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AGENDA

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(Times indicated below are in CET)

AGENDA

Monday, 27 February 2023

12.00 - 14.30 Registration of participants from national Parliaments
Registration desk “Event Participants and Guests”, Accreditation Center, SPAAK Building

12.00 - 14.30 Political group meetings:
13:00 - 14:30 EPP (ANTALL 6Q1)
12:00 - 14:00 S&D (SPAACK 4B1)
12:30 - 14:30 Renew (Resto JAN 2Q)
12:00 - 14:00 THE LEFT (SPAACK 1G2)

14.30 – 15.20 Opening session: Economic and social challenges in times of geopolitical uncertainty
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAACK, 3rd floor)
• Welcoming words by Roberta METSOLA, President of the European Parliament
• Welcoming words by Andreas NORLÉN, Speaker of the Swedish Riksdag
• Key opening remarks by Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Executive Vice-President, European Commission
• Key opening remarks by Mathias CORMANN, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)(video message)

15.20 – 15:25 Family photo
Hemicycle (SPAACK, 3rd floor)
15.30 - 18.45 Interparliamentary Committee Meetings (in parallel)

**Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)**
Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q2

Co-chaired by Irene TINAGLI, Chair of the Economic and Monetary Committee of the European Parliament and Niklas Karlsson, Chair of the Committee on Taxation of the Swedish Riksdag

Session I:  **High Inflation: the Conundrum of the right policy responses**
*Introductory remarks by*

- Simone TAGLIAPIETRA, Senior Fellow, Bruegel and Professor, Catholic University of Milan
- Geoff BARNARD, Senior Economist, Macroeconomic Policy Division in the Economics Department, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

*Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament*

Session II:  **The impact of the decreasing use of cash - the case of digital currencies**
*Introductory remarks by*

- Stefan INGVES, former Governor of the Swedish Riksbank, (Sweden’s Central Bank)
- Evelien WITLOX, Digital Euro Programme Manager, European Central Bank (ECB)
- Monique GOYENS, Director General, European Consumer’s Organisation (BEUC)
- Vicky VAN EYCK, Executive Director, Positive Money

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**Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)**
Meeting room: ANTALL 6Q2

Chaired by Dragoş PÎSLARU, Chair, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament

Session I:  **Socio-economic consequences of high inflation and energy prices and remedies to address them with focus on vulnerable households**
*Introductory remarks by*

- Juliana WAHLGREN, Director, European Antipoverty Network
- Barbara KAUFFMANN, Director of Employment and Social Governance Analysis, European Commission (DG EMPL)
- Ondřej BENEŠÍK, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Chamber of Deputies of Czech Republic
- Antonio Armando FERRER SAIS, Chair of the Committee on Employment, Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spanish Senate

*Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament*
Session II: **Further integrating the social dimension in the review of the EU's economic and fiscal framework**

Introductory remarks by

- **Michael ARGHYROU**, Head of the Council, Economic Advisors of the Ministry of Finance of the Hellenic Republic and Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics of the University of Piraeus

- **Katia BERTI**, Head of Unit, European Semester, EMCO, European Commission, (DG EMPL)

- **Antón GÓMEZ-REINO VARELA**, Chair of the Committee on Employment, Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spanish Congress of Deputies

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**Committee on Budgets (BUDG)**

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1

Co-chaired by **Johan VAN OVERTVELDDT**, Chair, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament and **Edward RIEDL**, Chair of the Committee on Finance of the Swedish Riksdag

Session I: **Climate change, energy, inflation: what role for the Multiannual Financial Framework and Own Resources, and how to best create synergies with national interventions?**

Introductory remarks by

- **Iain BEGG**, Professorial Research Fellow at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science

Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

Session II: **Support for Ukraine - national and EU budgetary crisis responses and the role of parliaments**

Introductory remarks by

- **Johannes HAHN**, Commissioner for Budget and Administration

- **Yuriy DRAGANCHUK**, Deputy Minister of finance of Ukraine for European integration

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**19.00 – 21.00 Walking Dinner**

*House of European History*

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**Tuesday, 28 February 2023**
9.00 – 10.45  **Plenary session: Review of the EU economic governance framework – exchange of views**  
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)  
Co-chaired by: Othmar KARAS, First Vice-President of the European Parliament and Edward RIEDL, Chair of the Committee on Finance of the Swedish Riksdag  
Introductory remarks by  
- Paolo GENTILONI, Commissioner for Economy  
- Lars HEIKENSTEN, Chair of the Swedish Fiscal Policy Council  
- Philippa SIGL-GLÖCKNER, Director, Dezernat Zukunft  
Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament in the presence of representatives from the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee

10.45 – 11.15  **Coffee break**  
Foyer of the Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)

11.15 – 13.00  **Plenary session: Remote working within the EU –fiscal challenges**  
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)  
Co-chaired by: Dita CHARANZOVÁ, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Niklas KARLSSON, Chair of the Committee on Taxation of the Swedish Riksdag  
Introductory remarks by  
- David BRADBURY, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
- Stefan OLSSON, European Commission (DG EMPL)  
- Reinhard BIEBEL, European Commission (DG TAXUD)  
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13.00 – 14.30  **Walking Lunch**  
Grand Cafe Spinelli (SPINELLI, ground floor)