



# MINUTES

Meeting of 16 January 2025, 09.00-11:00

BRUSSELS

*The meeting opened at 9:10 on Thursday 16 January 2025, with Monika Hohlmeier (Vice-Chair) presiding.*

## 1. Adoption of agenda

**Decision:** The draft agenda was adopted with the following changes:

- The vote concerning the building project for the Frontex Headquarters (point 8) will be postponed to the next BUDG meeting of 29-30 January 2025.

## 2. Chair's announcements

The draft decisions of the coordinators' meeting of 12 December 2024 were adopted in the form annexed to these minutes.

## 3. Adoption of minutes

- 21 November 2024 PV – PE766.672v01-00

**Decision:** The minutes were approved.

- 12 December 2024 PV – PE766.894v01-00

**Decision:** The minutes were approved.

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\*\*\* *Voting time* \*\*\*

## 4. 2024 Budget: Section III - Commission

**Rapporteur: Siegfried Mureşan (EPP)**

- No transfer request received

**5. 2025 Budget: Section III - Commission:**

**Rapporteur: Victor Negrescu (S&D)**

- No transfer request received

**6. 2024 Budget: Other Sections**

**Rapporteur: Nils Ušakovs (S&D)**

- No transfer request received

**7. 2025 Budget: Other Sections**

**Rapporteur: Niclas Herbst (EPP)**

- No transfer request received

**8. Building policy:**

**Rapporteur: Olivier Chastel (Renew)**

- **Frontex: Design and execution contract for the headquarters, Warsaw - postponed**

- **No other building request received**

**Speakers:** Olivier Chastel, Monika Hohlmeier.

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

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**9. Macro-financial assistance to the Arab Republic of Egypt**

BUDG/10/00369

\*\*\*I 2024/0071(COD) COM(2024)0461 – C10-0009/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Matjaž Nemeč (S&D)

PA – PE765.356v01-00

Responsible:

INTA – Céline Imart (PPE)

PR – PE765.300v01-00

Opinions:

AFET Tineke Strik (Verts/ALE)

PA – PE765.291v01-00

AM – PE766.925v01-00

BUDG (AU)

- Consideration of draft opinion

**Decision:** Exchange of views

- **Deadline for tabling amendments: 21 January 2025, 12.00**

**Speakers:** Matjaž Nemeč, Michalis Hadjipantela, Thomas Geisel, Monika Hohlmeier, Lenka Filipkova (EC, DG BUDG).

**10. Macro-financial assistance to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

BUDG/10/00376

\*\*\*I 2024/0086(COD) COM(2024)0159 – C9-0146/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Johan Van Overtveldt (ECR)

PA – PE766.591v01-00

Responsible:

INTA – Céline Imart (PPE)

PR – PE766.964v01-00

Opinions:

AFET Malik Azmani (Renew)

AM – PE766.850v01-00

DT – PE766.671v01-00

BUDG (AU)

- Consideration of draft opinion

**Decision:** Exchange of views

- Deadline for tabling amendments:**21 January 2025, 12.00**

**Speakers:** Bogdan Rzońca, Michalis Hadjipantela, Jean-Marc Germain, Lenka Filipkova (EC, DG BUDG).

**11. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand**

BUDG/10/01222

\*\*\* 2024/0263(NLE) 14652/2024 – C10-0227/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Isabel Benjumea Benjumea (PPE)

PA – PE766.950v02-00

Responsible:

PECH – Emma Fourreau (The Left)

Opinions:

BUDG (AU)

- Consideration of draft opinion

**Decision:** Exchange of views

- Deadline for tabling amendments:**22 January 2025, 12.00**

**Speakers:** Hélder Sousa Silva, Jean-Marc Germain, Angéline Furet, Lenka Filipkova (EC, DG BUDG).

**12. 2025 Budget: Section III - Commission - exchange of views:**

**Rapporteur: Victor Negrescu (S&D)**

**- DEC 1/2025**

**- No other transfer request received**

**Speakers:** Victor Negrescu, Angéline Furet, Lenka Filipkova (EC, DG BUDG).

**13. Building policy - exchange of views :**

**Rapporteur: Olivier Chastel (Renew)**

- **EEAS: Possible purchase of the current premises of the delegation of the European Union to Brazil in Brasilia**
- **EEAS: Possible lease of new offices, a new residence and additional staff accommodations for the delegation of the European Union to Libya in Tripoli**
- **EEAS: New lease for offices, for the delegation of the European Union to Türkiye in Ankara**
- **EEAS: Possible purchase of the residence for the Head of the European Delegation to Ghana in Accra**
- **No other information received**

