

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

Monday, 1 February 2021

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Present

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<i>Rapporteurs:</i>	Mr Karlo RESSLER (EPP)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brexit Adjustment Reserve

Coordinators mandated the Chair to contact the REGI Chair with a view to finding a compromise on the conflict of competence, on the basis of the positions expressed during their discussions.

Making Available Regulation

Coordinators mandated the secretariat, in close cooperation with the co-rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs for Own Resources, to draft a response to the Commission's questionnaire on the Making Available Regulation, to be then validated by coordinators.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Appointments

For information			
2021/0022(BUD) COM(2021)0030	Draft Amending Budget No 1/2021	Report <i>Budget 2021</i> <i>Rapporteur: Pierre</i> <i>Larrouturnou (S&D)</i>	Lead: BUDG

2.2. Standing rapporteurs

Coordinators decided that the two opinions on Digital taxation and EU Gender Action Plan III attributed on 14 January have a cost of zero points, being attributed to standing rapporteurs.

The attribution system is to be reviewed at the mid-point of the parliamentary term.

2.3. Budget 2022 - Mandate

Coordinators confirmed their decision of 12 December 2019 not to draft the "mandate for the trilogue" report for the duration of the parliamentary term.

2.4. Budget 2022 - Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions

Coordinators discussed possible measures to improve the PPPA procedures and decided to draft a document indicating a possible way forward.

Coordinators also took note that the pre-assessment of Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPPAs) will be carried out in a single round, with a deadline for submission of Friday 16 April at 12:00.

As in previous years, PPPA proposals must be submitted exclusively using the standardised form, which will be available on the BUDG eCommittee site.

As in previous years, MEPs are strongly encouraged to send their PPPA proposals as far as possible in English.

As in previous years, and in line with the rules for tabling budgetary amendments, only full and substitute BUDG Members may submit proposals directly to the BUDG committee. Other Members may submit proposals to BUDG only if at least one of the co-authors is a full or substitute BUDG Member. Alternatively, proposals may be submitted via specialised committees in line with their own procedures and deadlines.

A Working Document on PPPAs will be presented by Mr Ressler and Mr Larroustourou at the BUDG meeting of 17 March, explaining in more detail the timetable and principles of this year's procedure.

2.5. Requests for expertise

Coordinators decided to request expertise on the following topics:

- European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and EIB external lending mandate
- New Own Resources
- Recovery, brexit, off-budget instruments... What should be addressed in the next revision of the financial regulation?
- Updated briefing on flexibility and perhaps a new look at the "galaxy"

2.6. Transparency on the Covid vaccines

Coordinators held an exchange of view and mandated the Chair to write a letter to Commissioners Hahn and Kyriakides, possibly jointly with ENVI and CONT, requesting

information on the budgetary expenditure so far and demanding the full mobilisation of Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation and of margins and special instruments in 2021 to increase expenditure in this area.

2.7. Follow-up to the MFF/Own Resources / recovery agreements

Postponed.

2.8. Appointment system for EGF and EUSF mobilisation decisions (ID request)

Postponed.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Special advisers

3.2. Outcome of written procedures

1. European Parliamentary Week 2021

Coordinators endorsed the programme of the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting organised by BUDG as proposed.

2. BUDG public hearings

Coordinators decided on two BUDG hearings for the period 15 March – 30 June 2021:

- Financing the EU budget: new own resources and possible other revenue (including competition fines)
- 2021-2027 EU financial assistance to Africa following the integration of the European Development Fund into the Union budget

3. ECA 2022 Work Programme

A number of proposals for the ECA's 2022 Work Programme were received. A consolidated list of suggestions will be circulated for final approval before sending it to the CCC.

4. CoR Special adviser

The Committee of the Regions provided the following answers to the two questions received on the renewal of the Special adviser contract:

- 1) If the Committee of Regions (CoR) medical adviser has been employed there since 2012 (already well before the health crisis), with regularly renewed contracts for a

maximum of 2 years, why, while the health situation still seems to have an impact on our institutions, the CoR did not submit this renewal earlier?

CoR answer: In reality, the doctor's contract is renewed at the CoR every two years and the latest renewal was to cover the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2021, but with occupancy rate lower than full time. However, because of the health crisis, the presence and availability of the institution's only medical adviser must be adapted in the middle of the contract. Consequently, the terms and duration have been adjusted according to the current needs of the service, unforeseeable at the time of the conclusion of the last renewal.

2) For this post which seems to be permanent within the CoR, has the CoR administration ever considered finding a more stable alternative contractual solution?

CoR answer: Unlike the posts of temporary or contractual agents (the number of contracts and / or their duration of which are limited by the Conditions of Employment of other agents of the Union), the hiring of a special adviser offers more flexibility to both parties in terms of duration and terms of the contractual relationship. Moreover, the CoR's establishment plan is much smaller than that of the other institutions, including the EESC, in order to be able to hire a doctor for a permanent job as an official, not to mention the lack of relevant reserve lists of EPSO in this area at present.

No exchange of views with the CoR is foreseen.

5. BUDG submission to the motion for a resolution on the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement

The Secretariat did not receive any comments to the draft contribution to the motion for a resolution that will accompany the AFET-INTA consent procedure on the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement.

The BUDG contribution will therefore be sent to the UK Coordination Group.

3.3. Documents for information

3.4. Delegated and implementing acts

3.5. State of play of appointments on BUDG files

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 4 March (tbc) in Brussels.