



Comisia pentru control bugetar

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PROCES-VERBAL

Reuniunea din 23 mai 2016, 15.00 - 18.30
și 24 mai 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 și 15.00 - 18.30
BRUXELLES

Reuniunea a fost deschisă luni, 23 mai 2016, la ora 15.04, fiind prezidată de Ingeborg Gräßle (președintă).

1. Adoptarea ordinii de zi

CONT_OJ (2016-0523)

Ordinea de zi a fost adoptată în forma indicată în prezentul proces-verbal.

2. Comunicări ale președintei

Președinta a anunțat următoarea modificare a ordinii de zi:

Punctul 6 privind raportul anual al Comitetului de supraveghere a OLAF va fi discutat la ora 15.00, înainte de punctul 4 privind înlocuirea parțială a membrilor Curții de Conturi (audierea lui Rimantas Šadžius).

3. Aprobarea procesului-verbal al reuniunii din:

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| • 16 februarie 2016 | PV – PE576.987v01-00 |
| • 22-23 februarie 2016 | PV – PE577.016v01-00 |
| • 29 februarie 2016 | PV – PE578.561v01-00 |
| • 15 martie 2016 | PV – PE578.796v02-00 |
| • 4 aprilie 2016 | PV – PE580.602v01-00 |
| • 7 aprilie 2016 | PV – PE580.591v01-00 |
| • 20-21 aprilie 2016 | PV – PE582.053v01-00 |

6. Raportul anual al Comitetului de supraveghere a OLAF

CONT/8/06353

- Prezentarea raportului anual de activitate pentru 2015 al Comitetului de supraveghere a OLAF

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräßle, Tuomas Pöysti (președintele Comitetului de supraveghere a OLAF), Johan Denolf (membru al Comitetului de supraveghere a OLAF), Bart Staes, Inés Ayala Sender, Luke Ming Flanagan, Martina Dlabajová, Margarete Hofmann (director al

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Numirea unui membru al Curții de Conturi Europene: Audierea lui Rimantas Šadžius, candidat propus de autoritățile lituaniene

4. Înlocuirea parțială a membrilor Curții de Conturi - candidatul LT

CONT/8/06106

* 2016/0805(NLE) 07319/2016 – C8-0126/2016

Raportor: Bart Staes (Verts/ALE)

PR – PE582.052v02-00

Fond: CONT

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Rimantas Šadžius (candidat lituanian), Bart Staes, Brian Hayes, Zigmantas Balčytis, Luke Ming Flanagan, Tomáš Zdechovský, Inés Ayala Sender.

5. Evaluarea, votarea și adoptarea proiectului de raport

Proiectul de raport a fost adoptat cu 16 voturi pentru, 3 împotrivă și 0 abțineri.

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7. Raportul special nr. 5/2016 al Curții de Conturi Europene (Descărcarea de gestiune pe 2015): „A asigurat Comisia o punere în aplicare eficace a Directivei privind serviciile?”

CONT/8/06055

Raportor: Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE)

- Prezentarea raportului special de către membrul Curții de Conturi Europene responsabil, **Neven Mates**, și examinarea unui document de lucru

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Neven Mates (membru al Curții de Conturi Europene), Nedzhmi Ali, Tomáš Zdechovský, Luke Ming Flanagan, Joaquim Nunes de Almeida (director al DG GROW G).

8. Către un sistem de TVA definitiv și combaterea fraudei în domeniul TVA

CONT/8/05928

2016/2033(INI)

Raportor Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE)

pentru aviz:

Fond: ECON* – Werner Langen (PPE)

PR – PE582.077v01-00

- Examinarea proiectului de aviz
- Termen de depunere a amendamentelor: **30 mai 2016, ora 12.00**

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Nedzhmi Ali, Patricija Šulin, Inés Ayala Sender, Luke Ming Flanagan, Donato Raponi (șef de unitate, DG TAXUD C1).

9. Misiunea Comisiei CONT în Germania (3-5 noiembrie 2015)

CONT/8/03223

Raportoare: Ingeborg Gräble (PPE)

- Prezentarea raportului privind misiunea în Germania

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Franz-Peter Veits (DG EMPL C5), Inés Ayala Sender.

Reuniunea a fost suspendată la ora 18.30.

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Reuniunea a fost reluată la ora 09.04.

24 mai 2016, 9.00 - 11.30

***** *Votare electronică* *****

10. Modificare a Regulamentului (UE, EURATOM) nr. 883/2013, în ceea ce privește secretariatul Comitetului de supraveghere a Oficiului European de Luptă Antifraudă (OLAF)

CONT/8/05965

***I 2016/0064(COD) COM(2016)0113 – C8-0109/2016

Raportoare: Ingeborg Gräßle (PPE)

PR – PE580.677v02-00

Fond: CONT

Avize: JURI

- Adoptarea proiectului de raport

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräßle, Inés Ayala Sender

Proiectul de raport și mandatul au fost adoptate prin vot prin apel nominal cu 24 de voturi pentru, 0 împotriva și 0 abțineri.

11. Protocolul pentru eliminarea comerțului ilicit cu produse din tutun la Convenția-cadru a OMS pentru controlul tutunului, în ceea ce privește dispozițiile protocolului care intră sub incidența părții III titlul V din Tratatul privind funcționarea Uniunii Europene

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*** 2015/0100(NLE) 14387/2015 – C8-0119/2016

Raportoare Ingeborg Gräßle (PPE)

PA – PE578.763v02-00

pentru aviz:

AM – PE569.712v01-00

Fond: LIBE – Martina Anderson (GUE/NGL)

PR – PE580.425v01-00

- Adoptarea proiectului de aviz

Amendamente adoptate: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Proiectul de aviz a fost adoptat, astfel cum a fost modificat, prin vot prin apel nominal cu 24 de voturi pentru, 0 împotriva și 0 abțineri.

***** *Sfârșitul votării electronice* *****

12. Bugetul în funcție de performanțe

CONT/8/06439

- Schimb de opinii cu **Nadia Calviño**, director general pentru buget în cadrul Comisiei Europene

- Membrii Comisiei BUDG sunt invitați să participe la acest schimb de opinii

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Nadia Calviño (director general DG BUDG), Jean Arthuis, Martina Dlabajová, Inés Ayala Sender, Derek Vaughan, Georgi Pirinski, Tomáš Zdechovský.

13. Raportul special nr. 1/2016 al Curții de Conturi Europene (Descărcarea de gestiune pe 2015) „Sprijinul pentru veniturile fermierilor: este sistemul utilizat de Comisie pentru măsurarea performanței acestui sprijin bine conceput și bazat pe date temeinice?”

CONT/8/05611

Raportoare: Claudia Schmidt (PPE)

- Prezentarea raportului special de către membrul Curții de Conturi Europene responsabil, **Rasa Budbergytė**, și examinarea unui document de lucru

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Rasa Budbergytė (membră a Curții de Conturi Europene), Claudia Schmidt, Derek Vaughan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Haniotis Tassos (director DG AGRI).

