



REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
Parliament

PEM PAL Budget Community of Practice (BCoP) “The Role of Austria's Parliament in Budgeting”

Vienna, 30-31 January 2014

AGENDA

Wednesday, 29 January 2014

Arrival and registration of BCoP Participants

19:30 PEM PAL Welcome Reception, Hotel Rathaus Wein & Design

Thursday, 30 January 2014

Parliament, Lokal VIII

- 08:00 Departure towards the Austrian Parliament, Registration
- 09:00 Welcome Speeches**
- Susanne Janistyn-Novák, Deputy Secretary General
- Introduction to the seminar and of PEM PAL participants, Maya Gusarova, Coordinator of BCoP Resource Team, World Bank
- Introduction of the Agenda, Helmut Berger, Head of the Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office
- 09:30 First Session – Fiscal Governance in Austria
Helmut Berger, Head of Parliamentary Budget Office**
- Context, Overview
 - Fiscal Equalization in the Federal State
 - New elements in the Austrian Fiscal Framework
 - The Austrian Stability Pact
 - Other Institutions in the Budget Cycle
 - Challenges for Parliament
- 10:30 Group photo

- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 Second Session – The Austrian Federal Budget Reform**
Kristina Fuchs, Parliamentary Budget Office
- Budget Structure
 - Multi-Annual Budgetary Planning
 - Performance Budgeting
 - Accrual Budgeting and Accounting
- 12:15 Lunch
at “Justizcafe”
- 13:45 Third Session – The Budget Process and the Role of the Ministry of Finance**
Daniela Sommer, Budget Directorate, MoF
- Budget preparation, execution and audit
 - Budget controlling
 - Budget reporting
 - The Role of the Ministry of Finance
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:30 Fourth Session – The Role of Parliament in the Budget Process**
Christoph Konrath, Head Scientific Support and Coordination in Parliamentary Matters and Helmut Berger, Head of Parliamentary Budget Office
- Budget approval
 - Procedures for budget review
 - Budgetary Control
 - Role of Committees, the Plenary
 - New elements and challenges
- 17:30 Departure to Dinner restaurant
- 18:30 Dinner at Café Central

Friday, 31 January 2014

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- 09:00** **Fifth Session – The Parliamentary Budget Office**
Helmut Berger and Paul Eckerstorfer, Parliamentary Budget Office
- Role, Function, Staffing
 - Analytical work: Products and Services
 - Relations with other Institutions
 - Challenges
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45** **Sixth Session – Other Institutions in the Budget Cycle**
- 10:45 Federal Performance Management Office
Monika Gepl, Federal Chancellery
- 11:30 The Austrian Fiscal Council (former Austrian Debt Committee)
Jarmila Urvova, Fiscal Advisory Council, Austrian National Bank
- 12:15 Lunch
at Abgeordneten Sprechzimmer
- 13:20 Tour of the Austrian Parliament
- 14:15** **Sixth Session (contd.) – Other Institutions in the Budget Cycle**
Austrian Court of Audit and the Federal Financial Statement
Günter Bauer, Austrian Court of Audit
- 15:00** **Seventh Session – New Parliamentary Procedures in the Context of EU Fiscal Governance**
The European Semester Cycle
Andreas Friedrich, Parliamentary Budget Office
- 16:15 Conclusions, Farewell
- 17:00 Free time

Saturday, 1 February 2014

Parliament, Pressezentrum

9:00-11:00 Wrap-up meeting for participants

- Reflections on the findings from the study visit.
- Preparation of the report

12:00 Check-out from the hotel