



Basic information	
<b>2014/2020(INI)</b> INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union  <b>Subject</b> 8.70.01 Financing of the budget, own resources	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		DEHAENE Jean-Luc (PPE) JENSEN Anne E. (ALDE)	28/09/2011 28/09/2011
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	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Budget		LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
01/04/2014	Vote in committee		
07/04/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0270/2014	Summary

16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0434/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/04/2014	Debate in Parliament	<a href="#">CRE link</a>	
16/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2014/2020(INI)
<b>Procedure type</b>	INI - Own-initiative procedure
<b>Legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 107-p2
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	BUDG/7/15311

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE529.838</a>	21/02/2014	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE530.056</a>	11/03/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A7-0270/2014</a>	07/04/2014	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0434/2014</a>	16/04/2014	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">05600/2014</a>	12/02/2014		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2011)0511</a> 	29/06/2011		
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2011)0740</a> 	09/11/2011		
<b>National parliaments</b>				
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# Implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union

2014/2020(INI) - 16/04/2014 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 362 votes to 80, with 10 abstentions, a resolution on the implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union.

Parliament recalled that it has continuously called for the financing of the EU budget to return to a genuine system of own resources, as stipulated in the Treaty. From its point of view, national contributions to the EU budget, based on GNI, which amount nowadays to around 74% of total EU revenue, cannot be considered as genuine own resources as they simply constitute transfers from national treasuries to the EU budget. The VAT-based resource, which represents around 11% of total EU revenue, has developed in such way that it is also perceived as a national contribution to the EU budget.

Due to austerity measures, Member States are reluctant to increase their contributions to the EU budget, despite the undisputed benefits they derive from EU budget-funded programmes. Under these conditions, Members considered that a **system of direct own resources for the EU is the only viable solution**.

Parliament welcomed the **Council's agreement to lay down implementing measures for the Union's own resources** but considered it regrettable, however, that the Council has decided to transfer the provisions related to the calculation of the GNI resources back to the Own Resources Decision.

Parliament **deplored the fact that the Council has not been able to make any progress on the reform of the own resources system on the basis of the legislative proposals put forward by the Commission in 2011**. It has consistently manifested its support for the Commission proposals, which – by reducing the share of national contributions to the EU budget to a maximum of 40%, abolishing the current purely statistical VAT-based contribution and replacing it by a genuine VAT-based EU resource, creating one new and genuine own resource and replacing all rebates and correction mechanisms by a system of lump sums for the period 2014-2020 – took a step in the right direction.

Parliament maintained its **call for reform of the own resources system of the European Union** in order to make it simple, transparent, fair, visible and understandable to EU citizens. It placed **high expectations on the work of the High-Level Group on Own Resources**, which it believes offers a unique opportunity to overcome the current blockage of the reform of the system of own resources.

The High-Level Group on Own Resources aims to produce a first assessment of the current system's shortcomings by the end of 2014, with a final outcome in 2016 to be assessed at an interinstitutional conference with the participation of national parliaments. Parliament expected that the High-Level Group will still **comply with the objectives and the calendar set out** in the joint declaration establishing the High-Level Group on Own Resources.

# Implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union

2014/2020(INI) - 07/04/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted an own-initiative report by Jean-Luc DEHAENE (EPP, BE) and Anne E. JENSEN (ADLE, DK) on implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union.

Members recalled that Parliament has continuously called for the financing of the EU budget to return to a genuine system of own resources, as stipulated in the Treaty. From their point of view, national contributions to the EU budget, based on GNI, which amount nowadays to around 74 % of total EU revenue, cannot be considered as genuine own resources as they simply constitute transfers from national treasuries to the EU budget.

Members welcomed the **Council's agreement to lay down implementing measures for the Union's own resources** as provided for in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. They considered it regrettable, however, that the Council has decided to transfer the provisions related to the calculation of the GNI resources back to the Own Resources Decision.

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Members maintained its **call for reform of the own resources system of the European Union** in order to make it simple, transparent, fair, visible and understandable to EU citizens.

Lastly, they placed **high expectations on the work of the High-Level Group on Own Resources**, which it believes offers a unique opportunity to overcome the current blockage of the reform of the system of own resources.