

REVISION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION TOWARDS AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE BUDGET CYCLE



DATE

21 March 2017

TIME

15:00 - 17:30

ROOM

**József Antall
4Q1**

**Committee on Budgets and
Committee on Budgetary
Control**

CHAIRS:

Jean ARTHUIS and
Ingeborg GRÄSSLE

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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

WORKSHOP ON THE REVISION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION

TOWARDS AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE BUDGET CYCLE

Organised by the Policy Department D on Budgetary Affairs

Tuesday, 21 March 2017, 15:00 - 17:30

**European Parliament, Brussels
József Antall Building (JAN), Room 4Q1**

DRAFT WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:10 Welcome and introduction

15:00 - 15:05 **Mr Jean Arthuis MEP**
Chair of the Committee on Budgets

15:05 - 15:10 **Dr Inge Gräßle MEP**
*Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control
and rapporteur*

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15:10 - 15:30 European Commission proposal: general observations

15:10 - 15:30 **The European Court of Auditors' opinion**
Mr Lazaros S. Lazarou, *Dean of Chamber V Financing and
administering the Union*

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15:30 - 16:20 European Commission proposal: specific observations

Performance-based budgeting: Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting

15:30 - 15:40 **Managing Authority: Operational Programme ESF
Baden-Württemberg 2014-2020**
Dr. Matthias Boll, *Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-
Württemberg*

The European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF)

15:40 - 15:50 **Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)**
Mr Jorge Núñez Ferrer, *CEPS Senior Research Fellow*

Externalisation of tasks and optimisation of resources

15:50 - 16:00 **European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), Chair Agencies' network**
Mr François Monnard, *Head of Finance EFSA*

Citizen's engagement

16:00 - 16:10 **European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) Maastricht**
Dr Edward Best, *Head of Unit "European Decision-Making"*

Conflict of interest

16:10 - 16:20 **Czech NGO "Good Governance"**
Mr Lukáš Wagenknecht, *Chairman of the Czech NGO "Good Governance"*

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16:20 - 16:55 Debate

16:20 - 16:55 **Q&A and general debate**

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16:55 - 17:05 European Commission comments

16:55 - 17:05 **Mr Olivier Waelbroeck**
Director, Financial Central Service Directorate, European Commission

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17:05 - 17:25 Preliminary conclusions from the two rapporteurs

17:05 - 17:15

Dr Inge Gräßle MEP

Rapporteur and Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

17:15- 17:25

Mr Richard Ashworth MEP

Rapporteur and Member of the Committee on Budgets

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17:25 - 17:30 Closing remarks

17:25 - 17:30

Mr Jean Arthuis MEP

Chair of the Committee on Budgets

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS



Mr Lazaros S. LAZAROU

Dean of Chamber V Financing and administering the Union

Professional experience:

Born in Liopetri-Famagusta, Cyprus, in 1958

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| From 11/2010 | Member of the European Court of Auditors. |
| From 06/2016 | Dean of Chamber V "Financing and administering the Union" and Member for the Annual Report. |
| 02/2014-05/2016 | Permanent Member of CEAD Chamber "Coordination, Evaluation, Assurance and Development" and Member responsible for the statement of assurance. |
| 01/2011-01/2014 | Non-permanent Member of CEAD Chamber representing at first Chamber I and subsequently Chamber II. |
| 05/2012-01/2014 | Member of Chamber II "Structural policies, transport and energy". |
| 11/2010-04/2012 | Member of Chamber I "Preservation and management of natural resources". |
| 2000-2010 | Accountant General of the Republic of Cyprus. |
| 1989-1999 | Inland Revenue Department of the Republic of Cyprus. |
| 1982-1989 | Professional accountant/auditor with audit firms in the UK and Cyprus. |

Professional and Academic background:

Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

International Tax Program Certificate from Harvard Law School.

Bachelor of Science in Economics from Hull University, UK.