**Speakers:** Francesco Fini (EEAS), Olivier Chastel, Monika Hohlmeier, Jean-Marc Germain.

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**14. Any other business**

**15. Date of next meeting**

29-30 January 2025 - BUDG meeting

30 January 2025 - joint AFET-BUDG meeting

*The meeting closed at 10:35.*

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Georgios Aftias, Olivier Chastel, Angéline Furet, Thomas Geisel, Jean-Marc Germain, Alexander Jungbluth, Victor Negrescu, Matjaž Nemeč, João Oliveira, Bogdan Rzońca, Hélder Sousa Silva
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Nina Carberry, Michalis Hadjipantela, Moritz Körner, Tiago Moreira de Sá

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L. Filipkova (DG BUDG)

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F. Fini

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PfE	L. Dupáková, B. Széchy
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# BUDG COORDINATORS' DECISIONS

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Thursday, 12 December 2024

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SPINELLI 1G3 (Brussels)  
09:00 - 10:00

## Present

*Chair:* Mr Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (Chair)

## *Coordinators:*

Mr Karlo RESSLER (EPP)  
Mr Jean-Marc GERMAIN (S&D)  
Mr Ondřej KOVAŘÍK (Pfe)  
Ms Lucia YAR (Renew)  
Mr Kai TEGETHOFF (Greens/EFA) replacing Rasmus ANDRESEN

*Vice-coordinator:* Ms Isabel BENJUMEA BENJUMEA (EPP)

## 1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Exchange of views with Commissioner Serafin**

The committee will invite Commissioner Serafin to a BUDG meeting in January for a kick-off exchange of views on BUDG-related topics, and at a later stage for exchanges on specific dossiers.

### **Parliament's appointee to the InvestEU Steering Board**

Coordinators agreed that the Secretariat ask the current Parliament's appointee to InvestEU Steering Board if he is willing to continue in this function. Before the end of his mandate, the procedure for formal appointment will be launched.

### **Call for contributions for ECA 2026+ work programme**

Coordinators are invited to send their proposals for audit within the BUDG remit to the Secretariat by Thursday 16 January 2025 (cob) including sufficient detail on the audit objective and reasoning.

## 2. POINTS FOR DECISION

### 2.1. Appointments

The decision on the group taking the rapporteurship will be taken at the same time as the decision to do a report/an opinion, i.e. ahead of the CoP decision on competences. The points will be deducted after the CoP decision is taken.

<b>Opinions</b>			
INI	Facilitating financing of investments and reforms to boost European competitiveness and creating a Capital Markets Union (Draghi Report)	<b>Opinion</b> Karlo Ressler (EPP) (0.5 points) <i>(pending CoP decision)</i>	Lead: ECON
<b>Budgetary Assessment (Rule 58)</b>			
COM(2024)0189 2024/0101(NLE)	Conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Union and the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of San Marino respectively	<b>No budgetary assessment</b> <i>No budgetary impact</i>	Lead: AFET
COM(2024)0531 2024/0301(COD)	Public interface connected to the Internal Market Information System for the declaration of posting of workers and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012	<b>No budgetary assessment</b> <i>Limited budgetary impact</i>	Lead: IMCO-EMPL

In relation to DEVE INI request entitled “Financing for development - ahead of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville”, Coordinators mandated the Chair to send a letter to DEVE and the CCC Chair reminding that this own-initiative report should be seen in conjunction with the BUDG INI entitled ‘A revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world’ that will focus on budgetary aspects and horizontal principles applying across MFF programmes.

### 2.2. Public hearings in the first half of 2025

Coordinators agreed on the following public hearings to be organised in the first half of 2025:

- Rule of Law conditionality to be organised jointly with CONT
- Invest EU to be organised jointly with ECON (inviting e.g. EIB and representatives from the private sector)

In line with BUDG working methods on hearings, Coordinators also expressed a preference for a third hearing on Natural disasters, to be confirmed at a later stage.

The exact title and list of speakers for the first two hearings will be decided by joint written procedures with the committees concerned.

### 2.3. Missions<sup>1</sup>

Coordinators agreed on the following missions to be organised in the first half of 2025:

- Western Balkans (Montenegro)
- Baltic country (Latvia)

Coordinators agreed to decide on a third mission by written procedure before the end of the year.

Coordinators endorsed the following working methods for missions:

Missions take place during the "turquoise" weeks. They are chaired based on protocol order - i.e. Chair, 1st Vice-chair etc.... unless agreed differently by the coordinators.

Members on a mission can be assisted by political advisors of their group<sup>2</sup>.

In view of the concentration of work on the budgetary procedure in the second part of the year, the BUDG committee organises missions only during the first part of each year (July included).

