



**Wednesday 19 March 2014**  
**From 09.00 – 12.30 & 15.00 - 18.30**

**Brussels - Room JAN 6Q2**

## COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

In the Chair: A. Lamassoure, Chair

### 1. Adoption of agenda

### 2. Chairman's announcements

#### 2.1. Languages available

**Available:** BG, CS, DA, DE, EN, EL, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SV

#### 2.2. Webstreaming

Members are informed that this BUDG meeting will be webstreamed (apart from Coordinators' meeting) on the following link:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/wps-europarl-internet/frd/live/live-program?language=en>

Please be aware that each time a speaker activates the microphone to make an intervention the camera will be automatically directed to the speaker.

#### 2.3. Other announcements

The extraordinary BUDG meeting foreseen for the presentation of the Statement of Estimates by the Commission will take place on Wednesday, 11 June 2014.

The latest implementation and "RAL" figures of the 2013 Budget are now available at the following Intranet link:

<http://www.ipolnet.ep.parl.union.eu/ipolnet/cms/poldep/ptd/pid/2303>

### 3. Approval of minutes of:

- 4 March 2014

## BUDGET 2015

### 4. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2015 - Section I - Parliament

*Rapporteur: S. Garriga Polledo*

- *Exchange of views*

See point 11 below.

### 5. Working document on pilot projects and preparatory actions in budget 2014 and 2015 Commission's first interim report on the implementation of PPPAs 2014

*Co-Rapporteurs : E. Gardiazábal, A.E. Jensen*

- *Exchange of views*

PP-PAs are important tools for the formulation of political priorities and the introduction of new initiatives that, if proved successful, may turn into standing EU activities and programmes. As every year, the 2015 annual budgetary procedure contains a mechanism for agreeing on a package of new and on-going pilot projects (PP) and preparatory actions (PA).

The procedure starts with an exchange of views on the Commission First Interim Report on the Implementation of PP-PAs in the 2014 budget and a Working Document which describes the procedure for 2015. Out of the 66 pilot projects and preparatory actions, the interim report sets out the main elements for the implementation of 60 projects/actions totalling EUR 72,16 million in commitment appropriations. For 4 projects/actions (representing a total amount of EUR 4,75 million in commitment appropriations), the Commission considers, in line with the position expressed in the letter of executability of 25 October 2013, that the proposed actions can be covered by an existing legal base; the Commission therefore proposes to transfer the appropriations to the relevant legal base's budget lines. For 1 preparatory action (representing an amount of EUR 1,5 million in commitment appropria-

tions), the Commission considers that appropriations voted under the 2014 budget may not be implemented as on-going actions financed by previous years' appropriations already address the objectives set out for the action. Finally for one preparatory action, representing an amount of EUR 1 million in commitment appropriations, the Commission is at this stage still examining the possible options for the implementation of the action.

Given the time needed by the Commission ahead of the financing decision, a specific procedure, **including sending proposals for PP-PAs for pre-assessment** to the Commission, has been implemented with fruitful results since 2011. An early dialogue will be started with the Commission to improve and clarify the implementation of proposed new and on-going projects and actions.

Please note that this year, however, due to the European Parliament elections as an exception to the rule there will be **two rounds of submission of pilot project and preparatory action proposals to the Commission for pre-assessment; 5 June for outgoing Members and 9 July for incoming Members**. Please also note that if the proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions are to become part of the budget and thereby finally authorized, they **must also be tabled as budgetary amendments to the draft budget in September**.

#### Provisional Calendar:

Date	Event
End of February	First interim report from COM
19-20 March	Presentation and discussion of COM interim report and EP working document on PP/PAs
June	DB and second interim report from COM (WD IV)
<b>5 June - 12.00</b>	<b>First deadline for tabling indicative PP/PAs proposals for pre-assessment</b>
<b>9 July – 12.00</b>	<b>Second deadline for tabling indicative PP/PAs proposals for pre-assessment</b>
Mid-July	First round back from pre-assessment
23 July	Possible discussion of first assessment report in BUDG
Early September	Second round back from pre-assessment
<b>4 September</b>	<b>Deadline for tabling budgetary AMs (committees + MEPs)</b>
11 September	Deadline for tabling budgetary AMs (political groups) Possible discussion of second pre-assessment report in BUDG

**6. Draft Amending Budget No 1 to the general budget 2014 - Statement of revenue by section - Statement of expenditure by section - Section III - Commission**

*Rapporteur: A.E. Jensen*

- *Exchange of views*

Ms Jensen will inform BUDG members of the amendments received to her draft report on DAB 1, as well as any other recent developments.

