



Procedure file

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

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		28/09/2011
		PPE DEHAENE Jean-Luc	28/09/2011
		ALDE JENSEN Anne E.	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D HAUG Jutta	
		Verts/ALE TRÜPEL Helga	
	ECR ASHWORTH Richard		
	EFD MORGANTI Claudio		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
01/04/2014	Vote in committee		
07/04/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0270/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/04/2014	Debate in Parliament		
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0434/2014	Summary

16/04/2014

End of procedure in Parliament

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2014/2020(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 105-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/7/15311

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2011)0511	29/06/2011	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2011)0740	09/11/2011	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		05600/2014	12/02/2014	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE529.838	21/02/2014	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE530.056	11/03/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0270/2014	07/04/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0434/2014	16/04/2014	EP	Summary

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

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 Councils agreement to lay down implementing measures for the Unions 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.

The committee 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. Parliament 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.

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.

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

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.

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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 Councils agreement to lay down implementing measures for the Unions 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.

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The High-Level Group on Own Resources aims to produce a first assessment of the current systems 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.