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THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020, 9.30 – 12.00

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*** VOTING TIME ***

2019 Transfers - Section III - Commission

- DEC 27/2019

The so-called "End-of-year Transfer" is intended to ensure that, insofar as possible, the outstanding invoices related to funds in shared management can be honoured, by making full use of available payment appropriations. The rules governing this transfer are set out in Article 31(2) of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union. The "End of Year Transfer" for the 2019 exercise relates to payment appropriations amounting to EUR 255,5 million in total, which takes into account the actual implementation of expenditure in mid-December 2019.

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2020 Transfers - Section III - Commission

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Building Policy

- EEAS: EU Delegation in Beijing, China

The proposal of the EEAS concerns the renewal of the lease for the premises of the Delegation of the European Union in Beijing-China. In the long term, the Delegation intends to construct a single building on the plot of land currently occupied by the South Wing. However, since this project will take at least four years, the Delegation proposes to extend the lease of the North Wing for another four years, from 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2024.

*** END OF VOTE ***

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Building Policy

Exchange of views on EC: Palmerston, Brussels

The purpose of the project received from the European Commission is to redevelop the Palmerston site in Brussels. It consists of the extensive renovation of the existing building, with a surface area of around 3 900 m² above ground, into an after-school centre and the building of a crèche for 100 children. The Commission is planning to launch a financing services tender to finance the entirety of the works, which will be paid for in line with their state of progress.

Exchange of views on Frontex: ETIAS Central unit, Warsaw

In accordance with Article 266(2) of the Financial Regulation, FRONTEX has submitted a project with regard to the setting up of the ETIAS Central Unit (ECU) and a Frontex Alternative Office Facility (ADF). The prospection of the local market is to be launched in the first quarter of 2020.

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European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2020

In the context of the European Parliament's input to the European Semester, the ECON committee prepares an own initiative report following the publication of the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS), with BUDG committee delivering an opinion under Rule 57 (associated committee procedure).

The draft opinion considers that the EU needs a more sustainable growth model in order to respond to environmental, digital and demographic challenges, but at the same time underlines that addressing these challenges may lead to negative distributional effects. The rapporteur also recalls the Parliament's position demanding a strong and credible EU budget and an agreement on the reform of the EU's own resources to give its consent. Another key message is the request to the Commission to adopt a more transparent, stringent and comprehensive methodology for climate and biodiversity mainstreaming, and to involve the Parliament in this process.

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Exchange of views: 22 January

Deadline for tabling

amendments: 28 January, 18.00

Adoption BUDG: 17 February

Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union

The BUDG committee will exchange views on a draft opinion to be provided to the PECH Committee in the context of a consent procedure to formalise the renewal of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Senegal.



The objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and the Republic of Senegal to work more closely on promoting sound exploitation of fishery resources in Senegalese waters and to

support efforts by the Republic of Senegal to develop its blue economy, in the interests of both parties.

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Exchange of views: 22 January

Adoption BUDG: 17 February

Extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and expiring on 15 November 2019

The BUDG committee will exchange views on a draft opinion to be provided to the PECH Committee in the context of a consent procedure to formalise the extension for one year of the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

The objective is to enhance cooperation between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, thereby creating a partnership framework within which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in the fishing zone of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in the interests of both parties.

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Exchange of views: 22 January

Adoption BUDG: 17 February

Exchange of views with Zdravko Marić, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia and Minister for Finance on the priorities of the Croatian Presidency of the Council



Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia and Minister for Finance, Zdravko Marić, will present the programme and priorities of the Croatian Presidency of the Council which started on 1st January 2020. Achieving 'an ambitious, sustainable and balanced Multiannual Financial Framework' (MFF) 2021-2027 will be of key focus for the Presidency. The Members will also exchange views on several pending files of common interest, namely the 2021 budget, the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, the Reform Support Programme and the rule of law proposal.

