



Wednesday 12 February 2014
From 09.00 – 12.30
Brussels - Room ASP 1G-3



In the Chair: A. Lamassoure, Chair

1. Adoption of agenda

2. Chairman's announcements

2.1. Languages available

Available: BG, CS, DA, DE, EN, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LV, NL, PL, PT, 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 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:

- 22 January 2014

BUDGET 2015

4. General guidelines for the 2015 budget - Section III

Rapporteur: E. Gardiazabal

- *Exchange of views*

A second exchange of views on the section III guidelines will take place, this time also taking into consideration the amendments tabled. The amendment deadline is set on 11 February and a preliminary AM document will be available in the meeting room (amendments in their original languages and not yet verified by the legal linguistic services).

The vote in BUDG on the guidelines will take place on Tuesday, 4 March.

Calendar:

Date	Body	Event
22 January	BUDG	Exchange of views
11 Feb, 12.00	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
4 March	BUDG	Vote
March	Plenary	Adoption in plenary

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

Rapporteur: S. Garriga Polledo

- *Exchange of views*

The Rapporteur will present to the Members of the committee his draft report on the Preliminary Draft Estimates of the European Parliament for the financial year 2015.

A first exchange of views between coordinators and Shadow rapporteurs took place on 5 February, in Strasbourg, in the presence of Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Member of the Bureau-BUDG Working Group and Klaus WELLE, EP's Secretary-General.

Draft calendar:

Date	Body	Event
5 February	BUDG	Presentation of the SG Report to the BUDG Coordinators (STR)
11 February	BUDG	Circulation of the draft report
12 February	BUDG	Presentation of the draft report (BUDG) – EN only
24 February	BUREAU	Adoption of the Preliminary draft estimates by the Bureau (STR)
25 February	BUDG - BUREAU	Conciliation (STR) - tbc
27 February	BUDG	Deadline for AMs in BUDG (STR)
4 March	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
March	Plenary	Adoption in plenary

6. System of own resources of the European Union

7. Implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union

8. The methods and procedure for making available the traditional and GNI-based own resources and the measures to meet cash requirements (recast)

Co-Rapporteurs : A.E. Jensen - J.L. Dehaene

- *Exchange of views*

The Co-Rapporteurs on own resources, Mr Dehaene and Ms Jensen, have received informally the Council's position on the 3 remaining Own Resources files:

- Draft Council Decision on the system of own resources of the European Union - COM(2011) 739 final
- Draft Council Regulation laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union - COM(2011) 740 final
- Draft Council Regulation on the methods and procedure for making available the traditional, VAT and GNI-based own resources and on the measures to meet cash requirements (Recast) - COM(2011) 742 final

The three dossiers are being checked by the lawyers-linguists but changes to the substance are not expected. The formal referral is scheduled for week 7.

The applicable procedures in the Parliament are as follows:

- Consultation on the ORD and on the Making-available Regulation
- Consent on the implementing measures regulation

The Council drafts are aligned with the conclusions of the European Council of 7 and 8 February 2013.

The main modifications compared to the existing own resources decision are:

- Change of the own resources ceiling for payment appropriations to 1,23% (as compared to 1,24% until now), and for commitment appropriations to 1,29% (as compared to 1,31% until now);
- Change of the percentage of collection costs Member States retain from traditional own resources to 20% (as compared to 25% until now);
- Because the proposal to reform the VAT did not hold in the Council, the provisions remain as in the current ORD;
- The UK rebate is maintained, as well as the rebates on the rebate for Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden and the reduced VAT-rates of call for DE, NL and SE; In addition NL, SE and DK will have lump-sum rebates for the duration of the next MFF, while AT will have one only for the first three years (until 2016).

The Implementing Regulation contains provisions of a general nature applicable to all types of own resources and which require appropriate parliamentary oversight. Article 311 (4) TFEU gives for the first time the possibility to adopt a Council regulation laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union, after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament.

The proposal for draft Council Regulation on the methods and procedures for making available the traditional and GNI-based own resources and the measures to meet cash requirements is a recast of existing legislation in order to ensure that cash requirements are met under the new

structure of own resources. The relevant legal basis for this regulation is laid down in Article 322 (2) of the TFEU.

If the 3 reports related to own resources are to be adopted within the current legislative period, the following calendar will apply:

Date	Body	Event
12 February	BUDG	Discussion without text
4 March	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
7 March	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
1 April	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
April II	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

9. Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union

Rapporteur: I. Gräßle

- *Exchange of views*

In the framework of the last negotiations on the Financial Regulation, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to revise the Financial Regulation in order to take into account the outcome of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the years 2014-2020.