14. Raportul special nr. 23/2015 al Curții de Conturi Europene (Descărcarea de gestiune pe 2015): Calitatea apei în bazinul hidrografic al Dunării: s-au realizat progrese în ceea ce privește punerea în aplicare a Directivei-cadru privind apa, dar mai sunt necesare eforturi în acest sens

CONT/8/05912

Raportor: Tamás Deutsch (PPE)

- Prezentarea raportului special de către membrul Curții de Conturi Europene responsabil, **George Pufan**, și examinarea unui document de lucru

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, George Pufan (membru al Curții de Conturi Europene), Tomáš Zdechovský, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Nedzhmi Ali, Petri Sarvamaa, Jorge Rodriguez Romero (DG ENV C1).

15. Capacitatea bugetară pentru zona euro

CONT/8/05367

2015/2344(INI)

Raportor Zigmantas Balčytis (S&D)

pentru aviz:

Fond:	BUDG,	Reimer Böge (PPE)	DT – PE576.995v01-00
	ECON* –	Pervenche Berès (S&D)	DT – PE578.795v02-00

- Examinarea proiectului de aviz
- Termen de depunere a amendamentelor: **31 mai 2016, ora 12.00**

Au intervenit: Ingeborg Gräble, Zigmantas Balčytis, Nedzhmi Ali, Petri Sarvamaa, Patricija Šulin, Ralph Schmitt-Nilson (DG ECFIN).

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24 mai 2016, 11.30-12.30 (cu ușile închise)

16. Reuniune a coordonatorilor

Rezumatul deciziei coordonatorilor este anexat la prezentul proces-verbal.

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Reuniunea a fost reluată la ora 15.10.

24 mai 2016, 15.00 - 18.30

17. Audiere privind „Protecția intereselor financiare ale Uniunii Europene: rolul jurnalismului de investigație, al ONG-urilor cu rol de gardian și al acțiunilor multimedia”

CONT/8/06403

Coraportori:

Benedek Jávor (Verts/ALE)

DV – PE582.246v01-00

Inés Ayala Sender (S&D)

MN – PE582.260v01-00

Au intervenit: Martina Dlabajova, Benedek Jávor, Brigitte Alfter (redactor Europe, Journalismfund.eu), Tamas Bodoky (redactor șef, Atlatszo.hu), Petr Holub (jurnalist, Echo24.cz), Daniela Schröder (scriitor și redactor independent), Julia Pitera, Petri Sarvamaa, Sabine Verheyen, Ingeborg Gräble, Carl Dolan (director, Transparency International), Martin Pigeon (cercetător și activist, Corporate European Observatory), Jos Dings (director executiv, Transport and Environment), Lucia Recalde Langarica (șef de unitate DG CONNECT), Michael Peters (director general, Euronews), Erlends Calabuig (director general, Euranet Plus).

18. Chestiuni diverse

Nu au existat.

19. Reuniuni următoare

- 13 iunie 2016, 15.00 - 18.30 (Bruxelles)
- 14 iunie 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 și 15.00 - 18.30 (Bruxelles)
- 27 iunie 2016, 15.00-18.30 (Bruxelles)

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

10. Amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) - CONT/8/05965

10.1. Final vote

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ALDE	Martina Dlabajová
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei
EFDD	Laura Agea
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Liadh Ní Riada
PPE	Ingeborg Gräßle, Brian Hayes, Carlos Iturgaiz, Andrey Novakov, Julia Pitera, Claudia Schmidt, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
S&D	Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Bogusław Liberadzki, Gilles Pargneaux, Georgi Pirinski, Miroslav Poche, Derek Vaughan
Vers/ALE	Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

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11. Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, in so far as the provisions of the Protocol which fall under Title V of Part III of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are concerned - CONT/8/03834

11.1. Final vote

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ALDE	Martina Dlabajová
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei
EFDD	Laura Agea
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Liadh Ní Riada
PPE	Ingeborg Gräßle, Brian Hayes, Carlos Iturgaiz, Andrey Novakov, Julia Pitera, Claudia Schmidt, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
S&D	Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Bogusław Liberadzki, Gilles Pargneaux, Georgi Pirinski, Miroslav Poche, Derek Vaughan
Verts/ALE	Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

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Nedzhmi Ali, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Ryszard Czarnecki, Luke Ming Flanagan, Bogusław Liberadzki (2), Monica Macovei (2), Gilles Pargneaux (2), Georgi Pirinski, Petri Sarvamaa (2) Claudia Schmidt, Bart Staes, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller,
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Brian Hayes, Cătălin Sorin Ivan (2), Benedek Jávor, Karin Kadenbach, Andrey Novakov (2), Marian-Jean Marinescu (1), Julia Pitera, Miroslav Poche, Patricija Sulín

200 (2)
Laura Agea (2), Carlos Iturgaiz (2), Liadh Ní Riada (2)
206 (3)
Daniela Aiuto (1), Jean-Paul Denanot (2), Louis-Joseph Manscour (2), Sabine Verheyen (2)
53 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Τοčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 23.5.2016
(2) 24.5.2016

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Rimantas Šadžius, LT candidate as a Member of the European Court of Auditors

Hearing on "Protection of the financial interests of the European Union: the role of investigative journalism, watchdog NGOs and multimedia actions"

Brigitte Alfter (Editor Europe, Journalismfund.eu)

Tamas Bodoky (Editor-in-chief, Atlatszo.hu)

Petr Holub (Journalist, Echo24.cz)

Daniela Schröder (Independent writer and editor)

Carl Dolan (Director, Transparency International),

Martin Pigeon (Researcher and campaigner, Corporate European Observatory)

Jos Dings (Executive Director, Transport and Environment)

Lucia Recalde Langarica (Head of Unit DG CONNECT)

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Erlends Calabuig (Chief Executive Officer, Euranet Plus)

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Tuomas Pöysti, Chairman of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

Johan Denolf, Member of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

Margarete Hofmann, Director (OLAF)

Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, Director (GROW)

Donato Raponi, Head of Unit (TAXUD)	
Franz-Peter Veits (EMPL)	
Nadia Calviño, Director General (BUDG)	
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Ralph Schmitt-Nilson (ECFIN)	
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ECA	Neven Mates, Rasa Budbergytė, George Pufan (Member of the Court of Auditors)

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S&D	Codruta Filip, Sarah Clarkson
ECR	Kamila Wrzesinska, Gavin Moore, Tea Lukavecki
ALDE	Aivars Berners, Orsolya Balogh
GUE/NGL	Daniel Albarracin, Carmen Hilario
Verts/ALE	Roccu Garoby, Robert Godina
EFDD	Maria Barbara Gatto
ENF	
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Ulrich Rosslein
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Committee on Budgetary Control
- The Secretariat -

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 24 May 2016
11h30 - 12h30

Altiero Spinelli (3E-2)
Brussels

Summary of Recommendations

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. 2015 Discharge - draft timetable (*Annexes I & II*)

The Coordinators took note of the proposed draft timetable for the 2015 discharge procedure, as well as the "Practical arrangements" (Annexes I and II).

