WORKSHOP ON

THE GALAXY OF FUNDS AND INSTRUMENTS AROUND THE EU BUDGET

Organised by the Policy Department D on Budgetary Affairs
for the Committee on Budgets

Chair: Mr Jean Arthuis  Rapporteur: MEP José Manuel Fernandes

Wednesday, 25 January 2017, 15:00 - 18:30
European Parliament, Brussels
József Antall Building, Room JAN 6Q2
PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:05  Welcome and introduction

15:00 - 15:05  Mr Jean Arthuis MEP
               Chair of the Committee on Budgets

15:05 - 16:05  Part I: How the EU budget has developed and changed in the past 10 years

Key note Speaker:
Dr. Giacomo Benedetto, Senior Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics and International Relations, European Studies Centre, Royal Holloway University of London

➢ The evolution of budgetary powers over the last ten years, in theory and practice,
➢ The structure of the budget (own resources, MFF, commitments and payments, annual budget, division of expenditure),
➢ The changes of the Lisbon Treaty,
➢ The effect of the Euro crisis on the EU budget,
➢ The effect of the EFSF, EFSM, and ESM on the budget.

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Open Discussion
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16:05 - 16:30  Part II: The budgetary tools for financing the EU external policies

Speakers: Sebastian Paulo and Elsa Perreau, authors of the briefing from the consultancy Blomeyer & Sanz

First Briefing “The budgetary tools for financing the EU external policies”:
➢ loans and grants covered by the Guarantee Fund for External Actions,
➢ the EDF,
the EU external Trust Funds,
the Facility for Refugees in Turkey,
Blending of grants and loans under the external policies programmes (regional and DCI facilities),
An assessment of the newly proposed EFSD as part of the broader External Investment Plan and of the changes to the budgetary architecture it is entailing.

Open Discussion

16:30 - 17:30  Part III: The EFSI as a new type of a budgetary instrument

The instruments providing financial support to EU Member States

Speakers: Dr. Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Dr. Jorge Nunez Ferrer, Senior Research Fellow (CEPS); Dr. Cinzia Alcidi, Senior Research Fellow (CEPS) and Dr. David Rinaldi, Research Fellow (CEPS)

Second Briefing “The EFSI as a new type of a budgetary instrument”:

The EFSI scheme against the background of the financial instruments under internal policies programmes,
Does the principle of additionality effectively prevent crowding out and/or duplicating the activities?
How do new forms of budgetary instruments (based on loans/guarantees/equity quasi-equity) compare from the point of view of transparency, accountability and democratic control, with more traditional grant based budgetary instruments?

Third Briefing “The instruments providing financial support to EU Member States”:

the instruments guaranteed by the EU budget (BOP, EFSM)
the instruments constituted outside the EU Budget (GLF, EFSF and ESM)

Open Discussion
17:30 - 18:20  Part IV: Perspectives for the Future

Open discussion

with input by former Chairs of the Budget Committee

- Reimer Böge,
- Alain Lamassoure,
- Janusz Lewandowski,

and by former Members

- Ivailo Kalfin,
- Jan Mulder (tbc),

and by academic experts on Budgetary Affairs

- Cinzia Alcidi, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels
- Giacomo Benedetto, Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Budget Policy, London
- Alfredo De Feo, Fellow at European University Institute, Florence
- Jorge Nunez Ferrer, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels
- Daniel Gros, Director at CEPS, Brussels
- Sebastian Paulo, Research Consultant at Blomeyer & Sanz
- Elsa Perreau, Junior researcher at Blomeyer & Sanz
- David Rinaldi, Research Fellow at CEPS, Brussels.

18:20 - 18:30  Concluding remarks by the Chair

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Followed by a reception of Chair Arthuis in the meeting room

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