MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009
15h00 - 15h30 (Coordinators’ Meeting - in camera) and
15h30 - 18h30
THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2009
09h00 - 12h30

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1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA
The draft agenda (in EN) was emailed to Members on 17 November 2009.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CONT MEETINGS
The minutes of the meetings of 20 July, 3-4 November and 10 November 2009 are in the dossier.

If no objections are received before the end of the meeting, these will be deemed approved.

COCOBU meeting of 2 and 3 December 2009
For further information and meeting documents please consult the CONT committee's homepage on:
3. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wishes to make the following announcements:

3.1 **Languages available:**

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3.2 **Webstreaming:**

Members are informed that this CONT meeting will be webstreamed (apart from the in camera Coordinators' meeting) on the following link:


Please be aware that each time a speaker activates the microphone to make an intervention the camera will be automatically directed to the speaker.

3.3 **European External Action Service (EEAS):**

In connection with the proposal to adopt the necessary legislation for the creation of the European External Action Service by the end of April 2010, (including amendments to the Financial Regulation on which CONT will be consulted), Members are informed that the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) will hold an exchange of views with Baroness Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy from 10.00-11.30 am on Wednesday 2 December 2009 in room JAN 2Q2.

3.4 The Policy Department recently published a report on 2008 national contributions to the EU budget and the allocation of EU expenditure to Member States, compiled on the basis of Commission's financial report for year 2008. The first part of the report presents summary tables for all Member States, while the second part includes detailed data and charts on the allocation to individual Member States. This document can be found under the following link:


3.5 **Staff movement at the CONT Secretariat:**

A new Assistant, Ms Jacqueline Van der Hofstadt, has joined the CONT secretariat. We wish her success in her new assignment.

Ms Mary Morgan has left CONT secretariat and Ms Rita Sipos replaces her.

3.6 **Christmas cocktail and beginning of the hearings procedure:**

Participants of this meeting are informed that a cocktail offered by the Chairman will take place following Wednesday's meeting on 2 December at 18h30 in front of the current meeting room.

4. **DISCHARGE 2008: EC GENERAL BUDGET – SECTION III - COMMISSION**

◊ CONT/7/00546
◊ **Rapporteur:** Mr Bogusław Liberadzki
◊ **Administrators responsible:** Mrs. Carmen Castillo del Carpio and Mr. József Blaszauer
◊ **Exchange of views with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy, Pawel Samecki, and with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Vladimir Špidla, in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors responsible, Kersti Kaljulaid**

Some useful links

In addition to the information available on CONT's website for the committee meeting, additional documents of particular relevance for the 2008 discharge can be consulted:

- The **ECA's 2008 Annual Report**, which was presented to this committee on 10 November in Brussels, at:
In conformity with the "practical arrangements", written answers to these questions are expected from the Commission at the latest 24 hours before the meeting.

5. **EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EIB) - ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

◊ CONT/7/01372
◊ Rapporteur: Mr Tamás Deutsch
◊ Administrator responsible: Mr. József Blaszauer
◊ Presentation of the EIB annual report for 2008 by Philippe Maystadt, President, and exchange of views in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors responsible, Igors Ludboržs

Mr Maystadt has been invited to CONT to present the 2008 Annual Report of the EIB and to have an exchange of views with CONT Members about other topics of common interest.

In accordance with an agreement concluded with ECON in 2007, this year it is CONT's turn to draft an own initiative report on the annual report and the financial activities of the EIB. All language versions of the EIB reports are available on the CONT website:


The 2008 Annual Report was emailed to Members on 24 November 2009.

Following this exchange of views, an own-initiative report will be drafted by Mr Deutsch, which will be presented to the committee at its meeting of 25-26 January 2010.

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2009**

9H00 - 12H30
6. DISCHARGE 2008: EC GENERAL BUDGET – SECTION III - COMMISSION AND SEVENTH, EIGHT, NINTH AND TENTH EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (EDF)

◊ CONT/7/0709
◊ Rapporteurs: Mr Boguslaw Liberadzki and Mrs Inés Ayala Sender
◊ Administrator responsible: Mr. József Blaszauer
◊ Exchange of views with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Karel De Gucht, in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors responsible, Jacek Uczkiewicz

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions of Mr Liberadzki for this hearing were sent to the Commission on 23 November 2009 and those of Ms Ayala Sender on 24 November 2009 and all written questions were emailed to Members on 24 November 2009.

As for the hearing on 2 December, written answers to these questions are also expected from the Commission at the latest 24 hours before the meeting.

The following hearings are scheduled for 25 January 2010 pm, with Mr Potocnik, Commissioner for Science and Research and Mr Tajani, Commissioner for Transport, and on 26 January 2010, with Mrs Ferrero Waldner, Commissioner for External Actions, Mr Semeta, Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget, Mr Kallas Vice-president of the Commission responsible for Administrative Affairs, Audit and Anti Fraud and Mrs Day, Secretary-General of the Commission (but see item 13 below).

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

◊ Rapporteur: Mrs Ingeborg Gräßle
◊ Administrator responsible: Rudolfs Verdins
◊ Presentation of the 2008 Activity Report of OLAF Supervisory Committee by Peter Strömberg, President

At this CONT meeting the OLAF Supervisory Committee (SC) will present its annual Activity Report covering the period June 2008 - May 2009.

The OLAF SC will be represented by three of its Members: Mr Peter Strömberg (Chairman), Mr Kálmán Györgyi and Ms Rosalind Wright. The OLAF Supervisory Committee secretariat has informed the Chairman that Mr. Luis López Sanz-Áranguez and Ms Diemut Theato are unavailable and therefore will not attend this CONT meeting.

The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with CONT Members.

The English version of the report was sent to Members by email on 20 October 2009. Further language versions are available on CONT's website:


8. ADOPTION OF COORDINATORS' RECOMMENDATIONS

9. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS’ SPECIAL REPORT 8/2009 "NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRATED PROJECTS IN COMMUNITY RESEARCH POLICY: DID THEY ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES?"

◊ CONT/7/00424
◊ Rapporteur: Mrs Ingeborg Gräßle
◊ Administrator responsible: Mr. József Blaszauer