



MINUTES

Meeting of 25 February 2021

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 13.47 on Thursday, 25 February 2021, with Johan Van Oortveldt (Chair) presiding.

25 February 2021, 13.45 – 16.15

1. Adoption of agenda

Decision: The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The draft decisions of the coordinators' meeting of 1 February 2021 were adopted in the form annexed to these minutes.

The remote voting sessions for BUDG votes were scheduled for:

- Thursday 25 February, 13.50-15.00

- Thursday 25 February, 15.45-16.45

3. Approval of minutes of meetings

- 22-24 June 2020

PV – PE663.097v01-00

Decision: The minutes were approved.

- 13-14 July 2020

PV – PE661.857v01-00

Decision: The minutes were approved.

- 31 August 2020 - 1 September 2020

PV – PE661.837v01-00

Decision: The minutes were approved.

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***** Remote voting time *****

All participating Members voted via iVote application.

- 4. 2021 Budget: Section III - Commission**
Rapporteur: Pierre Larrouturou (S&D)
- No transfer request
- 5. 2021 Budget: Other Sections**
Rapporteur: Olivier Chastel (Renew)
- No transfer request
- 6. Building policy**
Rapporteur: Fabienne Keller (Renew)
- No building request
- 7. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021**
BUDG/9/04982
2021/2004(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Margarida Marques (S&D)

AM – PE663.218v01-00

Responsible:

ECON* – Enikő Győri (PPE)

AM – PE663.212v01-00

- Adoption of draft opinion

Decision: The draft opinion was adopted.: 33 votes to 6, with 1 abstentions
11 adopted amendments:
68 presented:

- Deadline for tabling amendments: **1 February 2021, 15.00**

***** End of remote voting time *****

- 8. Guidelines for the 2022 Budget - Section III**
BUDG/9/04866
2020/2265(BUI)

Rapporteur:

Karlo Ressler (PPE)

PR – PE663.167v01-00

Responsible:

BUDG

Opinions:

AFET	Urmas Paet (Renew)	AL – PE680.969v03-00
DEVE	Tomas Tobé (PPE)	AL – PE689.491v01-00
CONT	Joachim Kuhs (ID)	
ENVI	Pascal Canfin (Renew)	
ITRE	Christian Ehler (PPE)	AD – PE663.091v02-00 AM – PE680.881v01-00
IMCO	Eugen Jurzyca (ECR)	AL – PE681.074v01-00
TRAN	Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)	AD – PE663.390v02-00 AM – PE680.950v01-00
REGI		
AGRI	Pina Picierno (S&D)	PA – PE663.213v02-00 AM – PE680.976v01-00
CULT	Romeo Franz (Verts/ALE)	AM – PE680.860v01-00
LIBE	Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D)	
AFCO	Antonio Tajani (PPE)	AL – PE680.968v01-00
FEMM	Samira Rafaela (Renew)	AL – PE680.933v01-00

Positions in the form of amendments:

EMPL	Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová (ECR)	AD – PE680.994v01-00 AM – PE680.917v01-00
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- Consideration of draft report

Decision: Exchange of views

Speakers: Karlo Ressler, Victor Negrescu, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Hélène Laporte, Henrike Hahn, Bogdan Rzońca, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, José Manuel Fernandes, Moritz Körner, Fabienne Keller, Jan Olbrycht, Mislav Kolakušić

- Deadline for tabling amendments: **26 February 2021, 12.00**

9. Digital taxation: OECD negotiations, tax residency of digital companies and a possible European Digital Tax

BUDG/9/05185

2021/2010(INI)

Co- rapporteurs:

José Manuel Fernandes (PPE)	PA – PE663.396v01-00
Valérie Hayer (Renew)	

Responsible:

ECON* – Andreas Schwab (PPE)	PR – PE663.362v01-00
Martin Hlaváček (Renew)	

- Consideration of draft opinion

Decision: Exchange of views

Speakers: José Manuel Fernandes, Valérie Hayer, Elisabetta Gualmini, Hélène Laporte, David Cormand, Johan Van Overtveldt, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vlad Gheorghe, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Mislav Kolakušić

- Deadline for tabling amendments: **1 March 2021, 10.00**

10. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2022 – Section I – European Parliament

BUDG/9/04862
2020/2264(BUI)

Rapporteur:

Damian Boeselager (Verts/ALE)

Responsible:

BUDG

- Exchange of views in the presence of Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament responsible for the budget and the Secretary General

Decision: Exchange of views

Speakers: Pedro Silva Pereira, Rainer Wieland, Klaus Welle (Secretary General), Damian Boeselager, Niclas Herbst, Nils Ušakovs, Olivier Chastel, Joachim Kuhs, Bogdan Rzońca, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Mislav Kolakušić

