

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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Present

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Mr Bogdan RZÓŃCA (ECR)
Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (The Left)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Swedish Presidency

Given that Council presidencies have repeatedly declined invitations to attend the BUDG Committee for an exchange of views on their priorities on the grounds that other fora exist, the Coordinators agreed that the political groups should request a plenary debate with the Swedish Presidency on their priorities within the BUDG remit.

Merging NGEU and payments meetings

Coordinators mandated the Chair to raise the issue at the April trilogue meeting and ask for the reasons behind Council's opposition to merge the NGEU and payment meetings.

Possible meeting with the Bundestag's Budget Committee's sub-committee on EU questions

A delegation from the Bundestag's Budget Committee's sub-committee on EU questions will visit Brussels in the spring (date to be confirmed). Coordinators agreed that the secretariat should explore the possibility of inviting them to a BUDG Committee meeting for an exchange of views.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Appointments

Opinions			
COM(2022)0729 2022/0424(COD)	Collection and transfer of advance passenger information (API) for enhancing and facilitating external border controls, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/817 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1726, and repealing Council Directive 2004/82/EC	No opinion	Lead: LIBE
COM(2022)0731 2022/0425(COD)	Collection and transfer of advance passenger information for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/818		
COM(2022)0721 2022/0417(COD)	Fees and charges payable to the European Medicines Agency, amending Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 and Regulation (EU) 658/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Opinion in the form of a letter (request for Rule 56+) <i>Chair in conjunction with standing rapporteur for decentralised agencies (0 points)</i>	Lead: ENVI
COM(2023)0031 2023/0008(COD)	Statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013	No opinion	Lead: EMPL

2023/2010(INI)	Implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	No opinion	Lead: DEVE/ENVI
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2.2. Budget 2024 - Calendar and rapporteur's approach

(in the presence of the rapporteurs for the 2024 budget)

1) Section III

The Coordinators held an exchange of views with the general rapporteur on his intended approach to the 2024 budget.

The Coordinators endorsed the preliminary calendar, deciding to vote on budgetary amendments on Monday 2 October in Strasbourg owing to group away days in week 39.

2) Section I - European Parliament

The Coordinators held an exchange of views on the upcoming procedure for the European Parliament budget and endorsed the provisional calendar for the adoption of the EP estimates.

2.3. Input to the ECA work programme for 2024

Coordinators are invited to submit proposals for next year's ECA Work Programme by 6 February, close of business. Proposals should fall within the BUDG Committee remit, relate to budgetary matters and be audit-oriented, in line with the core tasks of the Court of Auditors.

2.4. Revision of Annex VI to the Rules of Procedure - input to CCC

The Coordinators held an exchange of views on possible input to the CCC Away Day and to the broader reflection on parliamentary reform.

With respect to the written input to the CCC, based on the discussion, the secretariat will circulate an updated document with further modifications to Annex VI for approval by written procedure.

With respect to the discussion on the use of Article 122 TFEU and Rule 163 of the Rules of Procedure, the Coordinators recalled the Joint declaration on budgetary scrutiny of new proposals based on Article 122 TFEU with potential appreciable implications for the Union budget - which was part of the MFF agreement - and also considered that Parliament should put in place more effective fast-track procedures to safeguard the

prerogatives of Parliament where legislation is urgent, learning from models used in national parliaments.

2.5. Monitoring of EU funding on PP-PAs - request by AFET and approach in the 2024 budget

The Coordinators mandated the BUDG Chair to reply to the AFET Chair, together with the CONT Chair, once the European Commission has provided the necessary information on whether funds from the EU budget - including through pilot projects or preparatory actions - have been disbursed to organisations allegedly implicated in the ongoing Qatargate investigation.

The Coordinators held an exchange of views on possible lessons to be learned for the 2024 procedure.

2.6. 2023 expertise programme

The Coordinators decided to request expertise on the following topics:

- *Beyond the Own Resources roadmap: other policy options (to include mapping of other revenue);*
- *Contingent liabilities for the EU budget: an updated appraisal (to include relevant aspects of the funding costs of EU borrowing);*
- *The impact of inflation on the financing of EU policies;*
- *The performance framework for the EU budget: further steps towards the mainstreaming of horizontal priorities and for delivering an outcome/impact-oriented approach;*

In addition, the Coordinators decided to organise a workshop on the following topic:

- *The funding costs of EU borrowing*

2.7. Draft Programme of the ad hoc delegation to Moldova

The Coordinators endorsed the draft programme for the ad hoc delegation to Moldova on the understanding that efforts will be made to incorporate meetings with civil society organisations, in particular those engaged in the protection and promotion of women's rights.

The Coordinators decided to appoint Janusz Lewandowski (EPP), first Vice-Chair, as the head of delegation.

2.8. Exchange of views on the outcome of the Fit For 55 trilogues: budgetary aspects

The point was postponed.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Special Advisers

3.2. Funding in support of Ukrainian refugees

3.3. Calendar for the own-initiative report on own resources

3.4. Outcome of written procedures

- For the 2023 European Parliamentary Week, the majority of coordinators insisted on keeping the term 'own resources' in the title of the BUDG part-session. The secretariat received a number of suggestions for speakers / people to contact in the Ukrainian parliament in view of inviting suitable speakers. Preparations are ongoing.
- A majority of coordinators expressed opposition to the request to place the urgent written question of Mr Rzońca (ECR) to the Commission on the Polish National Recovery and Resilience Plan on the agenda of the BUDG meeting of 30-31 January in accordance with Rule 138(5). As such, the point was not added to the agenda of the next BUDG meeting.

3.5. EP Week - State of play of the preparations

3.6. Joint hearing with CONT on 'Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings'

3.7. Documents for information

3.8. Delegated and implementing acts

3.9. State of play on appointments on BUDG files

- [Points system 2019-2024](#)
- [Work in progress document](#)

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Coordinators held an exchange of views on reported discussions in Council on the possible use of the EU budget for the construction of a wall at the EU's external borders and mandated the Chair to draft a letter to the Commission expressing the BUDG Committee's opposition to any such use of the EU budget. The draft letter will be circulated to the Coordinators for approval.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 2 March (tbc) in Brussels.