

Working Group X

25 March 2004 – Inaugural Meeting

The Working Group is inaugurated and elects Bernd Vögele unanimously as vice-chairman. Afterwards the members generally discuss the positions of federal state, provinces and municipalities.

10 March 2004 – 2nd Meeting

The Working Group discusses the aims of the financial constitution, the financial equalization and the budgetary law; the relation between constitutional provisions and ordinary law; two- vs. three-tier financial equalization; working out the financial equalization; legislative procedure pursuant to the financial equalization law; techniques and options, possibly definition of aim, for combining the responsibility for tasks, expenses and revenues; principles of the allocation of funds, task orientation and criteria of demand; reducing the complexity of the financial equalization.

31 March 2004 – 3rd Meeting

The Working Group debates the right of the regional and local authorities to participate in legislation, the cost bearing regulations and the general regulations regarding the tax system.

21 April 2004 – 4th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the relation between the financial constitution and the agreement on a consultation mechanism as well as the Austrian Stability Pact.

12 May 2004 – 5th Meeting

The Working Group debates questions regarding the Austrian Stability Pact, the stabilization of state budgets by limiting debts and deficits and questions of gender budgeting.

3 June 2004 – 6th Meeting

The members of the Working Group intensively discuss the draft of the report. An editorial committee will revise the draft of the report until the next meeting.

28 June 2004 – 7th Meeting

The Working Group debates the report presented by the chairman.

15 July 2004 – 8th Meeting

The Working Group leads a final debate on the report presented by the chairman.

20 October 2004 – 9th Meeting

The Working Group debates questions regarding the state budgets.

3 November 2004 – 10th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the topics economic balance, the agreement on a consultation mechanism and the Austrian Stability Pact.

17 November 2004 – 11th Meeting

The Working Group debates the results of the sub-committee for redrafting the financial provisions in the constitution.

30 November 2004 – 12th Meeting

The Working Group discusses the draft report to the additional mandate presented by the chairman.