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Improving urgency procedures and crisis preparedness



Dear Reader,

Unpredictable crises (Ukraine, COVID-19) challenge public safety and health or the stability of a society's socio-economic foundations, and put the pillars of parliamentary democracy to the test. Management of such crises requires rapid decisions. Consequently, political systems

have to resort to emergency legislation.

In such circumstances, the role of Parliament has often been constrained, restricting the parliamentary mandate and reducing the time for scrutiny.

In order to draw lessons from past urgency situations, the study "Improving urgency procedures and crisis preparedness within the European Parliament and EU institutions" analyses obstacles preventing democratic, transparent, prompt and efficient decision-making in Parliament and the other EU institutions and looks for solutions to improve the situation.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGRI The future of the European farming model

Study presentation

10 May 2022 - 13.45-16.15 TBC - ANTALL 4Q2

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IMCO Moving towards a zero emission steel making process

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17 May 2022

DEVE Tackling environmental criminality in developing countries

Workshop

19 May 2022 - 14:00-16:30 - SPINELLI 3G3

Study: improving urgency procedures and crisis preparedness

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



This study analyses the obstacles to democratic, transparent and efficient decision-making in urgency situations at EU level.

It provides a systematic overview of Parliament's role and functions as well as interinstitutional cooperation during recent crisis situations.

It also provides recommendations on how to improve the existing set-up and

Parliament's emergency procedures.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Climate mainstreaming in the EU budget

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



This study is an update of ‘Documenting climate mainstreaming in the EU budget’ published in 2020. The methodology used by the European Commission for tracking climate change and biodiversity related expenditure at EU level is reviewed again in the light of the Multiannual Financial Framework approved in 2021 and the new regulatory framework covering the period 2021-2027.



The economic reconstruction of Belarus

Policy Department for External Relations



A laggard in terms of its structural transformation, Belarus has conducted only limited economic and political reforms since the Soviet Union’s dissolution. This study for AFET examines what the consequences of Belarus’ lack of structural reforms would be in the case of a democratic transition, and what external assistance would be required to help Belarus successfully transform. The authors underline that assistance would depend on Russia’s reaction to a transfer of power.



Occupational safety and health: Adjusting for COVID-19

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



Since being declared a pandemic in March 2020, COVID-19 has dramatically changed the working conditions and occupational risks faced many European workers. The study, requested by the EMPL committee, provides an overview of the types of occupational risks (direct and indirect) faced by EU workers during the COVID-19 crisis. It analyses the policy and legal measures taken in ten Member States and assesses whether EU OSH legislation is fit to cope with similar future pandemics.



EU regions in the transformation towards a climate-neutral future

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Achieving climate neutrality is a great goal of the European Union. With a support of the cohesion policy, EU regions are key players in this transition. The study requested by REGI committee looks at the requirements at regional level of the EU for successful transformation towards a climate neutral future. Based on the analysis of six regional best practice examples, authors identified the key drivers, conditions and instruments necessary for a successful transformation.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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