The only amendment received was from ITRE, whereby it proposes to include EUR 53 mio in the line 08 02 04 01 "Science for and with Society" in order to align it with the Horizon 2020 work-programmes for 2014-2015, adopted on 10 Dec 2013 (EC Decision C (2013)8631). It foresees around 53m€ for activities under "Science with and for Society" for 2014. ITRE want this to be an overall budgetary neutral operation (i.e. funds should be ensured from Horizon 2020 overall budget) but leaves it to BUDG to decide which lines then to cut. According to information from the Commission, the EUR 53 million will be transferred to the line 08 02 04 01 via an internal transfer, in order to ensure that there is no delay in the calls of proposals. The Commission informed the Rapporteur that it intends to do an additional transfer request to allocate this EUR 53 million but has not indicated when.

Another change that might be necessary in DAB 1 is related to the agreement between the Parliament and the Council on the EIF capital increase. Contrary to the Commission proposal, the Parliament and the Council agreed to not treat dividends as assigned revenue yet (subject to reconsider this option later), which will increase the amounts for the period 2014 - 2017 from EUR 170 to EUR 178 million. The Commission should explain to BUDG members whether it intends to submit an amending letter to compensate for this change. Since the treatment of dividends only concerned the remarks of budget article 850 Dividends paid by the European Investment Fund in the Commission draft, and the legal basis always takes precedent over the budgetary remarks, the Commission does not see a need to change its initial proposal in that respect. There was no amount mentioned for the assigned revenue from dividends in the Commission's draft.

The Council will examine the subject again at its meeting of 25 March and the objective is to have it adopted in

early April in order to enable the Parliament to also do its reading by the last plenary session of this legislative period.

The issue will be raised at the budgetary trilogue on 2 April and therefore the vote in BUDG is expected to take place on 10 April.

Draft calendar:

Date	Body	Event
4 March	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
7 March	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
10 April	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
April II	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

**7. Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - application EGF/2012/007 IT/VDC Technologies from Italy**

*Rapporteur: F. Daerden*

- *Exchange of views*

The BUDG Committee will discuss a Draft Report containing a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council to mobilize the EGF. It is accompanied by the transfer of appropriations DEC 04/2014.

The EGF contribution of EUR 3 010 985 is foreseen for re-integration into the labour market of 1 146 redundant workers from VDC Technologies SpA and one supplier operating in the manufacture of television sets and air-conditioning units in the regions of Frosinone and Lazio in Italy.

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19 March	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
24 March, 12.00	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
18 March	EMPL	Vote in EMPL
1 April	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
April	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

## 8. Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - application EGF/2012/004 ES/Santana

*Rapporteur: F. Daerden*

- *Exchange of views*

The BUDG Committee will discuss a Draft Report containing a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council to mobilize the EGF. It is accompanied by the transfer of appropriations DEC 05/2014.

The EGF contribution of EUR 1 964 407 is foreseen for re-integration into the labour market of 285 redundant workers from Grupo Santana and 15 suppliers and downstream producers operating in automobile manufacturing in the region of Jaen in Spain.

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## 9. Presentation of the study "How do members states handle contributions to the EU budget in their national budgets"

*Co-Rapporteurs : J. L. Debaene- A.E. Jensen*

This study examines the details of the timing and predictability of the EU receipts, the handling of the various stages of the procedures and the consequences in general for the EU and national public finances. It also offers a short assessment of the implication for the Own Resources of possible additional taxes and tariffs and a more fundamental reform of the determination of the financing of the EU budget and the handling of the contributions to the EU in Member States' budgets.

## 10. Monitoring group on the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived and implementation of extra funds for 2014

The general rapporteurs for budgets N and N+1, Ms Jensen and Ms Gardiazábal, have organised a monitoring group to examine the implementation of the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived and the extra funds allocated for 2014. The two rapporteurs are expecting answers from the Commission regarding the timeliness of the implementation, measures to ensure a smooth transition between the two MFFs, avoiding overlaps with national measures and others.

## Voting time

## 11. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2015 - Section I - Parliament

*Rapporteur: S. Garriga Polledo*

- *Consideration and adoption*

The 4th round of conciliation between the Bureau and BUDG delegations took place on 12 March in Strasbourg on the basis of the revised proposal of preliminary draft estimates.

