

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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Present

Chair: Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (Chair)

Bureau: Mr Olivier CHASTEL (Vice-Chair)
Ms Margarida MARQUES (Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Mr Karlo RESSLER (EPP, Deputy Coordinator)
Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)
Ms Valérie HAYER (Renew)
Mr Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens)
Mr Bogdan RZONCA (ECR)
Mr Joachim KUHS (ID)
Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (The Left)

For point 1.

- Jan OLBRYCHT, MFF co-rapporteur
- Michael GAHLER, co-rapporteur on Ukraine Facility (AFET)
- Christian EHLER, co-rapporteur on STEP (ITRE)
- Siegfried MUREŞAN, General rapporteur for the 2024 Budget

1. Exchange of views with Stéphanie RISO, Director-General of DG BUDG, on the MFF package - followed by a debriefing

The coordinators and rapporteurs on the MFF package exchanged views with Stéphanie Riso, Director-General of DG BUDG, in particular on the state of play of the work on the package in Parliament and Council, the Commission's political involvement and technical support, and possible next steps.

After that exchange, the coordinators endorsed a draft letter to President Metsola as a follow-up to the request from the standing MFF co-rapporteurs, Jan Olbrycht and Margarida Marques, to ask President Metsola for support in the interinstitutional process. They further discussed possible upcoming meetings for internal coordination on the package as regards strategy and calendar.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. POINTS FOR DECISION

3.1. Appointments

Opinion			
2023/0321(CNS) COM(2023)0532	Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT)	Opinion in the form of a letter <i>Chair in conjunction with the standing co-rapporteurs on own resources</i> (0 points)	Lead: ECON
Information			
2023/0231(NLE) COM(2023)0394	Agreement between the European Union and Iceland 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 <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: LIBE
2023/0288(COD) COM(2023)0459	European Union labour market statistics on businesses, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Regulations (EC) No 450/2003 and (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: ECON
2023/2129(DEC) COM(2023)0391[01]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2130(DEC) COM(2023)0391[02]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT

2023/2131(DEC) COM(2023)0391[03]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2132(DEC) COM(2023)0391[04]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2133(DEC) COM(2023)0391[05]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Auditors	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2135(DEC) COM(2023)0391[07]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2136(DEC) COM(2023)0391[08]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2137(DEC) COM(2023)0391[09]	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2182(DEC) COM(2023)0391[54]	2022 discharge: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agencies for the financial year 2022: performance, financial management and control	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT
2023/2183(DEC) COM(2023)0392	2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - EDF (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th)	No opinion <i>Decided by written procedure</i>	Lead: CONT

3.2. Follow-up on meeting with Rada

Coordinators discussed the follow-up to the joint committee meeting organised together with the Budget Committee of the Verkhovna Rada on 31 August 2023. They agreed to organise meetings with the Rada's Budget Committee on a quarterly basis. In response to the Rada's invitation to Kyiv, they decided to request an exceptional authorisation for an extraordinary mission to take place in the first semester 2024, before the June elections.

4. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1. State of the Union 2023: budgetary dimension

The President of the Commission gave her State of the Union address in Strasbourg on 13 September 2023. Extracts from the speech and the accompanying Letter of Intent which are relevant to the work of the BUDG Committee are listed below:

- The Commission urged for quick agreement on the MFF and STEP proposals;
- The Commission reminded the audience of the proposal for an additional financial support to Ukraine of EUR 50 billion over the next four years;
- The Commission will work on a series of pre-enlargement policy reviews, including on the future of the budget (what it finances, how it finances it, and how it is financed), to be delivered under the Belgian Presidency.

4.2. Composition of the European Parliament

Recital 5 of the draft European Council Decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament includes a reference to the principle of "budgetary neutral" impact of the increase in the number of seats, which aims to pre-empt the prerogatives of the budgetary authority while going beyond the prerogatives of the European Council.

A statement read by the Chair of the BUDG Committee ahead of the vote of the consent in plenary on 13 September and annexed to the legislative resolution made it clear that the decision on the composition of the European Parliament is without prejudice to the prerogatives of the European Parliament and the Council in the annual budgetary procedure and that it is for the European Parliament and the Council alone to decide on the content of the Union's budget in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 314 TFEU.

4.3. Special Advisers

4.4. Outcome of written procedures

BUDG referrals for opinion

The coordinators' meeting of Wednesday 30 August 2023 was cancelled and decisions handled by written procedure instead. Points for decision were limited to appointments and the Secretariat received no objections to its proposals (see under the 'Information' part of the appointments table of this note).

AGRI Early Non-Objection to two delegated acts

There was no objection to the AGRI two recommendations for an "early non-objection" to the following delegated acts aiming to alleviate the impact of adverse meteorological events by derogating from certain provisions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/891 and of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126 applicable to interventions in the fruit and vegetables sectors:

- Commission Delegated Regulation derogating from Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/891 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council for the year 2023 as regards the value of marketed production, the national strategy and the recovery of Union financial assistance for multiannual commitments in the fruit and vegetables sector due to adverse meteorological events (C(2023)05369 - 2023/2818(DEA));
- Commission Delegated Regulation on temporary emergency measures derogating in respect of the year 2023 from certain provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council, to resolve specific problems in the fruit and vegetables sector caused by adverse meteorological events and measures linked to them (C(2023)05365 - 2023/2819(DEA)).

4.5. Documents for information

4.6. Delegated and implementing acts

4.7. State of play of appointments on BUDG files

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 24 October (tbc) in Brussels.