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Debating and communicating the MFF and National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP)

Event with key players and Civil Society Organisations

Tuesday 10 November 2026

European Parliament – Brussels

Between 08:00 and 8:30
Accreditation & security check
Meeting point in Station Europe

National and Regional Partnership Plans: Making sure the new budget structure works for Europeans

PANEL DISCUSSION
Tuesday 10 November 2026 – 09:15–12:30
Room Spaak 7C50

PROGRAMME

09:15 - Welcome and introduction
by **Christian Mangold**, Director-General, Directorate General for Communication, European Parliament

09:30 – Opening speech
by **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament

09:40 – Keynote speech
by **Zsolt Darvas**, Bruegel Senior Fellow

10:00 – Panel debate I – An EU-long term budget that works for regions
moderated by **Delphine Colard**, Spokesperson of the European Parliament

- **Andrey Novakov** (EPP - BG), rapporteur for REGI Committee on the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security 2028–2034
- **Vasco Alves Cordeiro** (PES, PT), European Committee of the Regions opinion rapporteur on the NRPP Fund Regulation
- **Marit Maij** (S&D – NL), co-rapporteur for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs on the European Social Fund 2028–2034
- **Pascal Arimont** (EPP – BE), rapporteur for REGI Committee on the European Fund for Regional Development and Cohesion Fund 2028–2034

Round of Q&A with the audience

11:00 – Panel debate II – An EU-long term budget that works for farmers
moderated by **Delphine Colard**, Spokesperson of the European Parliament

- **Elsi Katainen** (Renew – FI), rapporteur for AGRI Committee on the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security 2028–2034
- **Florian Marin** (Workers - GR II / RO), European Economic and Social Committee rapporteur on EU Fund for cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security
- **Gabriella Gerzsenyi** (EPP – HU), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Regional Development and Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)

Round of Q&A with the audience

12:00 – Final round of Q&A

12:20 – Concluding remarks

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NETWORKING LUNCH

Tuesday 10 November 2026 – 12:45–14:00
Room Antall 3 Q

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Communicating the MFF: from complexity to clarity

CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION
Tuesday 10 November 2026 – 14:30–16:30
Room Antall 3 Q

The afternoon session will be an opportunity to exchange about actions and share experience in communicating around the MFF.

After taking stock of the previous participatory events and a brief presentation of the second phase of the next EU-long term budget campaign and the related assets, DG COMM communication specialists will present their activities and exchange with pan-EU and national organisations on how they approached the MFF to make it understandable and accessible.

14:30 **Second phase of the EP campaign on the EU long-term budget**
how the European Parliament's DG COMM communicates about the MFF
by Rita Iraqi Houssaini, Concept & Design, DG COMM
followed by Q&A

15:00 Audience interaction (Slido)

15:15 **MFF: Communicating a complex topic with clarity**
Exchange of communication practices and resources with national and pan-EU CSOs and communication experts from DG COMM

15:15–15:55 **Facts and figures**
with Michaela Findeis, BUDG Thematic Team coordinator
15:55–16:05 **Learning resources**
with Dorothea Ullrich, Youth Outreach Unit

16:15 Evaluation (Slido)

16:20 **Closing remarks** by **Philipp Schulmeister**, Director for Outreach, DG COMM

16:30 End of the event and coffee