Procedure file

Basic information

RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2011/2543(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on preparation for the European Council meeting (23 October 2011) See also 2011/2544(RSP) Subject 8.40.14 European Council		

Key players

European Parliament			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	3119	11/10/2011
	General Affairs	3109	12/09/2011
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Secretariat-General	BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events

12/09/2011	Debate in Council	3109	
11/10/2011	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
12/10/2011	Debate in Parliament		
13/10/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/10/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0442/2011	Summary
13/10/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/2543(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
	See also 2011/2544(RSP)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Motion for a resolution		B7-0534/2011	11/10/2011	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0535/2011	11/10/2011	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0536/2011	11/10/2011	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0442/2011	13/10/2011	EP	Summary

Resolution on preparation for the European Council meeting (23 October 2011)

The Council examined draft conclusions for the October meeting of the European Council.

President Herman Van Rompuy has convened the European Council and a Eurozone summit for 23 October, a few days later than originally scheduled.

The European Council is due to focus on:

- economic policy: external aspects, with a view to enhancing competitiveness and economic growth;
- G-20: adoption of the EU's position for the G-20 summit in Cannes on 3 and 4 November;
- climate change: adoption of the EU's position for the UN conference to be held in Durban from 28 November to 9 December.

The draft conclusions will be reviewed in the light of the Council's discussion.

Resolution on preparation for the European Council meeting (23 October 2011)

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on preparation for the European Council meeting (23 October 2011).

The resolution had been tabled by the EPP, S&D, ALDE, and Greens/EFA.

Underlining the importance of the next European Council, Parliament calls on the President of the Commission to table a comprehensive plan with a clear roadmap setting out distinct phases for its implementation. It insists that such a plan be based entirely on the Community method.

Parliament considers that such a plan should include as a minimum the following elements:

- an EU plan for the recapitalisation of European banks;
- the communitisation of the EFSF and the future ESM, and an assessment of whether the available and envisaged means will suffice to bring the sovereign debt crisis under control;
- a meaningful European growth, investment and jobs plan that also includes project bonds;
- ways of improving Member States' efforts to coordinate and harmonise elements of their tax systems, including measures against tax fraud, evasion and avoidance;
- a proposal for a faster and stronger mechanism which allows the Commission to enforce the Single Market acquis in Member States;
- an economic government for the euro area based on the Community method;
- proposals to complete the overhaul of financial market regulation to make the EU economy more resilient to future crises;
- a report on the setting-up of a system of common issuance of European sovereign bonds (eurosecurities) on the basis of joint and several liability before the end of 2011.

Members stress that the democratic legitimacy and accountability of such a plan and any related measure need to be ensured through the involvement of the European Parliament, particularly with regard to the setting-up of an economic government.