It has been suggested to hold exchanges of views with the Commissioners in charge of DGs REGI, AGRI, R&D, DEVCO, EMPL, ELARG, HOME on top of the hearings with Vice President Georgieva and the Commission Secretary General: Mr Italianer.

It has been also suggested to invite the Directors generals of DGs REGI, AGRI, DEVCO, R&D and EMPL in order to exchange views on the issues underlying the reservations they will have issued in their annual activity reports.

B. Interparliamentary meeting with National Parliaments

The Coordinators agreed on the organisation of a meeting with National Parliaments in the framework of the shared management of EU funds.

This interparliamentary meeting could take place at the CONT meeting of **8 November pm** (subject to previous authorisation from the CoP).

C. Annual Structured Dialogue foreseen by the Framework Agreement between the Parliament and the Commission (*Annex III*)

The coordinators decided to send the draft letter in Annex III with the modifications agreed concerning the following points: code of conduct of Commissioners, Financial engineering instruments and whistle-blowers.

D. Council decision concerning the appointment of Members of the European Court of Auditors

At their last meeting, the Coordinators decided to send a letter to the Dutch President of the Council asking the later to abstain to appoint candidates having received a negative opinion from the Parliament. That letter also signalized the Parliament's serious concern on the absence of gender balance on the Court's college.

At this meeting, the Coordinators exchanged views on possible follow-up actions.

E. EDF discharge Resolution rejected by the plenary

The coordinators discussed the possibility of drafting an INI report, option which was not agreed on.

F. Annual visit to the Court of Auditors

The Coordinators agreed to organise the annual meeting with the European Court of Auditors on **Monday 14 November** afternoon in Luxembourg.

G. OLAF Inter-Institutional dialogue

The Coordinators endorsed the points outlined in the note.

H. CONT INI Report on "Control of the Register and composition of the Commission's expert groups"

➤ Rapporteur: Dennis De Jong (GUE)

The coordinators have been informed by the rapporteur about the latest developments of the file and will decide at a next meeting to pursue or not the initiative report.

I. CONT INI report on "Control of the implementation and monitoring of the cost-effectiveness of the EU Youth Guarantee: preparing the instruments for the performance evaluation"

- Rapporteur: Derek Vaughan (S&D)

The Coordinators agreed to update the request with a reorganised scope and a new title, and to contest the EMPL letter (New title: Control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth schemes cost-effectiveness).

J. Hearing on "Corporate VAT fraud"

- Rapporteur: Andrey Novakov (EPP)
- Date of the hearing: 13 July 2016 pm

The Coordinators approved the draft programme.

K. CONT mission to Italy (18-20 July 2016)

The Coordinators endorsed the proposed draft programme.

L. CONT mission to Jordan and Lebanon (19-22 September 2016)

The Coordinators took note of the draft program and opted for a delegation to both Lebanon and Jordan provided that the program includes a visit to the refugee camps. Due to limited time they decided to continue the discussion on the mission at their next meeting.

M. CONT Opinion to ECON Report on "Establishing a Union Programme to support specific activities in the field of financial reporting and auditing for the period of 2014-2020" (2016/0110(COD))

This item has been postponed to the next Coordinators' meeting of 9 June in Strasbourg.

N. CONT Opinion to AGRI Report on "Fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016" (2016/0086(COD))

This item has been postponed to the next Coordinators' meeting of 9 June in Strasbourg.

O. Request for a study in the context of CONT INI Report on "Budgetary Control of financing NGOs from the EU Budget"

The Coordinators approved the proposal for a study requested by Mr Pieper, rapporteur, in the context of the NGO Financing INI report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

P. Request for a new CONT INI Report: ECA Special Report 3/2016 "Combatting eutrophication in the Baltic Sea: further and more effective action needed"

- Co-Rapporteurs: Petri Sarvamaa (EPP) & Zigmantas Balcytis (S&D)
- ECA Member responsible: Ville Italä
- Request for an INI Report

The Coordinators were informed that **once the first next free slot will become available** the Secretariat will send to the CCC the request for authorisation for this own-initiative report.

Q. Appointment procedure for a new Supervisory Committee (SC) of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

The Coordinators were reminded that the deadline to draw up their list of preferred candidates would be **2 June 2016**.

The discussion about this issue will be held in **an extraordinary Bureau and Coordinators' meeting on 9 June am in Strasbourg**

R. 2017 Budgetary procedure - Mandate for trilogue

The Coordinators were informed on the letter addressed to BUDG Committee co-signed by CONT Chair and the rapporteur for the Commission discharge 2014, Martina Dlabajova.

S. Appointment of the Maltese of the Court of Auditors

The Coordinators took note of the notification from the Council regarding the proposed Maltese Member of the Court of Auditors, Mr Leo Brincat.

The procedure will take place according to the following schedule:

- Hearing of the Maltese candidate: 27 June 2016
- Adoption in plenary: July (Strasbourg)
- Adoption by Council: July 2016

T. 2014 Discharges postponed after the vote in plenary

The Plenary endorsed the proposal of the Committee on Budgetary Control to postpone the following discharges:

- 2014 Discharge to the Council - Rapporteur: Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
- 2014 Discharge to the Joint Undertakings: ARTEMIS, ENIAC and ITER - Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP)

The Coordinators took note of the timetable for all discharge reports:

- 27 June pm: Preliminary exchange of views on ITER Council conclusions
- 13-14 July: Consideration of 2nd draft reports
- 6 September noon: Deadline for amendments
- 26 September pm: Vote in CONT
- October II (Strasbourg): Plenary vote

U. Documents on referrals since the last meeting (*Annex IV*)

The Coordinators took note of the documents listed in Annex IV to this Summary, together with recommendations from the CONT Secretariat.

V. Other business

W. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 9 June 2016 in Strasbourg

DRAFT TIMETABLE
for the discharge procedure for the financial year 2015
at 13 May 2016

2016	
<p>Presentation of ECA Annual Report before CONT by Vítor Caldeira, President of the European Court of Auditors</p> <p>in the presence of Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva - Budget and Human Resources, Vice-President of the Commission,</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>(On xxxx PM CONT Members will receive the Annual Report and the EU Audit in brief. On xxxxx, all language versions of the Annual Report will be published on the ECA website.)</i></p>	13 October am (Bxl)
Presentation of the ECA Annual Report before the Plenary	Week 43 (Strasbourg)
<p>Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva - Budget and Human Resources, Vice-President of the Commission</p> <p>Presentation of the follow-up report for the 2014 discharge, the synthesis report, the internal auditor report (99.5) and the report on "Protection of the EU Budget"</p> <p>(Rapporteurs: Martina Dlabajová (2014 Discharge) & Joachim Zeller (2015 Discharge))</p>	20 October am
<p>Exchange of views with the Director Generals of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DG Agriculture and Rural Development, ➤ DG Regional Policy, ➤ DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, ➤ DG Research and Innovation, ➤ DG International Development and Cooperation, ➤ DG Human Resources and Security <p>on the reservations issued in their annual activity reports.</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p>	20 October am