The Bureau shall formally approve and transmit to the BUDG committee the preliminary draft estimates after its next meeting, foreseen on the 3 April, which according to the procedure, will allow BUDG to adopt the Preliminary Estimates.

As such the vote is postponed.

## 12. Negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020: lessons to be learned and the way forward

*Co-Rapporteurs : J.-L. Debaene, I. Kalfin*

- *Consideration and adoption*

On 16 January 2014, the Conference of Presidents authorised BUDG committee to draft an own-initiative report entitled "Negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020: lessons to be learned and the way forward".

The Rapporteurs presented their draft initiative report on 22 January and a second exchange of views took place on 4 March.

100 amendments were tabled to the report, including from the ITRE and FEMM Committees. AFCO, under Article 50, REGI, LIBE and EMPL delivered an opinion.

BUDG will vote on those amendments and on the 15 compromise amendments proposed by the Rapporteurs.

Draft calendar

Date	Body	Event
22 Jan	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
20 Feb	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
04 March	BUDG	Exchange of views
19 March	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
April II	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

**13. Budget 2014 – Section III**

*Rapporteur: A. Jensen*

- *Any transfer request*

**DEC 02/2014**

DEC 02/ 2014 relates to the transfer of 660 mio EUR to line 11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs). The Decision will enable vessels of the European fleet to resume fishing activities in Mauritian waters within the new legal framework constituted by the Agreement.

**14. Budget 2014 - Other Sections**

*Rapporteur: M. Hohlmeier*

- *Any possible request*

**EP - C1/2014**

**CoA - V/AB-01/A/14**

Request EP - C1/2014 concerns Parliament's transfer for an amount of EUR 65.000, from the general remuneration

line to that relating to allowances for staff retired in the interest of the service (art. 50 of the Staff Regulation).

Request CoA - V/AB-01/A/14 concerns a Court of Auditors' transfer for an amount of EUR 20.000, from the Publications line to the consultations, studies and surveys line, in view of additional external expertise requests.

**15. Buildings policy**

*Rapporteur: M. Hohlmeier*

- *Any possible request*

**EBA notification - Long Term Solution**

Further to the early information received on 18 October 2013, EBA submitted the notification for approval of its long term office solution on 4 February 2014.

As the rental contracts of the existing office accommodation expire in 12/2014 and the office space currently available is relatively expensive and not sufficient for EBA's staff needs, a new long term office solution for a rental period of 12 years is proposed by EBA.

**House of Europe, Berlin, Germany**

A new lease including an increase of the ground-floor space for the House of Europe in Berlin

**Joint Research Centre (JRC), Karlsruhe, Germany**

Construction of a transit store building and a guard building on the site of the Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Karlsruhe, Germany

**End of voting time**

**16. Reporting of the work of the Joint Working Group Bureau/Budg**

*Chair of BUDG delegation: G. Lyon*

Postponed, as no meeting of the Joint Working Group took place since last BUDG meeting.

**17. Reporting on the state of negotiation on the Amendment of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 as regards the financing of European political parties under Rule 70**

*Rapporteur: I. Gräßle*

The rapporteur will report back to the committee on any development in the negotiations since the last BUDG meeting.

**18. Reporting on the state of negotiation on the Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union under Rule 70**

*Rapporteur: I. Gräßle*

The rapporteur will report back to the committee on any development in the negotiations since the last BUDG meeting.

**19. Reporting on the state of negotiation on the Capital increase of the European Investment Fund under Rule 70**

*Rapporteur : E. Gardiazábal*

The rapporteur for this report, Ms Gardiazábal, will present to BUDG members the outcome of negotiations with the Council. Compared to the mandate voted in BUDG committee at its meeting of 4 March, the final outcome contains a change as to the treatment of revenue from dividends in the period 2014 -2017. In the spirit of compromise it was decided not to treat dividends as assigned revenue at this stage but the Parliament and the Council will address the issue in the framework of the next revision of the financial regulation or, at the latest, in the context of the interim report due by the end of 2016. This is spelled out in a joint declaration.

BUDG Members can consider and vote to endorse the outcome of negotiations before it is submitted for plenary vote in April.

**20. Any other business**

**21. Next meeting:**

- 31 March 2014 - 15.00-18.30
- 1 April 2014 - 09.00-12.30

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