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*** Thursday, 11 January 2024, 09.00 - 10.00 ***

*** VOTING TIME ***

Establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013

The proposal of the Commission aims at strengthening the capacity of customs to supervise and control which goods enter and leave the customs union.

Customs would take a new strategic approach, driven by data analysis. An EU Customs Data Hub would be established to facilitate the exchange and combination of information in a single central environment. A new EU Customs Authority (EUCA) would run a central risk analysis and support national administrations, leading to coordinated customs action. This could lead to substantial savings for the national budgets to the tune of EUR 2 300 000 000 annually at cruising speed.

The opinion focuses on areas where BUDG can add value, in particular the EUCA and the necessary monitoring of the financial consequences of the proposal on the EU and Member States' budgets. The opinion also draws the consequences of the introduction of the common approach to administrative penalties by making explicit the possibility to capture the proceeds of these penalties into a future Own Resources Decision.

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Exchange of views with draft opinion: 16 November 2023

Deadline for tabling amendments:
30 November 2023, at 17.00

Adoption in BUDG:
11 January 2024

Adoption in IMCO:
22 February 2024

Plenary: 1 March 2024

2023 Budget: Section III - Commission

- No transfer request

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2024 Budget: Section III - Commission

- No transfer request

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2023 Budget: Other Sections 2023

- No transfer request

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2024 Budget: Other Sections 2024

- No transfer request

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Building Policy

- eu-LISA: Modular Data Centre 2 project for the operational site in Strasbourg, France

Members will vote on the building project submitted by the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) concerning the first phase of the Modular Data Centre 2 (MDC2). This project aims to increase the hosting capacities and to provide the required technical infrastructures to allow the Agency's operational site in Strasbourg to accommodate the growing mandate and new systems entrusted to the Agency.

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The budget for the first phase of the project amounts to EUR 10 680 382 and includes the IT modules, the electrical and civil works as well as the necessary security works to secure the asset.

An early information was sent by eu-LISA to the BUDG Committee on 2 April 2019, followed by an updated communication on eu-LISA's second extension project on 3 November 2020. Finally, an updated information on the MDC2 project was provided by eu-LISA to the Committee on Budgets at its meeting of 7 December 2023.

- No other information received

*** END OF VOTING TIME ***

European Semester for economic policy coordination 2024



The committee will consider the draft opinion to the ECON committee on the European Semester for economic policy coordination 2024.

The draft opinion takes note of the forecast economic growth of 1.3 % of GDP for 2024 but also points to the various risks and uncertainties faced by businesses, public finance and citizens.

As regards the ongoing reform of the EU's economic governance framework, it underlines the need for clear and flexible implementation which leaves adequate fiscal space for strategic investments for Member States, and reiterates that a permanent crisis instrument at EU-level will ensure a sufficiently high level of strategic investments.

The draft opinion stresses the success of the RRF and welcomes the adoption of REPowerEU chapters by most Member States, while demanding that investments in line with European objectives should be treated favourably for the calculation of excessive debt.

In view of the spike in borrowing costs for the EURI, the draft opinion calls for progress on the introduction of new own resources and voices strong support for putting a EURI instrument outside the MFF ceilings to cover the excess costs for interest payments.

Finally, it calls for a stronger role of the EP in the reform of the economic governance framework.

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22 February 2024

Plenary: 1 March 2024

IN CAMERA

Building policy - exchange of views

- European Medicines Agency (EMA): Amendment to the EMA's sub-underlease for the Agency's former premises in London, UK



Following Brexit, EMA has relocated from London to Amsterdam in March 2019. The Agency still has a lease in Canary Wharf, London, until 30 June 2039 without a break clause. To mitigate the impact of leaving empty premises in the UK, EMA sub-let the premises in question in 2019. The corresponding notification was submitted

by EMA to the Committee on Budgets on 4 March 2019.

On 7 November 2023, the parent company ("WeWork Inc.") of the Agency's current sub-undertenant ("WeWork UK") has initiated bankruptcy proceedings in the United States. In this context, the Agency is providing early information concerning the recent developments in EMA's sub-underlease contract for their former premises in Canary Wharf, London, which may result in the need of submitting a building dossier in the coming months.

- No other information received

END OF IN CAMERA

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NEXT MEETINGS

24 January 2024 - BUDG meeting, Brussels
 24 January 2024 - Joint BUDG/CONT meeting, Brussels
 24 January 2024 - Joint AFET/BUDG meeting, Brussels (tbc)

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- Study [“The tools for protecting the EU budget from breaches of the rule of law the Conditionality Regulation in context”](#)
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- Briefing [“Preventing EU funds from ending up with individuals or companies tied to the EU-Russia sanctions list”](#)
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- Study “Contingent liabilities for the EU budget: an updated appraisal”
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- Study “Lessons learned from the implementation of crisis response tools inside the EU, from a budgetary control point of view”
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