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The meeting adjourned at 16.22 and resumed on Thursday 25 February at 16.45, with Janusz Lewandowski (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

25 February 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

11. Start of the new financial period: what changes for budget implementation and planning?

BUDG/9/05380

- Exchange of views with Gert Jan Koopman, European Commission, Director General DG BUDG

Decision: Exchange of views

Speakers: Gert Jan Koopman (European Commission, DG BUDG), José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Valérie Hayer, Hélène Laporte, Damian Boeselager, Bogdan Rzońca, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Pierre Larrouturou, Siegfried Mureșan, Rasmus Andresen, Margarida Marques, Joachim Kuhs

12. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2022 – Section I – European Parliament

BUDG/9/04862
2020/2264(BUI)

Rapporteur:

Damian Boeselager (Verts/ALE)

Responsible:

BUDG

- Exchange of views with DG FINS, DG COMM, DG ITEC

Decision: Exchange of views

Speakers: Didier Klethi (Director General, DG FINS), Jaume Duch Guillot (Director General, DG COMM), Walter Petrucci (Director General, DG ITEC), Damian Boeselager, Niclas Herbst, Nils Ušakovs, Olivier Chastel, Joachim Kuhs, Bogdan Rzońca, Fabienne Keller

13. Any other business

14. Next meetings

Thursday, 4 March, 9.00-12.00

The meeting closed at 18.55.

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

1. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 – Final vote

33	+
GUE/NGL	Silvia Modig, Dimitrios Papadimoulis
NI	Mislav Kolakušić
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Janusz Lewandowski, Siegfried Mureşan, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Karlo Ressler, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Vlad Gheorghe, Valérie Hayer, Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds
S&D	Robert Biedroń, Paolo De Castro, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Elisabetta Gualmini, Eero Heinäluoma, Pierre Larrousurou, Margarida Marques, Victor Negrescu, Nils Ušakovs
Verts/ALE	Damian Boeselager, David Cormand, Alexandra Geese, Francisco Guerreiro

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ECR	Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Bogdan Rzońca, Johan Van Oortveldt
ID	Joachim Kuhs, Hélène Laporte
NI	Ioannis Lagos

1	0
ID	Valentino Grant

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Johan Van Overtveldt (Chair), Janusz Lewandowski (1 VP), Olivier Chastel (2 VP), Margarida Marques (3 VP), Niclas Herbst (4 VP)
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Erik Bergkvist, Damian Boeselager, Jens Geier, Henrike Hahn, Eva Kaili, Fabienne Keller

209 (7)
216 (3)
Pedro Silva Perreira
56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnoĝ reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)

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G-J Koopman, J. Ureel
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S&D	J. Feldmann, D. Janquin, Y. Moisan
Renew	E. Kropaite, E. de Troij
ID	K. Strus
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The Left	A. Bazantay, N. Cheilakou
NI	C. Salagnac

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K. Welle,, S. Altenberg, M.P. De Angelis	
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<p>E. Daffarra, V. Aulehla, C. Chamoux, E. Imeroni, V. Lebeda, M. Manzinello, T. Maurer, D. Neville, G. Rey, A. Rouquette, R. Wilkinson</p>
<p>Сътрудник/Asistente/Asistent/Assistent/Assistenz/Βοηθός/Assistant/Assistente/Palīgs/Padējējas/Asszisztens/Asyistent/Pomočnik/Avustaja/Assistenten</p>
<p>C. Vandeneucken, K. Piot</p>

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COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

Monday, 1 February 2021

16.45 - 18.45

Videoconference-meeting + room SPINELLI 1G3

Draft agenda

Present

Bureau: Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (Chair)
Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (Vice-Chair)
Ms Margarida MARQUES (Vice-Chair)
Mr Niclas HERBST (Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Mr José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP)
Mr Jan OLBRYCHT (EPP Vice-Coordinator)
Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)
Ms Valerie HAYER (Renew)
Ms Hélène LAPORTE (ID)
Mr Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens/EFA)
Mr Bogdan RZONCA (ECR)
Mr Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (GUE/NGL)

Rapporteurs: Mr Karlo RESSLER (EPP)

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brexit Adjustment Reserve

Coordinators mandated the Chair to contact the REGI Chair with a view to finding a compromise on the conflict of competence, on the basis of the positions expressed during their discussions.

Making Available Regulation

Coordinators mandated the secretariat, in close cooperation with the co-rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs for Own Resources, to draft a response to the Commission's questionnaire on the Making Available Regulation, to be then validated by coordinators.