Coordinators agreed on the following arrangements to facilitate the organisation of the missions:

- political groups put forward in due time the names of the members wishing to take part in a mission. The mission shall then be composed by all members wishing to participate, provided that:
  - the total number of proposed members does not exceed the available places;
  - the political balance of the composition is ensured (i.e. no group has a number of members that departs by more than 1 unit from their share proportional to the committee composition, calculated with the D'Hondt method). When the committee applies the rolling D'Hondt method, the non-attached Members shall count as one individual Member in the order of seats and shall be placed in the order after the position of the seat allocated to the smallest political group.

If one of the two conditions above is not fulfilled, the membership of the mission in question shall be finalised via a coordinators' decision.

- in the event that a member cancels its participation in a mission or delegation and no replacement could be found, the corresponding seats are lost for the political group to which the member belongs and cannot be spared for any other following delegation. Unused slot(s) are re-allocated to the next group(s) in line, in accordance with the rolling d'Hondt method.

Members who have been proposed as a participant in an official delegation have to ensure timely compliance with rules on ethics, transparency and avoiding conflict of interests given their impact on the start of the work on the mission. In the event that a participant declares having a conflict of interest, such declaration should be done sufficiently in advance so that there is the possibility for the BUDG committee to hold a vote, if needed (if there is no committee meeting before the mission then the member should not take part in the mission).

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<sup>1</sup> The annual quota for committee missions is 25 Members. The Chair can take part in missions outside that quota. For ad-hoc delegations (outside EU), the quota is seven members per travel, including the Chair.

<sup>2</sup> Members' assistants are not allowed to take part in missions in line with the Bureau decision on missions of 2 October 2000 (last amended 15 December 2014)

## **2.4. Expertise programme for 2025**

Coordinators heard a presentation from the Policy Department D on the new approach for expertise. Coordinators are invited to send proposals for possible external expertise to be commissioned in the first half of 2025 by 20 December to the Secretariat for assessment in view of a decision in January.

## **2.5. Appointment of Member to the EP Network on Policy Coherence for Development**

Coordinators appointed Ms Isabel BENJUMEA BENJUMEA (EPP) to represent BUDG in the Network on Policy Coherence for Development.

## **2.6. ECA audit on the EU budget flexibility – questionnaire**

Coordinators endorsed the reply to the ECA questionnaire on EU budget flexibility and mandated the Chair to transmit it to the Court.

## **2.7. Budget 2025 - Post mortem (tentative)**

Postponed.

## **2.8. Scrutiny of budgetary transfers (requested by Renew) (tentative)**

Postponed.

## **2.9. Scrutiny of the Rule of law conditionality mechanism**

Coordinators decided on the modalities of scrutiny of the Conditionality Regulation in the new term by:

- organising regular BUDG-CONT meetings (every 3-4 months) with Commissioner Serafin on the implementation of the Conditionality Regulation, detached from specific events, to discuss relevant developments/trends in the Member States; a first exchange of views could be organised in February 2025;
- organising ad hoc BUDG-CONT meetings with the responsible Commissioners in case of specific events having an impact on the rule of law and the Union budget;
- organising a BUDG-CONT-LIBE meeting once a year with Commissioners Serafin and McGrath to discuss the implications of the findings of the Annual Rule of Law report for the budget.

Coordinators mandated the Chair to write a joint letter with CONT to Commissioner Serafin, to outline the committees' expectations from the Commission on the Conditionality Regulation, including regular meetings and proactive and timely information from the Commission to the Parliament both at political and at service level.

Finally, Coordinators agreed to join CONT in requesting an implementation report on the Rule of Law conditionality mechanism.

## **3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.1. Outcome of written procedure**

#### Appointments

- INI - European Semester for economic policy coordination 2025: the Chair on behalf of BUDG - 0 points, EN only.
- INI - Possibilities for simplification of cohesion funds: 0,5 points - EPP.

#### European Parliamentary week

The draft agenda of the European Parliamentary Week 2025 was modified according to the comments expressed by the majority of Coordinators i.e. to keep the first option unchanged and merge options 2 and 3.

#### ECA special report on Budget flexibility in times of crisis

A majority of coordinators supported the participation to the ECA questionnaire.

#### Public hearings and missions in 2025

By the deadline of 29 November cob, the Secretariat received proposals from EPP, S&D, ECR, Renew and Greens/EFA.

### **3.2. Mandatory training for MEPs**

Pursuant to the new rules on Ethics & Transparency and specifically the Code of Appropriate Behaviour for Members in exercising their duties (Rule 10 and Annex II to the Parliament's Rules of Procedure), Members are required to follow mandatory training sessions organised by DG PRES.

Members must complete these trainings **by 16 January 2025** (within the first six months of a Member's term of office) to avoid corrective measures, including ineligibility to be elected as office-holders of Parliament or one of its bodies, to be appointed (shadow) rapporteur, or to participate in official delegations or in interinstitutional negotiations.

BUDG Members are encouraged to follow the mandatory training within the set deadline.

### **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 16 January (tbc) and 29-30 January 2025 in Brussels.