Exchange of views on new priorities and cooperation with Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

Johannes Hahn will pay his first visit to the BUDG Committee since taking up his duties as Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources on 1 December 2019. He will exchange views with MEPs and answer questions on his priorities and his future cooperation with the BUDG Committee.



Financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2019

The Parliament's annual report on the European Investment Bank (EIB) looks into current and future EIB activities, based, inter alia, on the EIB's forward-looking operational plan published at the beginning of each year. This plan includes orientations of performance and summarises the major priorities and activities of the EIB Group for the year under review.

This year, the BUDG committee is the lead committee and the ECON committee delivers an opinion as associated Committee under Rule 57 (the two committees switch their respective roles each year, as agreed in 2017).

In his draft report, the rapporteur calls, in particular, on the EIB to become more climate focused and draw up a detailed roadmap in 2020 to reach the overall target of 50% climate lending by 2025. The draft report also covers the EIB's role in supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and mid-caps, the issues related to the EIB's governance and transparency as well as its External Lending Mandate (ELM).

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Exchange of views: 22 January**Deadline for tabling****amendments:** 28 January, 15.00**Adoption BUDG:** 2 March**Vote in Plenary:** March II

Public Hearing on EU Own Resources and Fiscal Policy harmonisation: untapped potential for synergies?

PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Thursday 23.01.2020 – **09:30-12:00**
JÓZSEF ANTALL BUILDING – ROOM **6Q2**

European Parliament

EU Own Resources and Fiscal Policy harmonisation: untapped potential for synergies?

Chair:
Johan Van Overtveldt

Co-Rapporteurs:
José Manuel Fernandes and Valérie Hayer

On 23 January, the BUDG committee will hold a public Hearing entitled "Own Resources and Fiscal Policy harmonisation: Untapped potential for synergies?" under the chairmanship of the two own-resources rapporteurs Mr José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, PT) and Ms Valérie Hayer (RE, FR).

The objective of the hearing is to examine the reform of the own resources system from an angle of possible fiscal harmonisation and overall efficiency of public finances in the EU. It will look beyond the own resources' primary function of financing the EU budget and also consider the added value of potential economic impact and policy co-benefits, thus aiming to provide timely input for the ongoing negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

Organised in two panels, the hearing will present a variety of speakers from the institutions as well as academia.

NEXT MEETING

17-18 February 2020 (Brussels)

18-19 February 2020 (EP Week, Brussels)

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Recent publications

BUDG

- In-depth Analysis “How the EU Budget Has Developed and Changed in the Last 10 years?” (Available in all languages)
- In-depth Analysis “The History of the EU Budget” (Available in all languages)
- At a Glance “The next MFF and Own Resources”
- Study “Gender Responsive EU Budgeting. Update of the study ‘The EU Budget for Gender Equality’ and review of its conclusions and recommendations”
- Study “Protection of EU financial interest on customs and VAT: cooperation of national tax and customs authorities to prevent fraud”
- Study “Mainstreaming Innovation Funding in the EU Budget”

CONT

- In-depth Analysis “Follow up to the 2009 and 2014 Studies on the Code of Conduct for Commissioners - Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency”
- In-depth Analysis “Gaps and Errors in the TED database”
- Study “The European Public Prosecutor’s Office: Strategies for coping with complexity”
- Study “Effectiveness of cohesion policy: learning from the project characteristics that produce the best results”
- Study “Aligning the budget with the Performance-Based Budgeting: lessons from Member States”
- Study “Appointment procedures in the EU institutions”
- Study “Appointment of the Commission’s Secretary General in 2018”
- Study “Performance Indicators for Convergence in Regional Development - How reliable are they to ensure Targeted and Result-Oriented spending?”

Forthcoming publications

BUDG

- Study “Documenting climate mainstreaming in the EU budget - making the system more transparent, stringent and comprehensive”
- Study “How EU funds tackle economic divide in the European Union”
- Study “Pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP/PA) in the EU budget 2014-2019”
- Study “A Just Transition Fund - How the EU budget can best assist in the necessary transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy”

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