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*Committee on Budgetary Control*  
*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

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**MINUTES**

Meeting of 22 January 2014, from 15.00 to 16.00  
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.00 on Wednesday 22 January 2014, with Michael Theurer (Chair of CONT Committee) and Juan Fernando López Aguilar (Chair of LIBE Committee) in the chair.

**1. Adoption of agenda** CJ09\_OJ PE526275v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Chair's announcements**

**3. Fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law**

CJ09/7/12965

\*\*\*I 2012/0193(COD) COM(2012)0363 – C7-0192/2012

Rapporteurs Ingeborg Gräßle (PPE)

PR – PE524.832v01-00

Juan Fernando López Aguilar (S&D)

Responsible: CONT, LIBE\*

Opinions: ECON – Decision: no opinion

JURI\* – Tadeusz Zwiefka (PPE)

AD – PE514.816v02-00

AM – PE519.502v01-00

JURI (AL) –Eva Lichtenberger (Verts/ALE)

AL PE500.747v02-00

- Consideration of draft report

The following spoke: Michael Theurer, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Ingeborg Gräßle, Cornelis De Jong, Brigit Sippel, Timothy Kirkhope, EC representative from OLAF Lothar Köhl and EC representative from DG JUST Peter Csonka.

#### **4. Any other business**

None.

#### **5. Next meeting(s)**

- 20 February 2014, 9.00 – 10.00 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 16.00.

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Michael Theurer , Juan Fernando López Aguilar
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Marta Andreasen, Jean-Pierre Audy, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Jens Geier, Ingeborg Gräßle, Timothy Kirkhope, Birgit Sippel, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Axel Voss
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Thijs Berman, Barbara Weiler, Cornelis de Jong

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Emer Costello, Albert Deß, Richard Falbr, Peter Jahr, Elisabeth Jeggle,
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OLAF	Lothar Kühl

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S&D	Maggie Couthard, Václav Mls, Maddalena Cremascoli
ALDE	Dominykas Mordas
ECR	Peter O'Broin
Verts/ALE	Hendrik Prummel
GUE/NGL	Andreas Wehr
EFD	Maria Barbara Gatto
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**JOINT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2014**  
15.00 – 16.00 CONT-LIBE joint meeting

Paul-Henri Spaak 7C050

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### 1. AGENDA

The [draft agenda](#) (in EN) was emailed to Members on 10 January 2014 and is in the [file for this meeting](#).

### 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

#### LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

CS, DE, EN, ES, FR, HU, IT, LT, NL, PL, RO

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WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2014

15.00 – 16.00 CONT-LIBE joint meeting

### 3. FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD TO THE UNION'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS BY MEANS OF CRIMINAL LAW

Rapporteurs:  
CONT - Ingeborg Gräßle  
(PPE)  
LIBE - Juan Fernando López Aguilar (S&D)



The Commission considers that fraud and related illegal activities affecting the Union's financial interests are a serious problem to the Union's budget and thereby the tax payers. For that reason, making use of the possibilities offered by the Treaty on the European Union, the Commission launched a proposal for a Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law. The Rapporteurs share the Commission's views on the problem and welcome the proposal. The *acquis communautaire* in the field of the fight against fraud, even though well-structured, is very

Administrators:  
CONT - Tereza Pinto de Rezende  
LIBE – Amparo Rueda Bueso

Consideration of draft report

CONT – LIBE Timetable:  
Deadline for amendments:  
5/02/2014, 12.00  
Consideration of amendments:  
20/02/2014  
Adoption in CONT-LIBE:  
6/03/2014 (LIBE slot)

Plenary vote:  
April I or II 2014

fragmented creating incentives for potential perpetrators to move across European territory to the most favourable judicial system.

The Rapporteurs tried to further improve the proposal by putting 23 amendments to the draft report.

Amendments proposed to make more precise the definition on the Union's financial interest and specify irregular activities in public tenders. It is also proposed to abolish the categorisation of offences as 'minor' and/or 'serious' and decrease the offences' threshold.

The Rapporteurs believe that it is appropriate to establish a minimum level of criminal sanctions to ensure a degree of consistency across the EU on sanctions imposed on those who defraud the EU's financial interests and that the minimum sanctions proposed to fraud, on the one side, and corruption and money-laundering, on the other, should reflect the differences between those offences. Lastly, the Rapporteurs want to ensure close cooperation between the Members States and the relevant Union institutions and agencies on investigating and prosecuting fraud.

The legal affairs committee is associated under Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure and has already adopted the opinion of the Rapporteur Tadeusz Zwiefka in November. The opinion will be integrated into the report without voting since it concerns matters which fall within its exclusive competence.



Members who wish to table amendments to the draft report are welcome to use the online Drafting Support Tool (DST). It is a confidential service to help Members in drafting amendments (from a quick linguistic check to more in-depth assistance). You can access this service via a button in AT4AM till Monday 3 February at 12.00.

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### 4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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NEXT MEETING ON THIS  
ITEM (BRUSSELS)

20 February 2014, 9.00 – 10.00