

Members' Research Service

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The **Members' Research Service** of EPRS provides all Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) with independent, objective and authoritative analysis of, and research on, EU-related policy issues, in order to assist them in their parliamentary work. The Service is organised in **six policy units** – currently covering economic policies, digital policies, structural policies, citizens' policies, budgetary policies and external policies – and two specialist capabilities for monitoring delivery of EU climate action goals and the Next Generation EU recovery fund. Around 100 policy analysts and information specialists are at the disposal of individual Members of the European Parliament to support them in their work on all policy issues facing the Parliament or the EU institutions more widely. The work and output of the policy units is supported by a central **Publications Management and Editorial Unit**, which also serves EPRS as a whole.

OUR SERVICES

- The Members' Research Service provides **in-house, specialist expertise** in all areas of EU policy, based on the work of its policy analysts and information specialists. Our philosophy, like that of EPRS as a whole, is to 'empower through knowledge'.
- We draft **responses to specific requests from individual Members** for information, analysis and research in policy fields covered by the European Union, notably by means of tailored, **personalised briefing** to Members, both in written form and through in-person meetings. The Members' Research Service replied to over 20 000 such requests from MEPs or other official parliamentary clients between 2014 and 2020. Requests were received from 93% of Members in the last parliamentary term.
- We generate a comprehensive range of **pro-active, content-rich, easy-to-read publications** (and other analysis and research) for Members collectively and the wider parliamentary community, on all major EU policies and issues, including the automatic and systematic analysis of legislative proposals at their successive stages of passage. The Members' Research Service produced almost 5 000 publications between 2014 and 2020. All EPRS publications are available at www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank.
- We contribute **online content** in all policy fields for use on the European Parliament's various external and internal websites. There were over 25 million page views of EPRS material alone on the internet or intranet between 2014 and 2020.

TAILORED SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

Any MEP can make a request at any time to the Members' Research Service for information, research or analysis on EU policies, issues or legislation. The **Members' Hotline** offers clients a single point of contact for accessing all EPRS services, available at www.eprs.sso.ep.parl.union.eu, or at epres@europarl.europa.eu or by phoning 88100. A **tailored analysis** or other personalised material will be prepared to meet Members' needs. We aim to respond to enquiries



within three working hours, either answering the request straight-away or designating a specialist member of staff to deal with the matter, on a bilateral basis, providing the response in whichever format best suits the Member's requirements.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

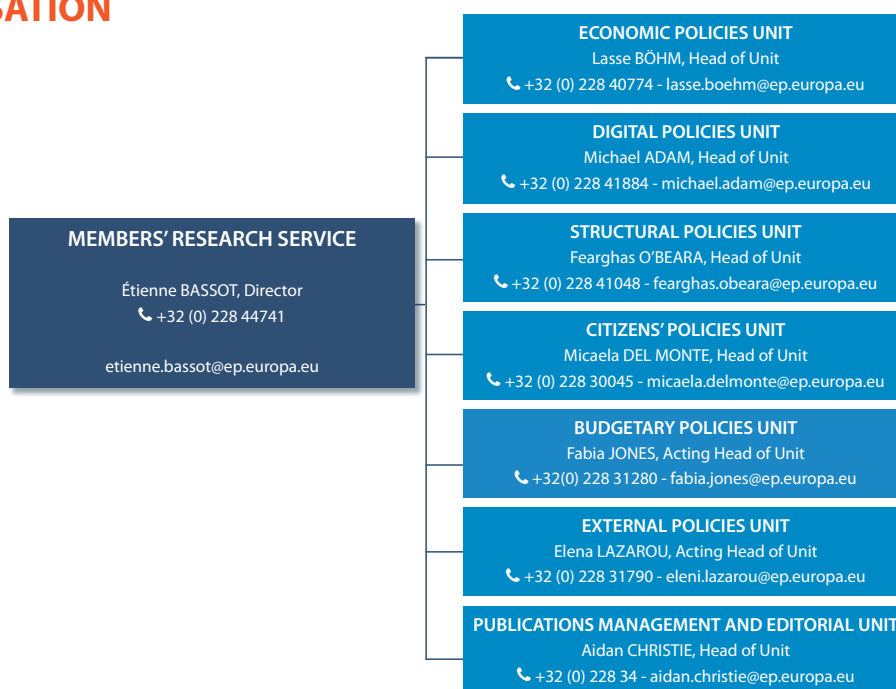
The Members' Research Service produces a wide range of analytical and factual publications, ranging from short 'at-a-glance' notes and briefings to longer in-depth analyses and studies. Series include:

- **Plenary at-a-glance notes** on the main items on the agenda of each plenary session;
- **How the EU Budget is spent:** Concise overviews of each major EU spending programme or fund, including objectives, figures, measures, projects and and results;
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- A series of regular publications on developments in the Union each year, including an annual Economic and Budgetary Outlook, an annual Demographic Outlook, 'Ten Issues to Watch', and six-monthly assessments of the delivery of the European Commission.

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY

EPRS publications are noted for their active use of **infographics**. All graphs and charts used in our publications are now available in one place, an online **Graphics Warehouse**, from which they may be downloaded for use by Members for their own publications or websites: www.eprs.sso.ep.parl.union.eu/eprs/auth/en/GWH_Graphs.html. A similar **Map Warehouse** can be found at: www.eprs.sso.ep.parl.union.eu/eprs/auth/en/GWH_Maps.html. A **Statistics Warehouse** offers easy access to data from a wide range of international organisations. Undertaken in cooperation with GlobalStat.eu, it can be accessed within the EP at: www.eprs.sso.ep.parl.union.eu/eprs/auth/en/globalstat.html. **Podcasts** of selected EPRS publications on topical issues are available at: www.europarl.europa.eu/rss/en/audio-podcasts.html, whilst **animated infographics** can be found at: www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/infographics.html.

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