<p>Follow-up on EP 2014 discharge with Klaus Welle, Secretary-General of the European Parliament</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Markus Pieper (2014 Discharge) & Dennis De Jong (2015 Discharge))</p>	
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 21/10/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 25/10/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 3/11/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	<p>7 November pm</p>
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 21/10/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 25/10/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 3/11/2016 (17:00)</i></p>	<p>8 November am</p>
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 21/10/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 26/10/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 4/11/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	<p>8 November pm</p>
<p>Hearing with National Parliaments (in the context of 2015 Discharge to the Commission) on the implementation of the EU budget: sound financial management as a matter of cooperation between the European Union and the Member States</p>	<p>8 November pm (tbc)</p>
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 15/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 17/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 24/11/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	<p>28 November pm</p>
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 15/11/2016 (17:00)</i></p>	<p>29 November am</p>

<p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 17/11/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 24/11/2016 (17:00)</i></p>	
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 16/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 18/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 25/11/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	29 November pm
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 22/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 24/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 1/12/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	5 December pm
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 25/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 29/11/2016 (12:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 6/12/2016 (12:00)</i></p>	8 December pm
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 1/12/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 5/12/2016 (17:00)</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 12/12/2016 (17:00)</i></p>	15 December am (Strasbourg)
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<p>Hearings with Secretary Generals or Directors of the Other Institutions (except EEAS), in the context of the discharge to Other Institutions</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Igor Soltes)</p>	12 January am
<p>Hearing with Agencies</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Inés Ayala Sender)</p>	24 January

<p>Hearing with Joint Undertakings</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Miroslav Poche)</p>	<p>24 January</p>
<p>Hearing with Commissioner</p> <p>Secretary General Alexander Italianer <i>Secretary General of the European Commission</i></p> <p>(Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller)</p> <p><i>Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: xxxx</i> <i>Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: xxxx</i> <i>Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: xxxx</i></p>	<p>12 January am <u>or</u> 23 January pm <u>or</u> 24 January am <u>or</u> 24 January pm <u>or</u> 30 January pm <u>or</u> 31 January am <u>or</u> 31 January pm</p>
<p>Hearings with Commissioner</p> <p>Vice - President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy, in the context of the discharge to the EEAS</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Igor Soltes)</p>	<p>12 January am <u>or</u> 23 January pm <u>or</u> 24 January am <u>or</u> 24 January pm <u>or</u> 30 January pm <u>or</u> 31 January am <u>or</u> 31 January pm</p>
<p>Hearing with Klaus Welle, Secretary- General of the European Parliament, in the context of the discharge to the European Parliament, with the Vice-President responsible for the EP Budget, David-Maria Sassoli and the Internal Auditor, Robert Galvin</p> <p>(Rapporteur: Dennis De Jong)</p>	<p>12 January am <u>or</u> 23 January pm <u>or</u> 24 January am <u>or</u> 24 January pm <u>or</u> 30 January pm <u>or</u> 31 January am <u>or</u> 31 January pm</p>
<p>Possible slots for shadows' meetings</p>	

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Deadline for sending draft reports to translation	
Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings + EDF ¹	6 February
Commission and European Parliament ²	8 February
Discussion of draft reports in committee	
Commission + EDF + European Parliament (+ <i>Presentation Council' Recommendations</i>)	27 or 28 February
Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings	27 or 28 February
Deadline for amendments	
Commission + EDF + European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings ³	6 March
Adoption in committee	
Deadline for Opinion Committees – All 2015 Discharge Dossier's	xxxx
Commission + EDF + European Parliament	22 March
Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings	23 March
Fall-back if any discharge report encounters problems	27 March
Deadline for tabling discharge reports	xxxxx
Adoption in plenary (Brussels)	26-27 April (Brussels)

¹ **Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings + EDF** (NB: translations should be requested at the latest on *20 February*)

² **Commission and European Parliament** (NB: translations should be requested at the latest on **22 February**)

³ **Commission + EDF + European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies + Joint Undertakings** (NB: translations should be requested at the latest on *20 March*)

2015 DISCHARGE**Practical arrangements for the questioning of Commissioners in the 2015 discharge procedure****1 Timetable**

- As attached

2 Questions

- In general, before the hearing, written questions followed by written answers are not expected. However, there may be written questions on matters which are technical or very specific, so as to allow preparation of replies by the Commissioner.
- Written questions will be submitted to the Commission 7 working days before the hearing. Written answers will be provided by the Commission to the committee 2 working days before the meeting at the latest. In the event that the hearing falls on a Monday afternoon, the replies will be received already on the preceding Thursday at noon. Both questions and answers will be in English as much as possible.

3 Duration of the hearing

- Approximately 90 minutes per Commissioner.

4 Seating arrangements

- The Commissioner and his or her services and cabinet (max. 10) may sit in the designated part of the meeting room.

5 Procedure during the hearing

- Introduction by the European Court of Auditors, which submits its findings according to its annual and special reports. (max. 7 minutes)
- The Commissioner may make a brief presentation of the Commission's replies to these findings (5 minutes max.) (No general statement).
- The EP Rapporteur puts question and Commissioner / Court replies. The rapporteur seeks the Commissioner's view but Commissioner's staff can reply to certain questions, if needed.
- Other EP Members question the Commissioner or the Court.

- This first round of questions could be followed by a second round of questions by the rapporteur and then other EP Members, if time allows.

Possibly winding up comments at the end by EP Rapporteur, Court, Commissioner or Chair.

6 After the hearing

- Supplementary documents and/or answers asked for during the hearing, should be provided to the Rapporteur within five working days, when possible.

Mr Jerzy Buzek
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs
ASP 08B046
European Parliament

Subject: Annual Structured Dialogue foreseen by the Framework Agreement between the Parliament and the Commission

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2016 concerning the Annual Structured Dialogue with the European Commission. You will find hereafter the 10 key messages to the Commission adopted by Coordinators of the Committee on Budgetary Control on 24 May 2016.

