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Subject: Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament's **Committee on Budgets (BUDG)** held in Brussels on 4 December 2012

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The meeting was chaired by Ms HAUG (S&D, DE), Mr LAMASSOURE (PPE, FR) and Mr DEHAENE (PPE, BE).

***Item 4 on the agenda***

**Budget 2013: outcome of the negotiations on the budgetary procedure 2013**

Co-rapporteurs: Mr VAUGHAN (S&D, UK) and Mr LA VIA (PPE, IT)

***Item 9 on the agenda***

**Draft amending budget No 6/2012 - Revenue from own resources and other resources - Increase in payment appropriations in headings 1a, 1b, 2, 3a and 4 of the Multiannual Financial Framework - Reduction in the level of commitment appropriations entered in the budget**

BUDG/7/11093

Rapporteur: Ms BALZANI (S&D, IT)

Items 4 and 9 were discussed together.

A "draft package" had been defined by the Council Presidency and the BUDG negotiating team during trilogues on 28 and 29 November. This package proposed the Draft amending budget No 6/2012 (DAB 6/2012) with an amount of EUR 6 billion in expenditure instead of EUR 9 billion, and budget 2013 on the basis of the new Commission proposal with a level of payments of EUR 132,8 billion and commitments corresponding in general with the EP requests. The package also

included three statements: two on possible shortages of payments in 2012 and 2013 and one concerning the 2011 salary adjustment for which the budgeting could be necessary in case of a positive ruling of the Court of Justice.

Mr LAMASSOURE proposed that after an exchange of views, the meeting was suspended for a few minutes in order to allow political groups to discuss, before an indicative vote.

Ms SOUSA (GUE, PT) did not approve this procedure and questioned the point of a vote that day. She also questioned the value of an indicative vote. Ms TRÜPEL (GREENS, DE) was also against a vote that day, wanting to put the Council under pressure and to have more time to examine statements.

Mr LAMASSOURE insisted on the need for a vote that day as agreed during the negotiations on the draft package. He informed BUDG members that COREPER approved this package on 30 November and would formally vote on it on 5 December. This vote would be confirmed by the Council on 6 December. Concerning the EP, BUDG will formally vote on 10 December and the vote will be confirmed in Plenary on 12 or 13 December. If BUDG did not vote on 4 December or did not vote in favour of the package, the procedure would be stopped and it would not be possible to reach an agreement before the end of the year. Following Mr MULDER's (ALDE, NL) question, he confirmed that a simple majority was required for this vote.

On behalf of the S&D group, Mr FÄRM considered that the package was not satisfactory. As discussed with Mr SCHULZ just before the meeting, he requested the reinforcement of the package, guaranteeing fresh money for the remaining EUR 2,9 billion of the DAB 6/2012. However, he did not want to take the risk of losing the DAB 6/2012. Consequently, he intended to vote positively on the day but expressed reserves asking for additional elements.

On behalf of the PPE group, Ms JĖDRZEJEWSKA (PPE, PL) maintained her criticism on the package, notably concerning the remaining needs for 2012 and the increasing imbalance between commitments and payments, but she acknowledged the difficulties of reaching an agreement with the Council. She agreed to consider the possibility of the request for new elements but on the condition that they did not jeopardize the agreement on the DAB 6/2012. However, she considered that the probability of obtaining more from the Council was very limited and that this request was not "profitable".

Mr KLUTE (GREENS, DE) pointed out that the main issue was how the EUR 2,9 billion withdrawn from the DAB 6/2012 would be financed in 2013. As Mr SCHULZ, he requested that this amount would come from fresh money paid by the Member States and that this had to be guaranteed immediately.

Ms HAUG (S&D, DE) was against the agreement. She considered that the problem was not only the EUR 2,9 billion but insisted on the fact that the total overdue was estimated at EUR 9 billion. Together with the EUR 5 billion cut by the Council in budget 2013, the total shortage would amount to EUR 14 billion. As the remaining margin under the ceiling in 2013 was only EUR 11 billion, unanimity at the Council should be required to modify the current MFF, which was unlikely to be reached. She concluded that the agreement was to be rejected because, as stated by Mr SCHULZ, the Treaty requesting the respect of commitments was not applied. As Ms TRÜPEL, she maintained her position even after the interventions of the rapporteurs and Mr LAMASSOURE.

Ms BALZANI recognised that the only reason for accepting the package was to guarantee the EUR 6 billion of the DAB 6/2012. In her opinion, the balance for 2012 was positive as the final amount including the DAB 6/2012 corresponded to an increase of 5,2 % compared with 2011. Concerning 2013, even if a cut by EUR 5 billion in payments had been requested by the Council, the EP could continue the fight in 2013 and negotiate at the end of the year as in 2012. She was aware that this was not an ideal method but that this was imposed by the crisis context in the Member States.

