

Secretariat of the Committee on Budgets

COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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<u>Present</u>

Chair: Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (Chair)

Bureau: Mr Niclas HERBST (Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Mr José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP)

Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)

Mr Olivier CHASTEL replacing Ms Valérie HAYER (Renew)

Mr Francisco GUERREIRO replacing Mr Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens)

Mr Bogdan RZOŃCA (ECR)

Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (The Left)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revised EP Rules of Procedures as of 1st November 2023

The Chair informed about the changes of the Code of Conduct for Members regarding integrity and transparency.

Request for a Commission note with clear information on the situation on access to EU funds in Hungary

The Chair informed that the BUDG and CONT Chairs will send a letter to Commissioner Hahn, as a follow-up to the joint BUDG/CONT meeting of 7 November 2023, to request a comprehensive information note about the state of play on access to EU funds in Hungary. The next joint meeting on this matter with Commissioner Hahn is planned for January 2024.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Appointments

Report					
2023/0397(COD) COM(2023)0692	Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western	Request of Rule 58	Lead :		
	Balkans	EPP	AFET		
		(3 points)			
Information					
2023/2123(INI)	European Hydrogen Bank	EPP (change of rapporteur)	Lead :		
			ITRE		

2.2. Financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2023

Pending a decision of the Conference of Presidents on the BUDG derogation request for adopting the BUDG own-initiative report on the *Financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2023* after the January plenary session, coordinators agreed that work on the report is carried out in English only, and that there will be no presentation of the draft report in BUDG.

2.3. Meeting with Rada

Coordinators agreed to organise the next joint committee meeting with the Rada's Budgets committee on 7 December and endorsed the draft agenda points.

2.4. Budgetary procedure 2025 - Section III

The coordinators exchanged views on the particularities and calendar constraints of the election year 2024 for the B2025 procedure. Coordinators agreed on the following points:

- BUDG will prepare the report on guidelines (Section III) for the 2025 budget,
- The general rapporteur will draft a single Working Document including both the assessment of the Commission's Draft Budget and the Council's position,
- For pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPPAs): two rounds of pre-assessment will be organised while it will not be possible to have a full Commission reassessment for all proposals.

The coordinators endorsed the indicative timetable for the budgetary procedure 2025, including PPPAs.

2.5. Expertise programme for the first half of 2024

Coordinators agreed that:

- a study on 'Adapting the EU budget to make it fit for purpose for future enlargements' is to be commissioned in the first half of 2024 in order to be ready for the BUDG Committee after the EP elections,
- the external in-depth analysis on 'The history of the EU budget' is to be updated for the incoming Members.

The other proposals for external expertise, that were discussed, were endorsed as reserve list and will be made available to the future BUDG committee in the second half of 2024.

2.6. Governance issues in recent Commission proposals on decentralised agencies (EPP)

Coordinators discussed with Mr Herbst, BUDG standing rapporteur for agencies, on the governance issues in recent Commission proposals on decentralised agencies. Coordinators agreed to send a letter to Commissioner Hahn on this matter, and to inform all the other committee chairs.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. European Parliamentary Week 2024

The date of the 11th edition of the European Parliamentary Week (EPW), gathering Members from the BUDG, ECON and EMPL committees and their counterparts from national parliaments, has been set to **12-13 February 2024**, in physical presence in Brussels.

3.2. Documents for information

3.3. Delegated and implementing acts

3.4. 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 7 December (tbc) in Brussels.