1. Performance framework

Calls on the Commission to submit a communication to the Parliament in time for the mid-term review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) with proposals on how the new and potential challenges requiring Union budgetary support could be met and explaining how it will in future reconcile long-term political objectives (such as the Europe 2020 Strategy) with the future, post-2020, MFF;

2. Code of conduct for Commissioners

Calls on the Commission to review the code of conduct for Commissioners in light of demands made in 2014 Commission discharge resolution by the end of 2017 and in particular to define what constitutes a "conflict of interest", to introduce criteria for assessing the compatibility of post-office employment and extending the cooling off period to three years for Commissioners;

3. Reliability of the data communicated by the MS

Asks the Commission to submit legislative proposal to establish a sanction system if Member States transmit incorrect programme information and declarations and in the case of false or incorrect reporting by paying agencies;

4. Error rates - improvement of the control systems

Calls on the Commission to apply strictly Article 32(5) of the Financial Regulation if the level of error is persistently high, and consequently to identify the weaknesses in the control systems, analyse the costs and benefits of possible corrective measures and take or propose appropriate action in terms of simplification, improvement of control systems and redesign of programmes or delivery systems before the mid-term review of the 2014-2020 programming period;

5. Fight against corruption

Urges the Commission to join the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe and to speed up the negotiations on the participation of the Union in the Group of States against Corruption in order to contribute to more co-ordinated anti-corruption policies in Europe;

6. PIF- EPPO

Reminds that both the PIF Directive and the European Public Prosecutor's Office Regulation (EPPO Regulation)' would strengthen the legal framework in order to fight against corruption and stresses the urgent need to adopt the PIF Directive, with VAT included in its scope and with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum rules for maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible;

7. Financial Engineering instruments

Urges the Commission to submit a legislative proposal to extend the 2007- 2013 eligibility period for financial instruments in shared management until 31 March 2017 (Regulation EC 1083/2006);

8. VAT

Asks the Commission to submit legislative proposals in order to improve the VAT Information Exchange System and revitalise the institutional discussions on the proposals put forward in 2013 to introduce a common Union revision policy of the GNI balances.

9. Whistleblowers

Calls on the Commission to promote legislation on a minimum level of protection for whistle-blowers in the Union;

10. Tobacco agreements

Calls on the Commission not to renew, extend or renegotiate the tobacco agreement with Philip Morris International and to bring forward a new, additional regulation establishing an independent track-and-trace system and applying due diligence ('know your customer') provisions to raw cut tobacco, filters and papers used by the tobacco industry, as an additional tool to combat contraband and counterfeit products.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Inge Gräßle
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ANNEX TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

Coordinators' meeting

Tuesday, 24 May 2016, 11h30 - 12h30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 3E-2

Subject	Description/remarks
Documents received relating to the 2014 discharge	
Report from the Commission to the European Court of Auditors, the Council and the European Parliament - Member States' Replies to the European Court of Auditors' 2014 Annual Report COM(2016)0112 final and SWD(2016)0048 final	<u>Secretariat proposal:</u> will be taken into consideration in the 2014 discharge to the Commission for which Martina Dlabajová (ALDE Group) was appointed as a rapporteur
Documents received relating to the 2015 discharge	
The EU in 2015 - General Report on the Activities of the European Union accompanied by the Highlights brochure	<u>Secretariat proposal:</u> will be taken into consideration in the 2015 discharge to the European Commission for which Joachim Zeller (EPP Group) was appointed as a rapporteur
Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - 8th Financial Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) 2014 Financial year - COM(2016)0181 final and SWD(2016)0111 final	
Report on the budgetary and financial management of the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on the budgetary and financial management of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFAEA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on the budgetary and financial management of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) for the financial year 2015	

Subject	Description/remarks
Report on budgetary and financial management of the Research Executive Agency (REA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on budgetary and financial management of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) for the financial year 2015	
Statement of revenue and expenditure for the EASME for the budget 2016	
Report on budgetary and financial management of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) for the financial year 2015	
The European Court of Auditors' 2015 report to the discharge authority on the internal audit function	<p><u>Secretariat proposal:</u></p> <p>will be taken into consideration in the 2015 discharge to the Other Institutions for which Igor Šoltes (Greens Group) was appointed as a rapporteur</p>
Annual Activity Report of the European Court of Auditors for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial management of the European Court of Auditors for the financial year 2015	
Draft estimate of revenue and expenditure of the European Court of Auditors for the financial year 2017	

Subject	Description/remarks
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Court of Justice for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European External Action Service for the financial year 2015	
Annual Activity Report 2015 and Report on the budgetary and financial management for 2015 of the European Ombudsman	
Estimates of the European Ombudsman for the financial year 2017	
Report on Budgetary and Financial management of the European Data Protection Supervisor for the financial year 2015	
Draft estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2017	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) for the financial year 2015	<u>Secretariat proposal:</u> will be taken into consideration in the 2015 discharge to the Agencies for which Inés Ayala Sender (S&D Group) was appointed as a rapporteur
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the financial year 2015	
BEREC Annual Reports 2015	

Subject	Description/remarks
Appointment and release of accounting officers at the BEREC Office	
Statement of revenue and expenditure of the Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) for the financial year 2016	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for the financial year 2015	
Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the financial year 2017 of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)	
Decision 33/2015/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College (CEPOL) adopting the Single Programming Document: Years 2016-2018	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) for the financial year 2015	
Budgetary and financial management report of the European Banking Authority (EBA) for the financial year 2015	
General Report 2015 of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and Consolidated Annual Activity Report of the Authorising Officer of ECHA for the year 2015	
Early information on ECHA's future building project	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Environmental Agency (EEA) accompanying the annual accounts for the financial year 2015	
Provisional Annual Accounts for the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2015	
Annual Report of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) for the financial year 2015	

Subject	Description/remarks
Programming document 2016-2019 of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	
Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2015 of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management accompanying the European Institute of Innovation and Technology's (EIT) annual accounts for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) for the financial year 2015	
Provisional accounts together with the Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial management information of the European Railway Agency (ERA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on budgetary and financial management of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for the financial year 2015	
Financial statement 2017 of the European Training Foundation - ETF	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) for the financial year 2015	

Subject	Description/remarks
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the European GNSS Agency for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the Eurojust for the financial year 2015	
Single Resolution Board (SRB) 2nd amending budget and establishment plan for 2016	
Report on Budgetary and Financial Management of the SESAR Joint Undertakings for the financial year 2015	<u>Secretariat proposal:</u> will be taken into consideration in the 2015 discharge to the Joint Undertakings for which Miroslav Poche (S&D Group) was appointed as a rapporteur
2014 discharge : ECA special reports	
Special Report No 2/2016 on "2014 report on the follow-up of the European Court of Auditors' Special Reports" Responsible: CONT	Ingeborg Gräble (EPP Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
2015 discharge : ECA special reports	
Special Report No 19/2015 on "More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece" Responsible: CONT	Michael Theurer (ALDE Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 24/2015 on "Tackling intra-Community VAT fraud: More action needed" Responsible: CONT	Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report