Mr LA VIA agreed with Ms BALZANI and considered that the package was the best possible result. In his opinion, the final balance was positive, with the agreement on DAB 5/2012 (Solidarity Fund for Italy), the agreement on DAB 6/2012, an agreement on budget 2013 preserving the EP priorities and better statements than last year.

Mr VAUGHAN recognised that the agreement was not perfect but that progress was made concerning DAB 6/2012. He foresaw huge problems concerning payments in 2013 but the EP should endeavour to include additional appropriations during the year. He had some doubts on the possibility of getting a new statement on fresh money in 2013.

Mr LAMASSOURE concluded that Ms BALZANI was right when considering 2012 as a success. He highlighted the financial context, with 21 Member States submitted to a control for their excessive deficit, and the contradiction between BUDG asking for more financing and ECON requesting at the same time reductions of the deficit. In his view, this context led to "strange" budgetary negotiations, with first an agreement on commitments, which corresponded in general with the EP priorities, and, after that, negotiations on payments at the end of the year. The remaining EUR 2,9 billion was the key issue. He insisted on the satisfactory content of the statement included in the package ensuring in his opinion the financing of this amount for claims of 2012, without jeopardising the amounts foreseen for 2013. He also pointed out that this amount only interested the Member States as it corresponded to claims for cohesion, the rest of the shortfall having been secured (e.g. research, Erasmus). Mr GODMANIS (ALDE, LV) highlighted that the reductions concerned convergence, i.e. the poorest Member States.

Ms HOHLMEIER (PPE, DE) agreed with Mr LAMASSOURE and was in favour of a reasonable reaction but wanted the conclusions to be less "triumphant" than those presented by Mr LAMASSOURE.

The "draft package" was approved by 29 votes in favour and 10 against.

Mr LAMASSOURE intended to summarise BUDG position saying that BUDG voted in favour of the draft package, giving the green light for the continuation of the procedure at the Council in order to make available those budgets, but that some political groups subordinated their future vote to a more precise guarantee on the financing of the EUR 2,9 billion. "The guarantee had to be given at the highest level of the three institutions before the plenary vote."

***Item 5 on the agenda***

**Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 - Own resources**

Rapporteurs: Mr BÖGE (EPP, DE), Mr KALFIN (S&D, BG)

- Exchange of views

This item was postponed.

***Item 6 on the agenda***

**European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2013**

BUDG/7/10961

Rapporteur for the opinion: Ms TRAUTMANN (S&D, FR)

Rapporteur for the responsible committee (ECON): Ms FERREIRA (S&D)

- Exchange of views

The Rapporteur presented a first outline of her opinion with a full text being circulated in the course of the week. She regretted that the democratic legitimacy was not enough taken into account in the proposal as the need for collaboration between national and EU parliaments was not highlighted. She wanted the Commission to take into account in its estimates the impact of the EU budget on national budgets. She invited the European Council to accept the MFF proposed by the Commission, ambitious in terms of growth and employment. She insisted on the need for investments and regretted the recurrent lack of payments. She supported the Commission's proposals concerning energy and transports and wanted the Member States to use new financial instruments.

*Calendar:*

*Deadline for amendments: 11 December 2012*

*Vote in BUDG: 18 December 2013*

*Vote in ECON: 22 January 2013*

***Item 7 on the agenda***

**Preparation of the multiannual financial framework regarding the financing of EU cooperation for African, Caribbean and Pacific States and Overseas Countries and Territories for the 2014-2020 period (11th European Development Fund)**

BUDG/7/10558

Rapporteur for the opinion: Mr KOZŁOWSKI (PPE, PL)

Rapporteur for the responsible committee (DEVE): Mr TIROLIEN (S&D)

- Exchange of views

In his opinion, the rapporteur called once again for the budgeting of the fund as a better guarantee for the promotion of Union priorities. He intended to ask the Commission for a detailed roadmap for this budgeting after 2020 with information concerning its inclusion in the Union budget. However, he insisted on the condition that the inclusion of the EDF in the budget should not be at the expense of resources for other Union policies. He was in favour of a better harmonisation of the EU development aid. He also proposed that unused resources allocated to the ACP States could be spent to support emergency assistance and humanitarian relief.

Mr GOERENS (ALDE, LU), supported by Ms MUÑIZ DE URQUIZA (S&D, ES), highlighted the risk that the inclusion of the EDF in the EU budget, always requested by the EP, would decrease appropriations in aid policy. He worried that this would lead to conflicts between the poor in EU and the poor in the ACP States.

