

Secretariat of the Committee on Budgets

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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Present

Chair: Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (Vice-Chair)

Bureau: Ms Margarida MARQUES (Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Mr José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP)

Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)

Mr Vlad GHEORGHE replacing Ms Valérie HAYER (Renew)

Mr Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens)

Mr Joachim KUHS (ID)

Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (The Left)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

EoV in CCC with Commission Vice-President Sefcovic and end of term legislative work

Coordinators agreed that the MFF package, the Own resources and the Financial regulation should be the priority files for the BUDG committee to be concluded ahead of the 2024 elections.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Appointments

Opinions						
2023/0207(COD) COM(2023)0359	Amending Decision (EU) 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe	No opinion	Lead: ITRE			
2023/0229(NLE) COM(2023)0388	Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for border management and visa policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund	No opinion	Lead: LIBE			
2023/0224(NLE) COM(2023)0386	Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for border management and visa policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund	No opinion	Lead: LIBE			
2023/2116(INI)	Own-initiative report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social priorities for 2024	No opinion	Lead: EMPL			
2023/0266(COD) COM(2023)0441	Accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services	No opinion	Lead: TRAN			

2022/0132B(COD) COM(2022)0658	Amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95, as regards the digitalisation of the visa procedure	No opinion	Lead: LIBE					
Information								
2023/0240(BUD) COM(2023)0406	Draft amending budget no 3 to the general budget 2023 update of revenue (own resources) and other technical adjustments including the set- up and financing for 2023 of the new Defence Industrial Reinforcement Instrument and of the European Chips Act	Report 2023 Budget Rapporteur: Fabienne Keller, Renew	Lead: BUDG					
2023/0199(COD) COM(2023)0335	Establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform ('STEP') and amending Directive 2003/87/EC, Regulations (EU) 2021/1058, (EU) 2021/1056, (EU) 2021/1057, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) 2021/1060, (EU) 2021/523, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/697 and (EU) 2021/241	Requested Rule 58 José-Manuel Fernandes, EPP Decided by written procedure (3 points)	Lead : ITRE					
2023/0200(COD) COM(2023)0338	Establishing the Ukraine Facility	Requested Rule 58 Eider Gardiazábal, S&D Decided by written procedure (3 points)	Lead : AFET					

2.2. Action plan on gender mainstreaming for the BUDG Committee (postponed from 28 June)

Following a presentation from the BUDG substitute representative in the Gender Mainstreaming Network, Ms Margarida Marques, coordinators endorsed the 2023 report and agreed to send it to the FEMM committee.

2.3. Meeting with the Rada's Budget committee

Coordinators endorsed the draft agenda for the joint exchange of views and emphasised the importance to ensure a high attendance of members during that meeting. Coordinators asked to invite the AFET standing rapporteur and shadows working on the Ukraine Facility also.

Coordinators were recalled to transmit the list of members wishing to take the floor to the BUDG Secretariat by 20 July.

2.4. Indicative timetable of the European Court of Auditors' reports

Coordinators decided the following concerning the presentation of ECA reports (pending the decision of the other committees involved):

Name of the report/ audit task	Publication date	Secretariat's proposal
Special report on European External Action Service: to assess whether the European External Action Service is well equipped to contribute effectively to the coherence of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP).	Quarter 4, 2023	(To be confirmed once the report is available) Presentation in a joint BUDG/CONT/AFET meeting (pending CONT and AFET decisions) or in a BUDG meeting.
Special report on Rule of law in the EU : to examine whether the new rule of law (RoL) Conditionality Regulation is an effective tool to protect the EU's financial interests in the event of breaches of the rule of law in the area of Cohesion policy funds and the RRF.	Quarter 1, 2024	Presentation in a joint meeting BUDG/CONT (pending CONT decision) or in a BUDG meeting.

2.5. Coordination of the MFF package

Coordinators agreed that the coordinating entity for the MFF package will involve:

- * MFF Co-Rapporteurs
- * Ukraine Rapporteurs from AFET and BUDG
- * STEP Rapporteurs from BUDG and ITRE
- * The Renew and Greens/EFA Coordinators as representatives of their groups, in order to maintain the political balance of the original MFF negotiating team.

The 2024 Budget rapporteur will be invited at relevant moments in the budget procedure.

This coordinating entity is for EP internal coordination only, and not for the EP representation in inter-institutional negotiations.

2.6. Preparation of reports on STEP and Ukraine Facility

Coordinators endorsed the start of the works on both files in English only due to tight timetable.

2.7. Draft BUDG opinion to the AFET-INTA report on the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement

Coordinators agreed to put the draft opinion in annex to the vote at the BUDG meeting of 30-31 August.

2.8. Draft calendar of committee meetings in 2024

Coordinators endorsed the draft calendar of committee meetings for the first half of 2024 with the understanding that Monday afternoon slots should start as late as possible.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Special Advisers

3.2. Outcome of written procedures

Written procedure - MFF package: clarification of modalities of cooperation

As of the deadline set, the Secretariat has not received objections to the proposal for BUDG to be associated under rule 58 for the Ukraine Facility and 'STEP', therefore, the proposal is deemed endorsed.

Written procedure - MFF revision package

In response to the written procedure, the following groups expressed interest in the two legislative files under Rule 58:

<u>Ukraine Facility</u>

S&D (with Eider Gardiazábal Rubial as rapporteur)

• STEP

EPP (with José-Manuel Fernandes as rapporteur)

Renew Europe (no rapporteur proposed)

On that basis, the Chair concluded that the Ukraine Facility will go to the S&D group, with Eider Gardiazábal Rubial as rapporteur for 3 points.

In the absence of consensus on the STEP file and in accordance with the Coordinators' decision of 24 September 2019 according to which 'if two or more groups are interested in the same file, the group with the highest number of points remaining prevails', the Chair concluded that the file will go the EPP group with José-Manuel Fernandes as rapporteur for 3 points.

3.3. Documents for information

3.4. Delegated and implementing acts

3.5. State of play of appointments on BUDG files

- Points system 2019-2024
- Work in progress document

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 30 August (tbc) in Brussels.