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MINUTES

Meeting of 29 January 2025, 9:00-11:45

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened on Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 09:03, with Sven Simon (Chair) presiding.

For legal reasons (right to privacy) the Chair informed participants that the meeting was filmed and streamed live on the Internet.

1. Adoption of agenda

AFCO_OJ/PE767.948v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that:

- interpretation for this meeting is available in the following languages: German, English, French, Italian, Dutch, Greek, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, Czech, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, Slovenian, and Romanian.
- this year's deadline for submission of proposals for Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions regarding the EU budget 2026 to the AFCO Secretariat, is 13 March 2023 (CoB) and that the AFCO vote on the proposals for PP-PAs will take place on 19 March.

3. Chair's announcements concerning coordinators' recommendations

The Chair announced that Coordinators decided on 16 January 2025 via written procedure that AFCO delivers an opinion in form of the letter of the Chair on the Guidelines for the 2026 Budget - Section III.

4. Adoption of minutes

- 14 October 2024 PV – PE765.126v01-00
- 4 December 2024 PV – PE766.878v01-00

5. Council Presidency

AFCO/10/01675

- Presentation of the programme of the Polish EU Council Presidency by Mr Adam Szałpka, Minister for European Affairs of the Republic of Poland
- Exchange of views

After a short introduction by the Chair, Sven Simon, Mr Adam Szałpka, Minister for European Affairs of the Republic of Poland, presented the priorities of the Polish Council Presidency in the institutional matters.

In addition to the Chair and the Minister, the following Members took the floor: Loránt Vincze, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Marieke Ehlers, Sandro Gozi, Reinier Van Lanschot, Nikolaos Farantouris, Sabine Verheyen, Klára Dobrev, Daniel Freund, Thijs Reuten, Jean-Paul Garraud, Ľubica Karvašová, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, Gabriele Bischoff (I Vice-Chair), Fabrice Leggeri, Charles Goerens (III Vice-Chair).

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***** Voting time *** starting at 10.35**

6. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council

AFCO/10/00575

2024/2021(DEC) COM(2024)0272[03] – C10-0069/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Sven Simon (PPE)

PA – PE766.587v01-00

AM – PE766.886v01-00

Responsible:

CONT Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.997v02-00

- Adoption of draft opinion

The opinion was adopted with 22 votes in favour, 4 votes against and 0 abstentions. CA1 and AM 12 were adopted. All other amendments either fell or were rejected.

7. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament

AFCO/10/00556

2024/2020(DEC) COM(2024)0272[02] – C10-0068/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Sven Simon (PPE)

PA – PE766.589v01-00

AM – PE766.887v01-00

Responsible:

CONT Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

PR – PE764.999v01-00

- Adoption of draft opinion

A point of order was made by Juan Fernando López Aguilar (S&D) opposing the vote on CA1. The committee subsequently agreed to put CA1 to the vote in line with Rule 188 RoP.

The opinion was adopted with 16 votes in favour, 13 votes against and 0 abstentions. CA1, CA2 and AM 5 were adopted. All other amendments either fell or were rejected.

*** *End of vote* ***

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8. Stock-taking of the European elections 2024

AFCO/10/01774

2025/2012(INI)

Rapporteur:

Lubica Karvašová (Renew)

Responsible:

AFCO

- Exchange of views

9. Laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for Union citizens residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals (recast)

AFCO/10/00398

* 2021/0372(CNS) 09789/2024 – C10-0001/2024

Rapporteur:

Sven Simon (PPE)

Responsible:

AFCO

Opinions:

JURI (AR)

LIBE Ana Catarina Mendes (S&D)

- Exchange of views

10. MISSION REPORT of the AFCO mission to Washington DC (USA) - 19 to 22 November 2024

AFCO/10/01683

- Consideration of draft mission report

11. Any other business

Reinier Van Lanschot (Greens/EFA) proposed a plenary debate on Treaty changes.

12. Date of next meeting

- 18 February 2025, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

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The meeting closed at 11:29.

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

1. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament AFCO/10/00556

1.1. Final vote

16	+
ECR	Patryk Jaki, Nicola Procaccini, Charlie Weimers
PPE	Salvatore De Meo, Kamila Gasiuk-Pihowicz, Emmanouil Kefalogiannis, Liudas Mažylis, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, Sven Simon, Sabine Verheyen, Loránt Vincze, Adrián Vázquez Lázara
PfE	Gerolf Annemans, Jean-Paul Garraud, Fabrice Leggeri, Alexandre Varaut

13	-
Renew	Charles Goerens, Sandro Gozi, Lubica Karvašová
S&D	Brando Benifei, Gabriele Bischoff, Vasile Dîncu, Klára Dobrev, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Thijs Reuten
The Left	Nikolas Farantouris, Anthony Smith
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Reinier Van Lanschot

0	0

2. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council AFCO/10/00575

2.1. Final vote

22	+
PPE	Salvatore De Meo, Kamila Gasiuk-Pihowicz, Emmanouil Kefalogiannis, Liudas Mažylis, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, Sven Simon, Sabine Verheyen, Loránt Vincze, Adrián Vázquez Lázara
Renew	Charles Goerens, Sandro Gozi, Lubica Karvašová
S&D	Brando Benifei, Gabriele Bischoff, Vasile Dîncu, Klára Dobrev, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Thijs Reuten
The Left	Nikolas Farantouris, Anthony Smith
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Reinier Van Lanschot

4	-
PfE	Gerolf Annemans, Jean-Paul Garraud, Fabrice Leggeri, Alexandre Varaut

3	0
ECR	Patryk Jaki, Nicola Procaccini, Charlie Weimers

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222 (3)
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