

WORKSHOP ON

**THE GALAXY OF FUNDS AND
INSTRUMENTS AROUND THE EU BUDGET**

*Organised by the Policy Department D on Budgetary Affairs
for the Committee on Budgets*

Chair: Mr Jean Arthuis

Rapporteur: MEP José Manuel Fernandes

Wednesday, 25 January 2017, 15:00 - 18:30

European Parliament, Brussels

József Antall Building, Room JAN 6Q2

PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:05 Welcome and introduction

15:00 - 15:05

Mr Jean Arthuis MEP

Chair of the Committee on Budgets

15:05 -16:05 Part I: How the EU budget has developed and changed in the past 10 years

Key note Speaker:

Dr. Giacomo Benedetto, Senior Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics and International Relations, European Studies Centre, Royal Holloway University of London

- The evolution of budgetary powers over the last ten years, in theory and practice,
- The structure of the budget (own resources, MFF, commitments and payments, annual budget, division of expenditure),
- The changes of the Lisbon Treaty,
- The effect of the Euro crisis on the EU budget,
- The effect of the EFSF, EFSM, and ESM on the budget.

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Open Discussion

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16:05 - 16:30 Part II: The budgetary tools for financing the EU external policies

Speakers: Sebastian Paulo and Elsa Perreau, authors of the briefing from the consultancy Blomeyer & Sanz

First Briefing "The budgetary tools for financing the EU external policies":

- loans and grants covered by the Guarantee Fund for External Actions,
- the EDF,

- the EU external Trust Funds,
- the Facility for Refugees in Turkey,
- Blending of grants and loans under the external policies programmes (regional and DCI facilities),
- An assessment of the newly proposed EFSD as part of the broader External Investment Plan and of the changes to the budgetary architecture it is entailing.

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Open Discussion

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16:30 - 17:30 Part III: The EFSI as a new type of a budgetary instrument

The instruments providing financial support to EU Member States

Speakers: Dr. Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Dr. Jorge Nunez Ferrer, Senior Research Fellow (CEPS); Dr. Cinzia Alcidi, Senior Research Fellow (CEPS) and Dr. David Rinaldi, Research Fellow (CEPS)

Second Briefing “The EFSI as a new type of a budgetary instrument”:

- The EFSI scheme against the background of the financial instruments under internal policies programmes,
- Does the principle of additionality effectively prevent crowding out and/or duplicating the activities?
- How do new forms of budgetary instruments (based on loans/guarantees/equity quasi-equity) compare from the point of view of transparency, accountability and democratic control, with more traditional grant based budgetary instruments?

Third Briefing “The instruments providing financial support to EU Member States”:

- the instruments guaranteed by the EU budget (BOP, EFSM)
- the instruments constituted outside the EU Budget (GLF, EFSF and ESM)

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Open Discussion

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17:30 - 18:20 Part IV: Perspectives for the Future

Open discussion

with input by former Chairs of the Budget Committee

- Reimer Böge,
- Alain Lamassoure,
- Janusz Lewandowski,

and by former Members

- Ivailo Kalfin,
- Jan Mulder (tbc),

and by academic experts on Budgetary Affairs

- Cinzia Alcidì, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels
- Giacomo Benedetto, Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Budget Policy, London
- Alfredo De Feo, Fellow at European University Institute, Florence
- Jorge Nunez Ferrer, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels
- Daniel Gros, Director at CEPS, Brussels
- Sebastian Paulo, Research Consultant at Blomeyer & Sanz
- Elsa Perreau, Junior researcher at Blomeyer & Sanz
- David Rinaldi, Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels.

18:20 - 18:30 Concluding remarks by the Chair

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Followed by a reception of Chair Arthuis in the meeting room

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