

# AT A GLANCE

## Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights



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#### Transparency of EU funding for NGOs



Dear Reader,  
NGOs receive support from the EU Budget, and the CONT Committee monitors the transparency of such funding. A new study looks into NGO financing within the EU. The quality of grant funding data and electronic systems has improved, but it remains difficult to have clarity about the use

of funding and other financial support NGOs receive.

The study advocates for a joint effort and makes recommendations to Parliament, Commission and NGOs themselves, e.g. a more specific definition of NGOs and subcategories, enhanced NGO transparency, an interoperable electronic reporting and monitoring system of the Commission that clarifies final recipients and monitors implementation. The study is very useful, as it recognises the important role NGOs play in our society, but also shows where improvements and more clarity are needed.

*Monika Hohlmeier, MEP  
Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control*

#### Transparency and accountability of EU funding for NGOs

*Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs*



This study assesses recent developments in the transparency and accountability of EU NGO funding and appraises the single, centralised grant management system and identifies its limits.

The study recommends a more comprehensive, systematic approach to public transparency involving the Parliament, the Commission and NGOs.

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#### **REGI** Forest fires of summer 2022, lessons to draw from the cohesion policy response

Study presentation  
23 January 2024

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### The effect of due diligence EU legislation on SMEs

*Policy Department for External Relations*



This study for INTA addresses the impact of EU due diligence legislation on SMEs. It offers an overview of the existing legislation and its impact as well as an analysis of practical implications and key challenges for SMEs. It also discusses support measures that SMEs need or are already using. The research is based on interviews with business associations, chambers of commerce and supporting agencies. This publication includes policy recommendations.



### Analysis of the European Disability Card

*Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies*



The proposed directive on a European Disability Card (and European Parking Card) would facilitate free movement for people with disabilities by ensuring that cardholders can avail of disability benefits in a range of services across the EU. The study requested by EMPL committee describes the proposal as a milestone in the development of EU disability law but also identifies a number of shortcomings. The study makes recommendations as to how these can be addressed during the legislative phase.



### Development of milk production in EU after the end of milk quotas

*Policy Department on Structural and Cohesion Policies*



The study evaluates the challenges, opportunities and medium term prospects for the EU dairy sector in light of milk quota abolition. It focuses on structural change in the sector, the dynamics of the dairy market, the need for environmental resilience and rural sustainability. The specific concerns of disadvantaged dairy regions are also addressed. The report also offers policy recommendations for the European Parliament's consideration.



### Homelessness in the European Union

*Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs*



This study, requested by the PETI Committee, stresses the need to change systems responding to homelessness as an issue of individual dysfunction and inadequacy, to systems that end homelessness. Public policy should aim to prevent homelessness. For those experiencing homelessness, the duration must be minimised by providing secure, affordable housing, so as to reduce further experiences of homelessness, decrease costly emergency accommodation, and alleviate trauma associated with homelessness.



## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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| <b>SANT</b> | Current challenges and opportunities for addressing obesity - December 2023  |
| <b>AFCO</b> | The notion of constitutional identity and its role in the European integration - January 2024                          |
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