

WORKSHOP ON

Towards a performance-based EU budget: What implications for parliamentary oversight and transparency?

*Organised by the Budgetary Support Unit
for the Committee on Budgetary Control*

Tuesday, 27 January 2026
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PROGRAMME

Opening remarks and introduction (5 min)

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09:45 – 09:50

Niclas Herbst

Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control and co-rapporteur of the Performance Regulation

Keynote speeches (20 min)

09:50 – 10:00

Päivi Leino-Sandberg

Professor of Transnational European Law
University of Helsinki

10:00 – 10:10

Jonathan Zeitlin

Professor of Public Policy and Governance Emeritus
University of Amsterdam

Panel 1: EU level views on the policy rationale of a performance-based long-term EU budget and assurance perspective (20 min)

- 10:10 – 10:20 **Céline Gauer**
Director-General Reform and Investment Task Force
(SG REFORM)
Rationale, expected impact and accountability of the 'delivery mode' put forward by the Commission in its July 2025 MFF proposals, notably Article 89 NRPR / Art 63 FR
- 10:20 – 10:30 **Ivana Maletic**
Member of the European Court of Auditors
Assurance perspective, implications for audit, control chains and tolerable risk of error

Questions and answers (20 min)

- 10:30 – 10:50 Q&A with the Members

Panel 2: Views from the field (30 min)

- 10:50 – 11:00 **Elisabete Quintas**
Member of the Board
Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal
- 11:00 – 11:10 **Lars Wirbatz**
Head of unit, EU Economic and Financial Policy, Coordination of EU Funds, Brandenburg Ministry of Finances and Europe, Germany
- 11:10 – 11:20 **Piotr Żuber**
General advisor
Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy, Poland

Questions and answers (20 min)

- 11:20 – 11:40 Q&A with the Members

Conclusions and closing remarks (5 min)

- 11:40 – 11:45 **Niclas Herbst**
Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control/CONT and co-rapporteur of the Performance Regulation

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