

## Newsletter of 4 September 2025

Coming up in the next committee meeting:

ECON meeting, Thursday, 4 September 2025, 10.30 – 12.30

Room: ANTALL (4Q1)

The meeting will be webstreamed:

[See live broadcast](#)

Thursday, 4 September 2025, 10.30 – 11.30

### ECON VOTE



The ECON Committee will vote on the following file:

### General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2026 - all sections

#### *Adoption of budgetary amendments*

**Rapporteur:** Marlena MALAĞ (ECR)

**Shadows:** Michalis HADJIPANTELA (EPP), Jonás FERNÁNDEZ (S&D), Tomáš KUBÍN (PřE), Ľudovít ÓDOR (Renew), Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens/EFA), Pasquale TRIDICO (The Left)

**END OF VOTE**

## Impact of artificial intelligence on the financial sector

### *Consideration of amendments*

The ECON Committee will discuss amendments to the draft report on the 'Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Financial Sector', by rapporteur Arba Kokalari (EPP).

The draft report addresses aspects specific to the financial services sector and provides for policy recommendations to enable the use of AI in financial services and clarify regulatory overlaps. The amendments tabled include calls to ensure an adequate regulation that is balanced between opportunities and risks of the use of AI in the financial sector.



**The vote in ECON on the report is scheduled for 5 November 2025.**

**Rapporteur:** Arba KOKALARI (EPP)

**Shadows:** Eero HEINÄLUOMA (S&D), Auke ZIJLSTRA (Pfe), Johan VAN OVERTVELDIT (ECR), Billy KELLEHER (Renew), Maria OHISALO (Greens/EFA), Pasquale TRIDICO (The Left)

## Access to finance for SMEs and scale-ups

### *Consideration of draft report and amendments*

The ECON Committee will discuss the draft report on Access to Finance for SMEs and scale-ups, by the rapporteur Jorge Martín Frías (Pfe), and debate the tabled amendments.

The draft report underlines the importance of facilitating access to finance for SMEs and scale-ups to unlock the EU market's full potential and help the economies become more competitive. It focuses on reducing bureaucratic and regulatory burdens and specifies options to unlock private capital and savings.

The amendments to the draft report focus, inter alia, on the importance of overcoming regulatory fragmentation in the single market, as well as specific ways to better attract and mobilise different types of capital.

**The vote in ECON on the report is scheduled for 24 September 2025.**

**Rapporteur:** Jorge MARTÍN FRÍAS (Pfe)

**Shadows:** Herbert DORFMANN (EPP), Tsvetelina PENKOVA (S&D), Marlena MALAĞ (ECR), Anouk van BRUG (Renew), Damian BOESELAGER (Greens/EFA), Gaetano PEDULLÁ (The Left)

**Thursday, 4 September 2025, 11.30 – 12.30**

## **Exchange of views on digital euro project**

### ***Exchange of views***

ECON Members will exchange views with Piero Cipollone, Member of the ECB Executive Board, on the last developments on the digital euro project.

This exchange follows the discussion held on 14 July with ECB and Commission representatives and the release of the third progress report on the digital euro's preparation phase, issued by the ECB on 16 July.



The digital euro is designed to be a digital form of the single currency, issued by the ECB, with legal tender, and available to natural and legal persons in the euro area. The digital euro project is currently in the "preparation phase", which began in November 2023 and is set to end this year. The aim of this phase is to prepare a draft digital euro scheme rulebook, to select potential providers for the digital euro platform and infrastructure, and to conduct further experimentation and stakeholder consultations to ensure the highest standards of quality, security, privacy and usability.

## **Draft agenda**

- [ECON meeting of 4 September 2025](#)



## **Recent briefings by Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit (EGOV)**

### **In-Depth Analysis**

- [Banking Union - Simplification, not deregulation? Unpacking the debate on simplification and regulatory burden for European banks](#)

## **Next committee meetings:**

- 24 September 2025, 9.00 – 13.00 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 25 September 2025, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)
- 13 October 2025, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

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- tax provisions;
- the regulation and supervision of financial services, institutions and markets including financial reporting, auditing, accounting rules, corporate governance and other company law matters specifically concerning financial services;
- the relevant financial activities of the European Investment Bank as part of European economic governance in the euro area.

ECON is assisted by a subcommittee on tax matters (FISC), for tax-related matters and particularly the fight against tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance, as well as financial transparency for taxation purposes.

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