



**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 - 15:15 - 16:50 Hemicycle
- Monday, 27 February 2012 - 17:00 - 18:45 Committee rooms
- Tuesday, 28 February 2012 - 09:00 - 12:30 Hemicycle

Dinner

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

**DRAFT PROGRAMME** as of 25.01.2012

**Monday 27 February 2012**

14.00            **Registration**

**15.15 - 16.50**    *Plenary session - coordinating national policies within the European Semester*

**15.15 - 15.30**    **Introduction by Alain Lamassoure (BUDG)**

**15.30 - 16.50**    **Address on the European Semester by Herman Van Rompuy (TBC), President of the European Council or José Manuel Barroso (TBC), President of the European Commission, followed by Q&A**

15.30 - 15.45    Address by **Herman Van Rompuy (TBC) or José Manuel Barroso (TBC)**

15.45 - 16.50    Discussion with Members of the European Parliament and National Parliaments

**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*

*Participants will be 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 **President of ECOFIN** (TBC): ownership of the goals in the framework of the European Semester; Stability and Convergence Programs and national fiscal rules; budgetary coordination within the Union

- Debate chaired by **Sharon Bowles** (ECON) - discussion among all participants

One rapporteur from ECON, one rapporteur from BUDG and one rapporteur from a euro area national parliament (TBC)

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

⇒ Dialogue with **Mette Frederiksen**, President of the EPSCO Council (TBC) 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

- Debate chaired by **Pervenche Berès** (EMPL) - discussion among all participants

One rapporteur from ECON, one rapporteur from EMPL, and one rapporteur from Cypriot Parliament (TBC)

### 19.00 *Dinner chaired by Alain Lamassoure (BUDG) in the Members' Dining Room (by invitation only)*

**Opening address by Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament (TBC)

**Guest Speaker: Herman Van Rompuy** (TBC), President of the European Council (in case not participating to opening plenary session) or **Helmut Schmidt** (former Chancellor of West Germany) (TBC)

**Dinner debate**

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## **Tuesday 28 February 2012**

08.30 **Registration**

### 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**

Debate chaired by **Sharon Bowles** (ECON) - discussion among all participants

One rapporteur from EMPL, one rapporteur from ECON and one rapporteur from Danish Parliament (TBC)

**11.00 - 12.30 Plenary Session chaired by Pervenche Berès** (EMPL) - Conclusion following debates in the sessions - reports by committee chairs and National Parliaments' representatives followed by an exchange of views with **Olli Rehn**, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of economic and monetary affairs and the euro