Subject	Description/remarks
Special Report No 25/2015 on "EU support for rural infrastructure: potential to achieve significantly greater value for money" Responsible: CONT	Georgi Pirinski (S&D Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 1/2016 on "Is the Commission's system for performance measurement in relation to farmers' incomes well designed and based on sound data?" Responsible: CONT	Claudia Schmidt (EPP Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 3/2016 on "Combating eutrophication in the Baltic Sea: further and more effective action needed" Responsible: CONT	Petri Sarvamaa (EPP Group) and Zigmantas Balčytis (S&D Group) were appointed as rapporteurs for this report
Special Report No 4/2016 on "The European Institute of Innovation and Technology must modify its delivery mechanisms and elements of its design to achieve the expected impact" Responsible: CONT	Dennis de Jong (GUE Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 5/2016 on "Has the Commission ensured effective implementation of the Services Directive?" Responsible: CONT	Ali Nedzhmi (ALDE Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 6/2016 on "Eradication, control and monitoring programmes to contain animal diseases" Responsible: CONT	Tomáš Zdechovsky (EPP Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 7/2016 on "The European External Action Service's management of its building around the world" Responsible: CONT	Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report
Special Report No 9/2016 on "EU external migration spending in Southern Mediterranean and Eastern Neighbourhood countries until 2014" Responsible: CONT	Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP Group) & Iris Hoffman (S&D Group) were appointed as rapporteurs for this report
Special Report No 12/2016 on "Agencies' use of grants: not always appropriate or demonstrably effective" Responsible: CONT	GUE Group is responsible and invited to appoint a rapporteur for this report

Subject	Description/remarks
Other procedures	
Main	
<p>Consultation of the European Parliament on the appointment of the following candidate as a member of the Court of Auditors:</p> <p>Mr Rimantas ŠADŽIUS as Lithuanian member</p>	<p>Bart Staes (Greens Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report</p>
<p>Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF) COM(2016)0113</p> <p>Responsible: CONT</p> <p>Opinion: JURI</p>	<p>Ingeborg Gräble (EPP Group) was appointed as rapporteur for this report</p>
Documents received for information	
<p>Opinion No 1/2016 of the European Court of Auditors concerning a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF)</p>	<p>This document could be taken into consideration in the framework of the report on Proposal for a Regulation as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF) COM(2016)0113 (see above)</p>
<p>Council's conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2017</p>	<p>This document could be taken into consideration in the framework of the opinion on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 for which Martina Dlabajová (ALDE Group) was appointed as rapporteur</p>
<p>Letter from the Council of the EU concerning the withdrawal of the candidature of the Maltese candidate, Mr Anthony Abela for membership of European Court of Auditors</p>	<p>This document could be taken into consideration in the framework of the report on the nomination of Anthony Abela as a Member of the Court of Auditors for which Igor Šoltes (Greens Group) was appointed as rapporteur (<i>see item D of the Coordinators' note</i>)</p>

Subject	Description/remarks
Council Decision appointing five members of the Court of Auditors	This document could be taken into consideration in the framework of the report on the nomination of the SK, LV, CZ, PL and SL Members of the Court of Auditors for which Igor Šoltes and Bart Staes (Greens Group) were appointed as rapporteurs (<i>see item D of the Coordinators' note</i>)
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in the Regulation (EU) no 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016 COM(2016)0159 final	In principle these documents do not require a special follow-up by CONT and are indicated for information.
Commission Staff Working Document on Technical assessment of the experience made with the Anti-Contraband and Anti-Counterfeit Agreement and General Release of 9 July 2004 among Philip Morris International and affiliates, the Union and its Member States - COM(2016)0044 final	
Draft opinion of the Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption of the European Economic and Social Committee on Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Public Procurement rules in connection with the current asylum crisis - COM(2015)0454 final	
Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on information measures relating to the common agricultural policy - COM(2016)0083 final and SWD(2016)0037 final	
Commission Decision of 12.2.2016 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments - C(2016)0769 final together with Annex 2	
Commission Decision of 23.3.2016 amending the Commission Decision C(2016) 769 final of 12 February 2016 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments COM(2016) 1782 final	
Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 182/2011 - COM(2016)0092 final	
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to Article 294(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning the Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement	

Subject	Description/remarks
Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA- COM(2016)0209 final	
Annual Report 2015 of the European Central Bank	
Letter from the Council of the EU on the Application of Bosnia and Herzegovina for accession to the EU	
Letter from the President of the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce concerning the removal of ENISA Organization from Heraklion of Crete	
Information note to the General Secretariat of the European Parliament on the application of the principle of subsidiarity COM(2016)0113 final, COM(2016)0159, COM(2016)0202 final	

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MEETING OF MONDAY 23 MAY 2016

15.00 - 18.30 public meeting

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 public meeting

Room: Altiero Spinelli (3E2)

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The [draft agenda](#) (in EN) was emailed to Members on 10 May 2016 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

The Chairman would like to draw your attention to the following change in the draft agenda:

Item 6 on Annual report of OLAF Supervisory Committee will now take place at 15.00, before item 4 on Partial renewal of Members of the Court of Auditors (hearing of Rimantas Šadžius).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

Languages available

23 May pm	FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, ES, CS, PL, SL, BG, RO
24 May am	FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, ES, CS, PL, SL, LT, RO
24 May pm	FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, ES, CS, HU, PL, SL, BG

Webstreaming

The CONT meeting is webstreamed on the [Europarl web-site](#).

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

Voting cards

The electronic voting system will be used for the votes scheduled on 23 and 24 May and Members are reminded to bring their electronic voting card.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF:

The following minutes are published on the [CONT website](#):

- 16 February 2016,
- 22-23 February 2016,
- 29 February 2016,
- 15 March 2016,
which were emailed to CONT Members on 27 April 2016

- 4 April 2016
- 7 April 2016
- 20-21 April 2016
which were emailed to CONT Members on 18 May 2016

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

Please be aware that the summary of the recommendations concerning the CONT Coordinators' meeting held on 23 February 2016, 7 April 2016 and 20 April 2016 are attached to the corresponding minutes and were endorsed by the Committee by written procedure.

MONDAY 23 MAY 2016

15.00 - 16.00

PUBLIC MEETING

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Presentation of the 2015 Annual Activity Report of OLAF Supervisory Committee

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE



Administrator: Christian Ehlers

The CONT secretariat received from the Supervisory Committee (SC) of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) its 2015 Annual Activity report and also the opinions 1 - 3/2015. They were sent to Members on 21 April 2016.

In 2015, the main focus of the Committee's work was the assessment of OLAF's internal legality check and review function, the management of the duration of investigations and the follow-up given to OLAF's recommendations. The Committee also reviewed the implementation of its own recommendations to OLAF.

The Investigation Policy Priorities for the year 2016 (opinion 2/2015) will traditionally also be on the agenda of the Inter-Institutional OLAF Dialog.

OLAF reacted to these documents in two notes of 12 May which were mailed to Members on 13 May 2016.

The presentation of the Annual Activity Report 2015 will be followed by an exchange of views.

MONDAY 23 MAY 2016

16.00 - 16.45

PUBLIC MEETING

4. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - LT NOMINEE



Hearing of Rimantas Šadžius - Candidate nominated by the Lithuanian authorities

Rapporteur: [Bart Staes](#) (Greens/ALE)
Administrator: Mauro de Oliveira

The Chair reminds the Members to bring their electronic voting card, as there will be an electronic vote at the end of this session.

