



## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

### Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the European Semester for Economic Policy Coordination

*Brussels*

#### Meetings

- Monday, 27 February 2012 - Paul Henry Spaak (PHS) building

Plenary session - Hemicycle – 15:15 - 16:50

Session 1 – Hemicycle – 17:00 - 18:45

Session 2 – PHS 3C 50 – 17:00 - 18:45

- Tuesday, 28 February 2012 – Paul Henry Spaak (PHS) building

Plenary session – Hemicycle – 09:00 - 12:30

#### Dinner

- Monday, 27 February 2012, 19.00 - Members' Restaurant - bloc G, ground floor, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP)

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#### Monday 27 February 2012

14.00 - 15.15 Registration of participants, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), Simone Veil Agora entrance (Solidarność 1980 Esplanade)

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, Jean-Paul Gauzès (ECON) and Elisa Ferreira (ECON):**

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)

**Kai Jan Krainer** (Vice-Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Austrian National Council) (TBC), and **Jānis Reirs** (Chair of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee, Latvian Parliament) (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**, 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)

**László Surján** (BUDG), **Marije Cornelissen** (EMPL), and **Skevi Koukouma Koutra** (Vice-Chair of the House Standing Committee on Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus House of Representatives) will give introductory addresses to the debate

## 19.00 *DINNER in the Members' Restaurant (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)

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## **Tuesday 28 February 2012**

08.30 - 09.00 Registration of participants - Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), Simone Veil Agora entrance  
(*Solidarność 1980 Esplanade*)

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

⇒ **Dialogue with the EP's observers: Elmar Brok and Roberto Gualtieri**

The debate will be chaired by **Sharon Bowles** (ECON) - **discussion among all participants**

One rapporteur from EMPL, **Sylvie Goulard** (ECON) and **Jens Joel** (Member of the European Affairs Committee, 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.

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