

European Union budget 2019



Exchange of views

Rapporteur for the opinion:: Danuta Maria Hübner (PPE)

AFCO will hold an exchange of views with the Rapporteur of the Budgets Committee on Budget 2019 (Section III), Mr Daniele Viotti (S&D, IT). This discussion will be the first one concerning AFCO's priorities for Budget 2019. AFCO is expected to present its draft opinion at its meeting in June and vote on 11 July 2018.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union



Exchange of views

To take stock of recent developments in the European Union's ongoing negotiations with the United Kingdom, and to identify the challenges ahead, this month's meeting will feature an exchange of views with Guy Verhofstadt, Parliament's coordinator for the UK's withdrawal from the EU and Chair of the Brexit Steering Group.

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INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the 51st 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.

The meeting on 25 April will begin with an exchange of views with Daniele Viotti, co-rapporteur of the Committee on Budgets, on the EU's general budget for 2019. Among other priorities, AFCO will be fighting to secure adequate funding for the Europe for Citizens programme and for the European Citizens' Initiative.

This will be followed by an exchange of views on the state of play of negotiations on Brexit, and then by the consideration of amendments to the draft report on the European Citizens' Initiative. AFCO will then participate in a joint meeting with JURI concerning the vote on the report evaluating the implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making.

In the afternoon part of the meeting, the amendments on the draft report on the role of cities in the framework of the Union will be discussed. After this, MEPs will hear from a panel of experts on the impact of globalisation on the EU, and the meeting will end with an exchange of views on the dossier on the Parliament's right of inquiry, which has been blocked for so long.

Prof. Dr. Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair

European citizens' initiative



Exchange of views

Rapporteur: George Schöpflin (PPE)

MEPs will consider the amendments to the Commission's proposed regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI). The ECI is an instrument of direct democracy that enables citizens from different member states to come together and propose changes to legislation in any field where the European Commission has competence, such as the environment, agriculture, energy, transport or trade. It was first introduced with the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007 and is intended to give citizens a greater say in the policies that affect their lives.

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**** *Voting time* ****

The interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteurs: Pavel Svoboda (PPE) and Richard Corbett (S&D)

In a joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs, MEPs will vote on the adoption of a draft report evaluating the implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making (IIA). Adopted by Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 13 April 2016, the IIA aims to improve the way the EU legislates to ensure that legislation better serves citizens and businesses and that EU laws and policies are effective in achieving their objectives, with a minimum of administrative burdens

142 amendments were tabled before the deadline of 7 February 2018 and the consideration of amendments took place on 28 March.

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**** *End of vote* ****

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR,DE,IT,NL,EN,DA,ES,PT,SV,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.

Role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union



Consideration of amendments

Rapporteur: Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (NI)

In its resolution of 9 September 2015 on the urban dimension of EU policies, Parliament formally recognised the growing relevance of cities in the institutional framework of the Union and noted that a significant part of the EU population lives in urban areas. Following this, on 15 June 2016, AFCO decided to draft a report on the “Role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union” with the aim of contributing to debate the participation of cities in the EU decision-making process. On 25 April, AFCO will consider the 123 amendments tabled to the draft report and hold an exchange views with the Rapporteur, Mr Ujazdowski.

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Globalisation “trilemma”: how to reconcile globalisation, democracy and welfare - lessons for the European Union



Exchange of views and presentation by experts: Davide Cadeddu, Susan George, Ingolf Pernice, and Daniel Gros

In an effort to better understand the impact of globalisation on the future of the European Union, MEPs will exchange views with a panel of experts who will discuss how the EU can respond to the challenges of globalisation in a way that prioritises citizens’ welfare, safeguards stability, and enhances democratic decision-making.

This panel will include Prof. Davide Cadeddu, professor of political theory at the University of Milan; Dr. Susan George, president of the Board of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam; Prof. Dr. Ingolf Pernice, Research Director on Global Constitutionalism at the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society in Berlin; and Mr. Daniel Gros, Director at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

25 April 2018,
09.00 - 11.50, 11.50-12.30: joint JURI-
AFCO meeting and 15/00 - 18.30

Paul-Henri Spaak building (P5B001),
Brussels

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

NEXT MEETINGS

24 May 2018, 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30
(in Brussels)

The European Parliament's right of Inquiry



Exchange of views

Rapporteur: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (S&D)

Finally, there will be an exchange of views on the next steps required to progress with a proposed regulation governing the European Parliament's right of inquiry. In order for official negotiations to begin, it was previously agreed that Parliament should first present a new wording of its proposal and that this should take the form of a Draft Non-Paper that resolves the concerns of both the Council and the Commission. Rapporteur Jáuregui will share his view on recent developments and discuss what actions could be taken by AFCO to advance this legislative proposal to the next stage.

Further information



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