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## **Budgetary Control Committee endorses Court of Auditors candidate Iliana Ivanova**

Committees: Committee on Budgetary Control

Bulgaria's nomination of Iliana Ivaonova to join the European Court of Auditors was endorsed by Parliament's Budgetary Control Committee on Monday. Ms Ivanova is currently a Member of the European Parliament for the EPP group. Her candidature now goes to the full Parliament for a final vote on Wednesday 13 June.

The result of the vote was 17 in favour, 2 against and 5 abstentions.

The Committee had initially scheduled another vote, on the nomination of Romanian candidate Mr Mircea Vasile Popescu, but the Romanian authorities decided last week to withdraw it.

## **Procedure**

Members of the Court of Auditors are appointed for six years. The Council, after consulting the European Parliament decides upon the proposals made by each Member State.

To prepare for a hearing in Parliament, a candidate is asked to answer a questionnaire prepared by the Budgetary Control Committee. At the hearing, they may make a five-minute opening statement, followed by a 25-minute questions and reply session with committee members. The Committee then votes on the nomination by secret ballot.

If approved in committee, the nomination is later put to a vote by Parliament as a whole.

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