
Weekly Policy News Summary

Year 2018 – week 11

EP Plenary: Funding Europe's future: EU's post-2020 budget must match policy goals

MEPs have set out their position on the next long-term EU budget, which should finance new priorities as well as make up for any shortfall caused by Brexit. Parliament wants the EU budget to match political priorities and address some of the new challenges facing all member states, be they migration, defence, security or climate change.

They consider that the current limit on EU expenditure needs to be raised from 1% to 1.3% of EU GNI, in order to be able to fund these new priority areas without sacrificing Europe's regions or farming communities. Key proposals include boosting research programmes, Erasmus+, the Youth Employment Initiative and support for SMEs as well as infrastructure investment through the [Connecting Europe Facility](#) (CEF).

DG MOVE: Detailed rules on unmanned aircraft operations (drones)

As the pressure for launching drone operations is growing in the Member States, there is a risk of a fragmented regulatory system tampering the development of a single EU market for drones manufacturing and cross-border drones operations. Adopting a common regulatory framework in that context will avoid the deepening of differences between rules and ensure that for the same application, at least the same level of protection applies as in manned aviation. At the same time, the subsidiarity principle would be fully respected, when it comes to specific privacy laws, or designing no-fly areas. The general policy objective is to enable the development of drones and drone services in a safe, secure and sustainable manner and in full respect of citizens' fundamental rights. The more specific objectives of these initiatives consist of adopting delegated and implementing acts in line with the regulatory framework laid down in the new basic aviation safety Regulation replacing Regulation 216/2008.

Citizens and stakeholders are in particular invited to provide views on the Commission's understanding of the problem and possible solutions and to share any relevant information that they may have. The roadmap is open for the feedback until **13 April 2018** and is available at [Detailed rules on unmanned aircrafts](#)

Evaluation on the outcome of the e-Justice Action Plan 2014-2018 and the way forward

DG JUST is undertaking an evaluation study with the main objectives to examine and provide an assessment of the achievements of the Multiannual European e-Justice Action Plan 2014-2018 and to support the definition of the future priorities. It is also aimed at receiving input from stakeholders to facilitate the definition of priorities for the next, third Action plan for the 2019-2023 period. The list of projects includes Access to information in the field of justice such as land registries.

The responding deadline is **28 March 2018** and questionnaire can be accessed here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/DGJUSTEvaluationStudy2018>
