



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

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Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the European Semester for Economic Policy Coordination *Brussels*

Meetings

- Monday, 27 February 2012 - 15:15 - 16:50: Hemicycle
- Monday, 27 February 2012 - 17:00 - 18:45: JAN 4Q2 (session 1) and PHS 3C50 (session 2)
- Tuesday, 28 February 2012 - 09:00 - 12:30: Hemicycle

Dinner

- Monday, 27 February 2012, 19.00 - Members' Dining Room

DRAFT PROGRAMME as of 14.02.2012

Monday 27 February 2012

15.15 - 16.50 **PLENARY SESSION: COORDINATING NATIONAL POLICIES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER**

15.15 - 15.25 Opening remarks by **Gianni Pittella**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

15.25 - 15.40 Address by **Herman Van Rompuy**, President of the European Council

15.40 - 15.55 Address by **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission

15.55 - 16.50 Exchange of views between Members of the European Parliament and National Parliaments with the participation of President Van Rompuy and President Barroso.

The discussion will be chaired by **Alain Lamassoure**, Chair of the Committee on Budgets

17.00 - 18.45 **DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS ON THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER AND THE COORDINATION OF POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES**

Two sessions in parallel:

1) Fiscal discipline and sustainability of public finances

2) Sustainable growth, jobs and social progress in adverse economic circumstances

Note: Participants are kindly requested to indicate in advance the sub-session they would like to participate in.

1) Session "Fiscal discipline and sustainability of public finances"

- ⇒ **Dialogue with the EP rapporteurs on the two proposed regulations on enhanced monitoring and enhanced surveillance, Mr. Jean-Paul Gauzès (EPP) and Ms. Elisa Ferreira (S&D) (TBC):**

Exchange of views on the so-called "Two-Pack", which builds on the "Six Pack" - legislative acts, including provisions for monitoring and assessing national draft budgetary plans, and the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties.

Discussion between all participants. The discussion will be chaired by **Sharon Bowles**, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Two rapporteurs from euro area national Parliaments (TBC) will give introductory addresses to the debate.

2) Session "Beyond budgetary discipline: How to achieve sustainable growth, job creation and social progress in adverse economic circumstances"

- ⇒ **Dialogue with Johannes Hahn** (TBC), Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy **and Janusz Lewandowski**, Commissioner responsible for financial programming and Budget: ownership of the targets and objectives in the framework of the EU2020 strategy; national reform programs; the Annual Growth Survey; importance of synergies between national budgets and the EU budget in the context of the Europe 2020 goals; coordination of the national reform programs and the stability and convergence programs

Discussion between all participants. The discussion will be chaired by **Pervenche Berès**, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

One rapporteur from BUDG, one rapporteur from EMPL, and one rapporteur from the Cypriot Parliament will give introductory addresses to the debate

19.00 DINNER in the Members' Dining Room (by invitation only)

Opening address by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Discussion between all participants. The discussion will be introduced by **Sharon Bowles**, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), **Alain Lamassoure**, Chair of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG), and **Pervenche Berès**, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Tuesday 28 February 2012

09.00 - 11.00 PLENARY SESSION "INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON A REINFORCED ECONOMIC UNION: WHAT NEXT?"

- ⇒ **Dialogue with the EP's observers: Elmar Brok (TBC) and Roberto Gualtieri**
The debate will be chaired by **Sharon Bowles** (ECON) - **discussion among all participants**

One rapporteur from EMPL, one rapporteur from ECON and one rapporteur from Danish Parliament will give introductory addresses to the debate

11.00 - 12.30 CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION

Conclusions by the Chairs, following the exchange of views in the working sessions

Exchange of views with **Olli Rehn**, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of economic and monetary affairs and the euro, **Margrethe Vestager**, President of the ECOFIN Council, and **László Andor**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (TBC).

The session will be chaired by **Pervenche Berès** (EMPL)