



MEETING OF THE BUDGETARY COMMITTEES' CHAIRPERSONS

“On the Political Vision of European Communities’ Budgetary Review: Key Future Policies and Spending Priorities and the Reform of the Own Resources System”

(Assembleia da República – Sala do Senado)

AGENDA

Monday, 5th November, 2007

14h30-14h45 - Opening Session

14h30 - Opening by the Chairman of the Portuguese Budget and Finance Committee, Jorge Neto

14h40-14h45 –Major findings of preceding meetings by the Chairman of the European Committee on Budgets, Reimer Böge

14h45-15h00 - “The Commission’s Vision on the Reform of the European Communities’ Finances” - Address by the European Commissioner for Budget and Financial Programming, Dalia Grybauskaitė

15h00 - 18h00 – Session 1 – Key Future Policies and Spending Priorities

15h00 – 15h15 – “On the Key Issues of EU Budgetary Spending in the Future”, Address by Mario Patinha Antão (former Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and Vice-President of the PSD Parliamentary Group)

15h15- 15h30 - “On the Economics of EU Budgetary Spending and Financing”, Address by Vitor Gaspar, Head of BEPA of the European Commission

15h30-15h45 – “Improving the Rationale and the Political Decision Process ”, Address by Iain Begg, Professor at the European Institute of the London School of Economics

15h45-16h15 – Coffee Break

16h15-17h45 – Debate

17h45-18h00 – Conclusions of the debate by the second and third speaker

18h00-18h15 – Family Photo and return to the hotels

19.45 – Departure from the hotels

20.00 –Dinner offered by the President of the Assembleia da República, Jaime Gama

Tuesday, 6th November, 2007

10h00-12h30 – Session 2 - The Reform of the EU Own Resources System

10h00-10h15 – “Major Options of a Vital Reform”, Address by António Vitorino
(former European Commissioner)

10h15-10h30 – “On the convergence of the European and National Parliaments views”,
by Alain Lamassoure, Rapporteur of the European Committee on Budget

10h30-10h45 – Coffee break

10h45-12h00- Debate

12h00-12h10 – Conclusions of the debate by the second speaker

12h10-12h20 –Closing remarks by the Chairman of the European Committee on
Budgets, Reimer Böge

12h20-12h30 – Closing of the meeting by the Chairman of the Portuguese Budget and
Finance Committee, Jorge Neto

13h00 – Lunch