Background

The Members of the European Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. In accordance with Article 286(2) of the TFEU the Council, after consulting the European Parliament shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

The following candidate has been proposed by Lithuania: **Rimantas Šadžius**

Appointments to the ECA are submitted to Parliament's plenary on the basis of a report from CONT, which takes into account, among others circumstances, Article 286(1) of the TFEU: "the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt."

A. Procedure

According to Rule 121 (1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, "candidates nominated as Members of the Court of Auditors shall be invited to make a statement before the committee responsible and answer questions put by members. The committee shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot."

I. Questionnaires and statements

In preparation for the hearing, the **candidate** has been asked to answer the **questionnaire** prepared by CONT.

II. The hearing

The hearing will take place according to the timetable set out in the draft agenda. The candidate will be invited to make an opening statement (5 minutes) and the remainder of his hearing will be devoted to replies to questions from Members (40 minutes).

III. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft report

Once the hearing has been completed, the committee will hold an evaluation of the candidate and then proceed to vote on the appointment of the candidate in question. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft report **will be in camera**. In accordance with Rule 181 the vote may be carried out by means of the electronic voting system.

According to Rule 121, the committee shall vote by secret ballot. Members should indicate for each candidate whether they give a favourable opinion, a negative opinion or abstain.

In accordance with Rule 182 (4), between two and eight Members shall be chosen by lot to count the votes cast unless an electronic vote is taken. The discussion and vote in plenary is scheduled to take place in the June session.

B. The report

The format of opinions on candidates for membership of the Court of Auditors is defined as follows⁴:

- a) each recommendation on each nomination shall be submitted in the form of a report, to be adopted on the basis of a majority of the votes cast, with the report merely indicating the nomination;
- b) the report shall consist of:
 - i. citations summarising the circumstances of the referral to Parliament;
 - ii. recitals outlining the procedure to the competent committee;
 - iii. operative text which may only consist of a favourable opinion or an unfavourable opinion;
- c) citations and recitals shall not be put to the vote;"

⁴ Parliament's resolution of 4 February 2014

These strict rules on procedures, before the Committee on Budgetary Control and in plenary sitting, adopted by Parliament **do not allow any amendments** to be tabled to the draft report.

The draft report will be finalised, according to the outcome of the evaluation and the vote in committee. The candidate's curriculum vitae and the answers to CONT questionnaire shall be annexed to the report.

The [draft report](#) in EN was emailed to Members on 27 of April 2016.

The report for plenary will state that Parliament delivers either a favourable or a negative opinion on the appointment of the candidate.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	JUNE I

MONDAY 23 MAY 2016

16.45 - 17.00

IN CAMERA

5. EVALUATION, VOTES AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT REPORT

MONDAY 23 MAY 2016

17.00 - 18.30

PUBLIC MEETING

7. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 5/2016 (2015 DISCHARGE): "HAS THE COMMISSION ENSURED EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SERVICES DIRECTIVE?"



Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Neven Mates, and consideration of a working document

Rapporteur: [Nedzhmi Ali](#) (ALDE)
Administrator: Tereza Pinto de Rezende

The Service Directive was adopted in 2006 with the aim of reducing legal and administrative barriers to both providers and recipients of services, in order to make it easier for businesses and consumers to provide or use services in the Single Market. For that purpose, Member States (MS) should transpose the Directive into national legislation by 2009, which most of the MS did not do, and should also increase transparency and simplify administrative procedures.

The Court's audit focused on the actions that the European Commission had taken to support the MS in addition to an examination of the enforcement measures which should resolve the issues of non-compliance that restrict the proper functioning of the single market for services. According to the Court, the Commission monitored progress and provided support to help implement the Directive during and after transposition by organising the mutual evaluation process as well as providing

guidance during regular thematic expert group meetings. However, the Commission did not sufficiently follow up on the existing obstacles identified in mutual evaluations and performance checks in targeted sectors, and showed reluctance to challenge the justification of 'proportionality' used by some MS to maintain non-compliant requirements. In addition, also according to the Court, the Commission has been only partially effective in ensuring the implementation of the Directive, showing some reluctance to pursue legal proceedings, in part due to the length of the judicial procedure but also due to a lack of strength in the legislation.

Amongst its recommendations, the Court in particular asks the Commission to be bolder in enforcing the Directive by:

- a) following-up results from exercises such as the mutual evaluation and performance checks to resolve non-compliance; and, along with MS, addressing the most economically significant issues;
- b) starting EU Pilot cases as soon as possible when an issue is identified and share the information on resolutions;
- c) reducing the length of infringement procedures as much as possible;
- d) referring important issues on non-implementation and incorrect application to the Court of Justice;

The Commission should draft guidance for transposition and issue it as soon as possible after adoption. It should also ensure that the issue of data needed for assessing the impact of new legislation is addressed early in the legislative procedure;

Member States should respect the Points of Single Contact (PSC) Charter by, for example, making information available in multiple languages and enabling completion of all administrative steps necessary for provision of services across borders;

The legislator should introduce a standstill period for the notification of draft requirements and ensure that they are published on a publicly available website to allow better access and timely scrutiny.

Finally, among other, the Court considers that the revision of the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation should extend the scope to include Article 20 of the Services Directive (article on non-discrimination).

The Commission agreed with the Court's recommendations except the sharing of information on EU Pilot cases as it considers it breaks the Commission's confidentiality relationship with the MS.

The Rapporteur welcomed the Court's report and endorsed its recommendations. He considers that more sectors should be included in the scope of the Directive in order to ensure the EU's full potential for growth, competitiveness and jobs. The Commission should develop a study to estimate the output gains of the Directive. At the same time the Rapporteur criticizes the Commission for not having invested in a communication strategy to raise awareness of business and consumer to some of the Directive tools, as the Points of Single Contact, the Internal Market Information System and the European Consumer Centres. The Rapporteur considers that Member States could have made better use of the Commission's support to implementation and enforcement and invests more in sharing problems and exchanging best practices.

The IMCO committee was invited to the presentation and have invited the Court to present this SR at their meeting of 30th May.

The Rapporteur's working document (EN) is available on the [CONT website](#).

The Rapporteur's conclusions will form part of the Commission's discharge report for the financial year 2015. Amendments may be tabled in this context.

8. TOWARDS A DEFINITIVE VAT SYSTEM AND FIGHTING VAT FRAUD

Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Nedzhmi Ali](#) (ALDE)
Administrator: Olivier Sautière



In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur, Mr Ali welcomes the new VAT action plan as an important initiative to concur with the implementation of the political priority 'A deeper and fairer internal market' through the EU Digital Single Market Strategy and the Single EU VAT Area while including further steps forward towards a more sustainable and fraud-proof definitive VAT tax system.

He also believes that enhanced cooperation efforts between the Member States is urgently needed to set up integrated strategies to cope with intra-EU VAT evasion and fraud mechanisms and to manage cross-border transactions, particularly with the increase in e-commerce, which has weakened territorial control over VAT collection. Likewise, the Rapporteur points out that effective action to reduce the VAT gap is required via a concerted and multidisciplinary taking account of the combination of other factors than fraud such as bankruptcy, statistical errors or tax evasion and tax avoidance.

