

## EU budget talks: press conference by EP negotiators on state of play

**When: Today, Monday 5 October at 16:30 - Where: Anna Politkovskaya pressroom (European Parliament in Brussels, room SPAAK 0A50) and via Skype**

The members of the Parliament's [negotiating team on the Multiannual Financial Framework \(MFF\) and Own Resources \(OR\)](#) will hold a press conference on the outcome of the sixth round of talks with Council and Commission, scheduled for Monday morning.

After the fifth round (on 28 September) of the trilateral talks to find an agreement on the next MFF 2021-2027 and new Own Resources (EU revenue), which started on 27 August, Parliament is [still waiting for a viable offer from Council](#), for example on top-ups to [15 flagship EU programmes](#). Parliament has [already made major concessions](#) and is committed to a quick, and good, agreement. The MEPs will give a progress report on Monday afternoon and reiterate Parliament's priorities.

### **The EP's negotiating team for the next long-term EU budget and Own Resources reform**

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**Journalists are welcome to attend the press conference in person, respecting the precautionary measures in force (see below), or participate remotely.**

Parliament will be using an interactive virtual press environment (with interpretation) based on Skype TX, in conjunction with the traditional [EbS](#) and [web-streaming services](#).

### **If you are unable to attend and wish to ask a question:**

- You will need a SKYPE account.
- Connect to VOXBOXEP and write your name and media organisation in the chat box

Please use headphones and a microphone for better sound quality.

The system will be managed by Parliament's media services and you will be placed in a queue (virtual waiting room) before being invited to ask your question(s).

If you have any trouble connecting, you can contact: +32 22834220 or use Skype chat box.

After asking a question / listening to the reply (and any follow-up), you should then disconnect from Skype so that the next journalist in line can be connected to the press briefing room.

You only need to connect through Skype if you wish to ask a question.

- You can follow the briefing LIVE on EP MMC or EbS.

### **REMINDER: working conditions in Parliament for journalists in light of Coronavirus**

It is mandatory as of 13 May to wear a community mask that covers the mouth and nose at all times while in Parliament's buildings. This is to continue to ensure Parliament's operational capacity, while at the same time avoiding health risks for Members, staff and other persons working in and visiting the European Parliament. In addition, as of Monday 15 June, temperature controls will be carried out on all persons entering Parliament's premises.

However, journalists may remove their mask for the duration of a recording (stand-ups, interviews, studio recordings) or asking a question in the press room, if the social distancing measures are respected. The press room on the ground floor (Paul-Henri Spaak building) is also now open again for those who need to work from Parliament, though social distancing rules remain in force.

Please refrain from coming to EP premises if you present any symptoms of a respiratory infection, if you have knowingly been in contact with an infected person in the last 14 days or if you have been to regions with very high transmission rates.

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