

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

Tuesday, 21 June 2022

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Videoconference-meeting + room SPINELLI 3G3

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Present

Bureau:	Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (Chair) Ms Margarida MARQUES (Vice-Chair) Mr Niclas HERBST (Vice-Chair)
Coordinators:	Mr José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP) Mr Karlo RESSLER (EPP Vice-coordinator) Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D) Ms Valérie HAYER (Renew) Ms Alexandra GEESE (replacing Greens coordinator) Mr Bogdan RZONCA (ECR) Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (The Left)
Members (Point 2.1):	Mr Jan OLBRYCHT Ms Fabienne KELLER

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renew has asked that the vote on the 2023 budget - scheduled for 26 and 27 September 2022 - be postponed to 28 September. Other groups will check their availability for that date and inform the secretariat as soon as possible so that the date can be fixed.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Exchange of views with Director-General for Budgets, Gert-Jan Koopman

The Coordinators and other BUDG Members present held an exchange of views with the European Commission's Director-General for the Budget on the NGEU borrowing strategy.

2.2. Appointments

Opinions			
2022/0164(COD) COM(2022)0231	Amending Regulation (EU) 2021/241 as regards REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, Directive 2003/87/EC and Decision (EU) 2015/1814	Report <i>Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)</i> <i>(3 points)</i>	Lead: BUDG/ECON (Rule 58)

2022/0155(COD) COM(2022)0209	Laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse	Opinion (Rule 56+)¹ <i>Standing rapporteur: Niclas Herbst (EPP)</i> (0 points)	Lead: LIBE
2022/2062(INI)	Financial Activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2022	Opinion (Rule 57) <i>Standing rapporteur: David Cormand, Greens)</i> (0 points)	Lead: ECON
2021/2111(DEC) COM(2021)0381[06]	2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee	No opinion	Lead: CONT
2021/2108(DEC) COM(2021)0381[03]	2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council	No opinion	Lead: CONT
For information			
2022/2046(INI)	Upscaling the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework: a resilient EU budget fit for new challenge	Report <i>MFF co-Rapporteurs : Jan Olbrycht (EPP) and Margarida Marques (S&D)</i> (0 points)	Lead: BUDG

2.3. REPowerEU - RRF amendment: Competences of committees

Ahead of a meeting with the CCC Chair and the Committee Chairs most concerned by the REPowerEU omnibus proposal on 22 June 2022 and in line with the ECON Coordinators' position, the Coordinators mandated the Chair to propose modalities for cooperation with the sectoral committees concerned based on shared competence for the parts in their remit under Rule 57 of the Rules of procedure. . The EPP and RE groups expressed support for the requests for exclusive competence from REGI, AGRI and ENVI on Cohesion Policy, the CAP and ETS respectively.

¹ Subject to agreement.

2.4. Public hearing on '2021-27 EU Financial assistance to Africa following the integration of the EDF into the EU budget'

The Coordinators endorsed the programme for the hearing on '2021-27 EU Financial assistance to Africa following the integration of the EDF into the EU budget', deciding to merge the 'keynote speakers' with panel one so that there are only two panels.

2.5. BUDG mission to Portugal

The Coordinators endorsed the draft programme for the BUDG mission to Portugal from 18 to 20 July 2022.

2.6. Planning RRF Working group meetings

The Coordinators agreed on the following schedule for the RRF Working Group meetings in the autumn of 2022:

- Working Group 27 on RRF budgetary execution on 28 September from 15.30-17.00 with Mr Verwey (DG ECFIN)
- Working Group 28 on the contribution of the RRF to interests of the next generation on 25 October 2022 from 13.00-14.30 with external speakers
- Working Group 29 on the gender perspective on 30 November from 13.00-14.30 with Ms Gauer (SG-RECOVER)

The BUDG and ECON Coordinators will be consulted on the invitees (e.g. from relevant committees) ahead of the meetings.

2.7. The next Recovery and Resilience Dialogue

The Coordinators agreed that Commissioner Gentiloni may, exceptionally, participate remotely in the 7th Recovery and Resilience Dialogue scheduled for 7 July 2022 from 9.30-11.30.

Owing to repeated difficulties with the attendance of Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Gentiloni at Recovery and Resilience Dialogue meetings, Coordinators also mandated the Chair to send a letter to remind both of their obligations under the RRF Regulation.

2.8. Workshop on climate spending

The Coordinators requested that the Policy Department organise a workshop on climate finance, to which ENVI Members will also be invited.

2.9. HERA budgetary scrutiny procedure - State of play

Following the budgetary scrutiny procedure on the draft HERA regulation and the replies from the Commission and Council, the Coordinators mandated the Chair to send a letter to the Conference of Presidents to inform them of the outcome of the procedure. In particular, the letter will raise the following:

- That Parliament and the Council were of the view that the budgetary impacts of the draft HERA regulation would materialise in the event that emergency EU funding is required to respond to a public health emergency;
- That Parliament and the Council agreed that the Commission should provide them with full information on the budgetary implications of any proposal to activate the Emergency Support Instrument with regard to HERA, to allow them to exercise their prerogatives;
- That a second meeting of the Joint Committee could be held to examine the budgetary implications in the event of the activation of the emergency framework set out in the HERA regulation;
- That Parliament will need to respond quickly should the emergency framework be activated in the future or indeed in the event of any Article 122 proposal with potential budgetary implications and therefore that the Conference of Presidents agree a standard format for the EP delegation - one member each from the political groups in BUDG and one member from any other relevant committee;
- That Parliament should reflect more broadly on the implications of Article 122 TFEU, which the Commission has made use of on several occasions (NGEU, SURE, HERA) and which excludes Parliament from the decision-making process.

2.10. Action plan on gender mainstreaming for the BUDG Committee

Following a presentation from the BUDG representative in the Gender Mainstreaming Network, Alexandra Geese (Greens/EFA), Coordinators held an exchange of views on the implementation of the gender mainstreaming action plan in BUDG, endorsed the 2022 report and agreed to hold a staff-level workshop with the Commission on gender mainstreaming methodology.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Designation of Special advisers - European Commission, European Court of Justice and European External Action Service

3.2. Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union in Prague on 10-11 October 2022

3.3. Interim report on the 2021 proposal for a revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework

3.4. Outcome of written procedures

1. BUDG-ECON on Commission package REPowerEU package

Following the written consultation, Chairs concluded that a majority of Coordinators agreed to proceed by using a standard procedure (Rule 51, in EN only) in a joint committee format (Rule 58) and to maintain the same co-rapporteurship [in ECON] as for the original RRF Regulation.

3.5. Documents for information

3.6. Delegated and implementing acts

3.7. State of play of appointments on BUDG files

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 11-12 July (tbc) in Brussels.