: the use of the EU Globalisation Adjustment Fund \(12.12.2014\)](#)

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The changes were requested by the European Commission, and have been informally and unanimously approved by the Council of Ministers. Parliament can either give its assent to the Council text or reject it.

If the ceilings are changed as proposed, the first tranche of €21.1 billion can be transferred to 2015 through a draft amending budget (DAB2/2015), adding €16.5 billion to the commitment appropriations available for 2015.

The remaining tranches, of €4.5 billion for 2016 and €100 million for 2017, are to be handled in separate draft amending budgets. For further details on the uncommitted appropriations, read the [EP backgrounder](#).

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Debate and vote: Wednesday, 15 April

Procedure: Consent

Hashtags #MFF

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[Draft recommendation for the modification of MFF ceilings](#)

[Co-rapporteur Isabelle Thomas \(S&D, FR\)](#)

[Co-rapporteur Jan Olbrycht \(EPP, PL\)](#)

[EP Research: MFF revision backgrounder \(23.03.2015\)](#)

[EP Research: Amendment of Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020](#)

Other items on the agenda

The following agenda items will also be debated and/or put to a vote.

- Vote on Decision establishing the Social Protection Committee (to monitor social situation and development of social protection policies in member states and the EU, promote information exchange, and prepare opinions). Rapporteur Marita Ulvskog (S&D, SE)
- Vote on Decision establishing the Employment situation and Employment Policies, etc. Rapporteur Marita Ulvskog (S&D, SE)
- Debate on Employment quotas for people with disabilities in the EU institutions