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Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights



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High stakes and still much work ahead for new MFF and own resources



Dear reader,

On 10 October 2019 the European Parliament renewed and updated the mandate of its negotiating team for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) due to start in 2021 and the reform of the own resources, and urged the Commission to immediately start preparing a contingency plan in the event that it is necessary to extend the current financial framework. The European Parliament maintains that a more ambitious budget is needed and it will not consent on MFF without significant progress on own resources. The Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs took note of commitments by the new Commissioner for budget and administration and will be providing external expertise relevant to the next MFF programmes.

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The European Public Prosecutor's Office

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



This study analyses challenges related to the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) as enhanced cooperation among the current 22 Member States.

Complexity is identified as a main challenge owing to the EPPO's specific multilevel structure, the relationship between the EPPO and non-participating Member States, and the fact that the EPPO Regulation leaves many procedural rules to the law of the Member State in which an investigation takes place.

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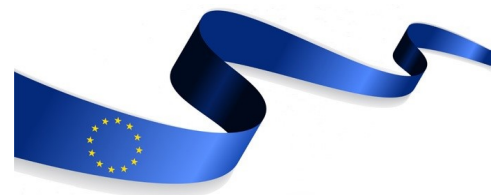
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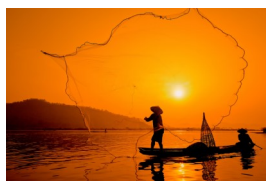
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Policy Department for External Relations



The EU considers the Mekong region as vital for global biodiversity and a strategic source of livelihoods and economic activity for more than 60 million people. The Mekong is strategically important. It is also extremely vulnerable to climate change and to the degradation of its ecosystems. It suffers from the massive exploitation of its resources, namely water, food, energy and in particular infrastructure and hydropower development. It also suffers from deforestation, illegal trade in wildlife and habitat fragmentation.



EU environment and climate change policies

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



The EU policies for environment and climate change face both current and future challenges in terms of EU legislation. This study requested by the ENVI committee looks at the challenges for environment and climate change policies in the EU arising from the new European Green Deal, the foreseen reviews of legislation in the next term and the need for action where indicators show that current EU environment targets may not be achieved.



The EU farming employment: current challenges and future

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Farming employment in the EU has been steadily declining for decades with an impressive 30% decrease in the last fifteen years. The in-depth case studies provide detailed insights into the challenges faced by European farmers, and more generally by the agricultural sector, such as the quality of life in rural areas for farmers and their families, the ageing of the farm managers' population, the urban-rural income gap and more.



The professional status of rural women in the EU

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



Women and girls are central to the sustainability of rural households and communities, but their role and significance is often overlooked. This study gives an overview of the professional status of rural women in the EU, their work situation and their position on the labour market. It identifies best practices used in Member States and gives recommendations on the improvement of the employment situation and legal status of women in rural areas of the EU.



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