Accordingly, Commission presented a legislative proposal adjusting some provisions of the Financial Regulation following the political agreement on - and subsequent adoption of - the MFF and CEF Regulations. It modifies Article 13 of the Financial Regulation in order to include the carry-over rules for the Emergency Aid Reserve and for projects financed under the Connecting Europe Facility.

Members will vote on the Rapporteur's draft report which includes, in addition, an amendment taking into account the outcome of negotiations on the Common Provisions Regulation on Structural and Investment Funds, in relation to the performance reserve and the financial instruments in favour of SMEs. No amendments were tabled to the Rapporteur's draft report.

The adopted report will constitute the mandate for Parliament's negotiators, and Members will also vote on the decision to enter into negotiations and on the negotiating team.

The draft calendar was defined with a view to be able to start negotiations as early as possible and allow any possible first reading agreement to be adopted by Parliament still under this term.

Date	Body	Event
3 February	BUDG	Circulation of a draft report
6 February	BUDG	Deadline for amendments
12 February	BUDG	Adoption of draft report and mandate
April I or II (tbc)	Plenary	Plenary adoption of any first reading agreement

10 Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles

Rapporteur: F. Alfonsi

- Exchange of views

The EU negotiates with the Republic of Seychelles in view of renewing the Protocol to their Fisheries Partnership Agreement. The main aim of the Protocol to the Agreement is to provide fishing opportunities for European Union vessels in the waters of the Republic of Seychelles. The new Protocol covers a period of six years (2014-2019) and provides for a total financial contribution of EUR 30 700 000 for the whole period.

Draft calendar:

Date	Body	Event
12 February	BUDG	Exchange of views
13 Feb, 18:00	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
4 March	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
17 March	PECH	Vote in PECH

11. EU-Comoros Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

Rapporteur: F. Alfonsi

- Exchange of views

The EU negotiates with the Union of the Comoros with a view to renewing the Protocol to their Fisheries Partnership Agreement. The fishing zone of the Union of the Comoros within the limits of the available surplus. The new Protocol covers a period of three years from 1 January 2014 and provides for a total financial contribution of EUR 1 800 000.

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12. Mobilisation of the E.G.F. (application EGF/2013/008 ES/Comunidad Valenciana textiles - Spain

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 01/2014.

The EGF contribution of EUR 840 000 is foreseen for re-integration into the labour market of 300 redundant workers from 198 enterprises operating in manufacture of textiles in the Comunidad Valenciana region of Spain.

Draft calendar:

Date	Body	Event
12 February	BUDG	Presentation of draft report
19 February	BUDG	Deadline for AMs
13 February	EMPL	Vote in EMPL
04 March	BUDG	Vote in BUDG
March	Plenary	Adoption in Plenary

13. EU and National Public Expenditure: Facts, Impacts and Figures - Briefings presentation

What is the current situation of public expenditure in the EU? How the EU level and the national level are inter-linked? How other forms of multi-level governance of public expenditure like the US or Canada are organised and can be compared to the EU? What are the values added of the EU budget? In particular, what are the impacts of the main investment tools of the EU budget?

These are illustration of some crucial questions which are dealt in this set of briefings. Presentation of selected evidences and figures will be done by two external experts: Amélie Barbier-Gauchard from Strasbourg University and Jorge Nuñez Ferrer from CEPS.

Voting time

14. Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union

Rapporteur: I. Gräßle

- *Consideration and adoption*

See point 9 above

15. Budget 2014 – Section III

Rapporteur: A. Jensen

- *Any transfer request*

No request

16. Budget 2014 - Other Sections

Rapporteur: M. Hohlmeier

- *Any possible request*

CoR - Art. 50 - Establishment plan

A new political Group (European Conservatives and Reformists) has been created in the Committee of the Regions. To begin with, its secretariat will be staffed with one administrator.

This is why the CoR notified its intention to modify its establishment plan under article 50 of the Financial Regulation, by transforming one AD9 permanent post into one AD9 temporary post (budgetary-neutral).

The budgetary authority has 3 weeks from the notification to raise duly justified reasons. In that case the procedure of article 41 FinReg applies (amending budget); if none is raised the institution or body in question may proceed to the modification.

17. Buildings policy

Rapporteur: M. Hohlmeier

- *Any possible request*

No request

End of voting time

18. 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.

19. Any other business

20. Next meeting:

- *4 March 2014 - 09.00 - 12.30*