*Calendar:*

*Deadline for amendments: 10 December 2012*

*Vote in BUDG: 23 January 2013*

*Vote in DEVE: February 2013*

***Item 8 on the agenda***

**Exchange of views with Werner Hoyer, President of the EIB and Chairman of its Board of Directors**

This item was postponed.

***VOTING TIME***

***Item 10 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2011/018 ES/Pais Vasco Productos metalicos - Spain)**

BUDG/7/11080

Rapporteur: Mr GARRIGA POLLEDO (PPE, ES)

The report, as amended, was adopted with 23 votes in favour and 2 against.

This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 11 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2012/006 FI/Nokia Salo from Finland)**

BUDG/7/11065

Rapporteur: Ms SOUSA (GUE, PT)

The report, as amended, was adopted with 25 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 12 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2011/013 DK /Flextronics - Denmark)**

BUDG/7/11077

Rapporteur: Mr KOZLOWSKI (PPE, PL)

The report, as amended, was adopted with 26 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 13 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2011/026 IT/Emilia-Romagna Motorcycles/Italy**

BUDG/7/11014

Rapporteur: Mr DAERDEN (S&D, BE)

The report, as amended, was adopted. This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 14 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application EGF/2011/014 RO/Nokia from Romania)**

BUDG/7/11069

Rapporteur: Ms NEYNSKY (PPE, BG)

The report, as amended, was adopted with 26 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention. This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB 6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 15 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2012/005 SE/Saab Sweden)**

BUDG/7/11073

Rapporteur: Mr DAERDEN (S&D, BE)

The report, as amended, was adopted with 26 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention. This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 16 on the agenda***

**Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (Application EGF/2011/011 AT/Soziale Dienstleistungen from Austria)**

BUDG/7/11061

Rapporteur: Mr RÜBIG (PPE, AT)

Mr RÜBIG asked the Commission if crisis related cases could still be financed by EGF and how the amounts of the financing were calculated.

The Commission's representative confirmed that the crisis related cases could no longer be financed by EGF but that cases introduced before the deadline of May were still authorized. The financed amounts were based on the justified calculations of the Member States.

The report, as amended, was adopted with 26 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions. This vote was a political indicative vote and had to be formally confirmed after the formal vote on DAB 6/2012, notably financing EGF.

***Item 17 on the agenda***

**Special Report No 6/2012: 'European Union Assistance to the Turkish Cypriot Community'**

BUDG/7/09666

Rapporteur for the opinion: Ms NEYNSKY (PPE, BG)

Rapporteur for the responsible committee (CONT): Mr KALFIN (S&D)

- Consideration and adoption

The report, as amended, was adopted with 29 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

***Item 18 on the agenda***

**Framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and amendment of Council Directives 77/91/EEC and 82/891/EC, Directives 2001/24/EC, 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2005/56/EC, 2007/36/EC and 2011/35/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010**

BUDG/7/09809

Rapporteur for the opinion: Ms HAUG (S&D, DE)

Rapporteur for the responsible committee (ECON): Mr HÖKMARK (PPE)

- Consideration and adoption

The report, as amended, was adopted with 30 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.



***Item 19 on the agenda***

**2012 Budget: Section III - Commission**

Rapporteur: Ms BALZANI (S&D, IT)

- Transfers No DEC 40 to 46/2012, DEC 48, 53 and 55/2012

Transfers DEC 40 to 46 relating to the above-mentioned EGF requests (see items 10 to 16) were approved but this indicative vote had to be confirmed after the formal vote on DAB6/2012 notably financing EGF.

Transfers DEC 48, 53 and 55/2012 were approved.

***Item 20 on the agenda***

**2012 Budget: Other Sections**

Rapporteur: Mr FERNANDES (EPP, PT)

Transfer EP C-9/2012

This transfer, supported by the rapporteur, was approved.

Transfer EP C-10/2012 (TREBEL and KAD buildings)

This transfer was supported by Ms HOHLMEIER even if she recognised that some concerns were related to the new KAD building in Luxembourg.

Mr VAUGHAN and Mr LYON (ALDE, UK) questioned the part of the transfer related to the KAD building and wanted to receive information on the progress of this project.

The transfer was approved.

***Item 21 on the agenda***

**Building policy**

BUDG/7/04688

Rapporteur: Ms HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE)

- Exchange of views  
European Commission -OIL - Jean Monnet building JMO-2, Luxembourg

This item was postponed.

***Item 22 on the agenda***  
**Any other business**

None.

***Item 23 on the agenda***  
**Next meeting**

10 December 2012, 18.30 - 21.00 (Strasbourg)

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