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Reform of the European Union's system of own resources



Exchange of views

Rapporteur: Mercedes Bresso (S&D)

In her opinion, Ms Bresso is underlining some fundamental problems that exist in the current system of own resources. She is concerned that the current rules are against the Treaty provisions in that the Union budget is not financed from own resources and in that the Union commits to expenditure without having first ensured that it can be financed within the limit of the own resources available.

The Rapporteur also recalled the need to switch from unanimity to QMV voting for the adoption of own resources, thus putting Parliament on an equal footing with the Council when it comes to decision-making on both the revenue and expenditure sides of the EU budget.

She also acknowledged the opportunity that Brexit is creating to reconsider the current system of rebates and corrections and underlined that the system of own resources should be comprehensible to citizens.

The Rapporteur also noted that all of the scenarios presented by the Commission on the future of Europe would necessitate additional financing for the new priorities of the Union derived from genuine own resources.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 40th issue of the AFCO Newsletter, a tool prepared by the Secretariat, which aims to inform you about AFCO activities and increase awareness of institutional challenges that the EU is facing.

At our meeting on 4 September, the Committee will discuss the Composition of the European Parliament for the 2019-2024 electoral period as well the draft opinion on the reform of the EU's system of own resources.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, EL, ES, PT, SV, CS, PL, RO

MEETING DOCUMENTS

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project, please bear in mind that only a very limited number of paper dossiers will be available in the meeting room. Instead, meeting documents will be made available on the following [public](#) and [EP internal](#) websites.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

4 September 2017, 16.00 – 18.30
(Brussels, room ASP A3G3)

Here is the [link to the latest committee draft agenda](#).

Composition of the European Parliament



Exchange of views

Co-Rapporteurs: Danuta Maria Hübner, AFCO Chair (EPP), and Pedro Silva Pereira, AFCO Vice-Chair (S&D)

This item is postponed.

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State of play of the negotiations on Brexit



There will be an exchange of views on the State of play of the negotiations on Brexit, with the participation of the EP coordinator for the negotiations, Guy Verhofstadt.

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NEXT MEETINGS

11 September 2017, 19.30 - 21.30
(Strasbourg)

28 September 2017, 09.00-12.30 and
15.00–18.30 (Brussels)

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