2. POINTS FOR DECISION

2.1. Appointments

For information			
2021/0022(BUD) COM(2021)0030	Draft Amending Budget No 1/2021	Report <i>Budget 2021</i>	Lead: BUDG

2.2. Standing rapporteurs

Coordinators decided that the two opinions on Digital taxation and EU Gender Action Plan III attributed on 14 January have a cost of zero points, being attributed to standing rapporteurs.

The attribution system is to be reviewed at the mid-point of the parliamentary term.

2.3. Budget 2022 - Mandate

Coordinators confirmed their decision of 12 December 2019 not to draft the "mandate for the trilogue" report for the duration of the parliamentary term.

2.4. Budget 2022 - Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions

Coordinators discussed possible measures to improve the PPPA procedures and decided to draft a document indicating a possible way forward.

Coordinators also took note that the pre-assessment of Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPAs) will be carried out in a single round, with a deadline for submission of Friday 16 April at 12:00.

As in previous years, PPPA proposals must be submitted exclusively using the standardised form, which will be available on the BUDG eCommittee site.

As in previous years, MEPs are strongly encouraged to send their PPPA proposals as far as possible in English.

As in previous years, and in line with the rules for tabling budgetary amendments, only full and substitute BUDG Members may submit proposals directly to the BUDG committee. Other Members may submit proposals to BUDG only if at least one of the co-authors is a full or substitute BUDG Member. Alternatively, proposals may be submitted via specialised committees in line with their own procedures and deadlines.

A Working Document on PPAs will be presented by Mr Ressler and Mr Larrouturou at the BUDG meeting of 17 March, explaining in more detail the timetable and principles of this year's procedure.

2.5. Requests for expertise

Coordinators decided to request expertise on the following topics:

- European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and EIB external lending mandate
- New Own Resources
- Recovery, brexit, off-budget instruments... What should be addressed in the next

revision of the financial regulation?

- Updated briefing on flexibility and perhaps a new look at the "galaxy"

2.6. Transparency on the Covid vaccines

Coordinators held an exchange of view and mandated the Chair to write a letter to Commissioners Hahn and Kyriakides, possibly jointly with ENVI and CONT, requesting information on the budgetary expenditure so far and demanding the full mobilisation of Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation and of margins and special instruments in 2021 to increase expenditure in this area.

2.7. Follow-up to the MFF/Own Resources / recovery agreements

Postponed.

2.8. Appointment system for EGF and EUSF mobilisation decisions (ID request)

Postponed.

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1. Special advisers

3.2. Outcome of written procedures

1. European Parliamentary Week 2021

Coordinators endorsed the programme of the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting organised by BUDG as proposed.

2. BUDG public hearings

Coordinators decided on two BUDG hearings for the period 15 March – 30 June 2021:

- Financing the EU budget: new own resources and possible other revenue (including competition fines)
- 2021-2027 EU financial assistance to Africa following the integration of the European Development Fund into the Union budget

3. ECA 2022 Work Programme

A number of proposals for the ECA's 2022 Work Programme were received. A consolidated list of suggestions will be circulated for final approval before sending it to the CCC.

4. CoR Special adviser

The Committee of the Regions provided the following answers to the two questions received on the renewal of the Special adviser contract:

1) If the Committee of Regions (CoR) medical adviser has been employed there since 2012 (already well before the health crisis), with regularly renewed contracts for a maximum of 2 years, why, while the health situation still seems to have an impact on our institutions, the CoR did not submit this renewal earlier?

CoR answer: In reality, the doctor's contract is renewed at the CoR every two years and the latest renewal was to cover the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2021, but with occupancy rate lower than full time. However, because of the health crisis, the presence and availability of the institution's only medical adviser must be adapted in the middle of the contract. Consequently, the terms and duration have been adjusted according to the current needs of the service, unforeseeable at the time of the conclusion of the last renewal.

2) For this post which seems to be permanent within the CoR, has the CoR administration ever considered finding a more stable alternative contractual solution?

CoR answer: Unlike the posts of temporary or contractual agents (the number of contracts and / or their duration of which are limited by the Conditions of Employment of other agents of the Union), the hiring of a special adviser offers more flexibility to both parties in terms of duration and terms of the contractual relationship. Moreover, the CoR's establishment plan is much smaller than that of the other institutions, including the EESC, in order to be able to hire a doctor for a permanent job as an official, not to mention the lack of relevant reserve lists of EPSO in this area at present.

No exchange of views with the CoR is foreseen.

5. BUDG submission to the motion for a resolution on the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement

The Secretariat did not receive any comments to the draft contribution to the motion for a resolution that will accompany the AFET-INTA consent procedure on the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement.

The BUDG contribution will therefore be sent to the UK Coordination Group.

3.3. Documents for information

3.4. Delegated and implementing acts

3.5. State of play of appointments on BUDG files

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for 4 March (tbc) in Brussels.