Dr. Matthias Boll, M.C.L.
Deputy Head of ESF Managing Authority
Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-
Württemberg

Dr. Matthias Boll studied Law and Comparative Law in Heidelberg, Speyer, Mannheim and Adelaide. He has been working for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-Württemberg since 2003. Initially his responsibility was in the fields of Long-term Care Insurance Law and the supreme supervisory authority for nursing homes, then he was in charge of the supply with ambulance services. After a one-year leadership course at the Leadership Academy Baden-Württemberg he took up the position of the deputy head of the “Basic Income Support for Job Seekers and Social Welfare” unit in 2010 and changed to the “ESF-Managing Authority” unit in 2014. The managing authority is in charge of the planning and implementation of the operational program including the cooperation on the national and transnational level, fulfilment of the reporting requirements and public relations work.



Dr. Jorge Núñez Ferrer,
*Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for European
Policy Studies (CEPS)*

Jorge Núñez Ferrer is Senior Research Fellow at CEPS and visiting lecturer at the Central European University in Budapest. He is a specialist on the EU budget and financial instruments, having worked on EU financial issues as a Commission official and as a consultant to various Member States and EU institutions.

He has recently acted as project leader for the preparation of the independent background report on EU Own Resources for the High Level Group led by Mario Monti. He also coordinates Framework Programmes on the EU budget for the Parliament and the Committee of the Regions. Next to this, he also works on issues related to energy policy, innovation and Smart Cities.

Jorge holds a PhD from Imperial College of the University of London



Mr François Monnard,
Head of Finance of the European Food Safety Agency
(EFSA)

Mr. Monnard has over 30 years of professional experience among which 11 years in the banking industry acting as Director in British and German banks and 14 years in European institutions, the Commission (DG Fish) and EFSA (Parma). His duties at EFSA cover budget, financial management, procurement and accounting.

François has extensive experience in budget management, financial systems, managing risks, and implementing internal control systems.

He holds a Master of Arts in Economics from Université Catholique de Louvain. His other professional certifications include amongst others: Business Modelling (University of St Gallen), Risk Management (The Globecon Group), International Leadership (WestLB).



Dr Edward Best,
Head of Unit “European Decision-making”
European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)

Edward Best is Head of Unit and professor at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht, and Senior Fellow of Maastricht University.

He specializes in European institutions and the political aspects of European integration, as well as comparative regionalism and the management of regional organizations.

He is the author of *Understanding EU Decision-Making* (Springer, 2016) and *EU Law-Making in Principle and Practice* (Routledge, 2014), and is co-editor of *The Institutions of the Enlarged European Union* (Edward Elgar, 2008). He has produced numerous articles on the EU and institutional arrangements for regional integration, including contributions on transparency, citizen participation, and governance indicators in regional contexts, as well as a commissioned study for the Committee of Regions on Direct and Participatory Democracy in the EU.

He has been responsible for successive framework contracts to provide training and consultancy services to the EU institutions on European governance, and gives regular courses in the European Commission, European Parliament, Agencies and other bodies of the EU.



Mr Lukás Wagenknecht,
Chairman of the Czech NGO "Good Governance"

Lukas deals with the topic of financial management and internal audit in the private and public sectors for last 15 years.

He graduated the Faculty of Economics and Administration at the University of Pardubice. In his professional practice engaged internal audit and audit of the Structural Funds on the Interior Ministry, Regional Council of the Cohesion Region Central Bohemia and at the Deloitte Audit Prague office.

2014 - 2015 he was appointed as the First Deputy Minister of Finance for financial control and audit.

Lukas is currently working in the company Empresa Media as the Chief economic analyst. EMPRESA MEDIA is one of the biggest publishing and advertising companies in Czech Republic.

At the same time he is addressing the issue of good governance in the registered NGO Good Governance, where he holds for last five years position of the chairman.

In the past, he was elected as the vice president of the Czech Institute of Internal Auditors, currently is member of the board.



Mr Olivier Waelbroeck
*Director, Financial Central Service Directorate,
DG Budget, European Commission*

Olivier holds Master in International Business Law (LLM) from the London School of Economics (Foreign and Commonwealth Scholarship) and is a law graduate from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

After spending several years at the Court of Justice of the EU (Cabinet of a judge and later of the President), he joined the European Commission in 2005 first as part of the Secretariat General and later of the Directorate-General for Budget, where he was appointed assistant to Director General (2009), Head of Unit "Financial Regulations" (2011) and Director of the Central Financial Service (2015).