Furthermore, he highlights the need to set up a common system to refine the estimation of the size of intra-EU VAT fraud and to have reliable data on VAT carousel fraud while stressing the need to speed up exchanges of information through Eurofisc and the reliability of the VAT Information Exchange System (VIES).

Finally, the Rapporteur reiterates Parliament's stance on the urgent need to adopt the PIF Directive and the EPPO Regulation, with VAT included in their scope and encourages the Commission and the Member States to be more active at international level and to strengthen cooperation with non-EU countries.

The draft opinion is available on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	30/05/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	27/06/2016
Adoption in ECON	ECON	13/07/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	SEPTEMBER

9. CONT MISSION TO GERMANY (3 TO 5 NOVEMBER 2015)

Presentation of the Report on CONT mission to Germany



Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Christian Ehlers

From 3 to 5 November 2015 a CONT delegation paid a visit to Berlin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Hamburg. The political objectives were twofold: to discuss the calculation collection and management of own resources, and to follow-up on structural funds' programmes under reservations. The delegation arrived at the following conclusions and recommendations:

Conclusions

- ☐ The effectiveness of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control political efforts can be further increased if it stays in regular contact with its national counterparts.
- ☐ The current own-resource system is complex and would benefit from simplification.
- ☐ The CONT delegation fully supported the findings in the Special Report 11/2013 on Gross National Income (GNI) data issued by the European Court of Auditors (ECA).
- ☐ The German "VAT gap" (the difference between the theoretical tax liability according to the tax law and the actual revenue collected) is estimated at 11,2 % in 2013; the percentage amounts to EUR 24,873 million.

- ☐ Financial engineering instruments are an attractive source of finance in a competitive business environment
- ☐ European legislation in the area of structural funds is often considered to be too complex and unclear.
- ☐ Cooperation between different national and European bodies working on security risk analysis in trade has proven very important

Recommendations

- ☐ National parliaments should be encouraged to support national declarations for the implementation of European funds with the view to establishing a single audit chain.
- ☐ National parliaments should support the European Parliament's endeavour to hold the Council to account.
- ☐ A more accountable, transparent, simple financing system of the EU budget needs to be established.
- ☐ The CONT delegation reiterated its demands on GNI data as voted in the 2013 Commission discharge resolution.
- ☐ Member States should increase their administrative cooperation in EUROFISC
- ☐ The use of Intermediate Bodies (IB) and multitude of different instruments should be avoided as they increase the risk of error.
- ☐ Management Authorities (MAs) and Audit Authorities (AAs) should be asked for concrete proposals which legal provisions should be simplified (Done by letter from the Chair to the respective MAs and AAs).
- ☐ OLAF should strengthen its coordinating role in the cooperation between different national and European bodies working on security risk analysis in trade

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

09.00 - 11.30

PUBLIC MEETING

***** ELECTRONIC VOTING *****

10. AMENDING REGULATION (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, AS REGARDS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF)"



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Christian Ehlers

On this occasion the committee will vote on the draft report in a single vote.

Members will also be asked to vote in favour of a negotiating mandate and team. The mandate would be the adopted report and the negotiating team could be composed by the rapporteur and the shadow rapporteurs for this file (please see Rule 73 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure).

A negotiation with the other Institutions (trilogue) could become necessary as according to unofficial information received, the Council might wish to modify some wording in the Commission proposal.

Should a trilogue be organised, the outcome of the latter will be submitted to CONT for approval.

It is recalled that the Chair had indicated in April that she strives for a political settlement of the proposal under the Dutch Presidency.

11. PROTOCOL TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT TRADE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THE WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL, IN SO FAR AS THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL WHICH FALL UNDER TITLE V OF PART III OF THE TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ARE CONCERNED



Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Philippe Godts
Main Committee: LIBE

In her draft opinion, the Rapporteur welcomes the Council proposal for the conclusion on behalf of the EU of the protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products and evaluates the functioning of the tobacco agreements with the "big four" companies. She believes that there is a need for a general track- and trace system, due diligence ("know your customer") and other efficient measures to be applied to raw cut tobacco, filters and papers used by the tobacco industry as an additional tool to combat contraband and counterfeit products.

13 amendments were tabled to the opinion. The English version of the amendments was circulated to CONT Members on 13 May 2016. All the linguistic versions are available on [CONT website](#).

The voting list will be circulated on 19 May 2016.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in CONT	CONT	24/05/2016
Adoption in LIBE	LIBE	30/05/2016

*** END OF ELECTRONIC VOTING ***

12. PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGETING



Exchange of view with Nadia Calviño, Director-General for Budget of the European Commission

- BUDG Committee Members have been invited to this exchange of views as well as Members of specialised committees responsible for the management of EU funds

Administrator: Philippe Godts

In the resolution accompanying the decision to grant discharge to the Commission for 2014 adopted on 28 April 2016 (Rapporteur Martina Dlabajova), the Parliament "welcomes the establishment of the inter-institutional working group on performance based budgeting that has only recently started its work and encourages all parties involved to accelerate its work while ensuring that a high quality set of indicators is agreed".

The first expert meeting on performance based budgeting took place on 22 April in the premises of the European Commission chaired by the Director General, Ms Nadia Calviño. At this occasion, the general principles of the performance based budgeting and the performance framework of the EU Budget were discussed. Among other, the Commission proposed that the next expert meeting could focus on performance indicators.

The resolution accompanying the decision granting discharge to the Commission for the financial year 2014 deepens the "performance dimension" of the discharge (points 16 to 40 of Ms Dlavajová' report : "getting results from the budget"). The resolution underlines that EU funding must efficiently achieve its aims, projects should be aligned with EU policies and better synergies should be achieved among all available resources and political objectives. Among other, the Parliament:

- recalls that in its resolutions accompanying the discharge decisions for the last 4 financial exercises (since 2013), the Parliament asked the Commission to focus the TFEU Article 318 report on the implementation of the EU ten years growth and jobs strategy and its real performance and results;
- points out that the introduction of common performance indicators for each fund would be an important step forward;
- takes note of inherent weaknesses in the performance framework of the common provisions regulation on ESIFs, for instance the limited role of the performance reserve;
- asks the Commission to include in the next evaluation report provided for in Article 318 TFEU an analysis of the efficiency, the effectiveness and the results achieved by the "Juncker investment plan" (EUR 315 billion)
- asks that partnership agreements and programmes translate the Union level objectives into thematic objectives that can be linked to operational objectives at the level of the Member States or in the programmes directly managed by the Commission,
- asks that Member States should include in their partnership agreements and programmes a statement about the quantifiable results that the funding are intends to achieve, and
- that all partnership agreements and programmes should include common results indicators where possible shared by different funds, designed to monitor progress at Member States and Union level.

At this CONT meeting, Members will hold an exchange of views with Ms Nadia Calviño on the Commission's "Budget Focused on Results" initiative, aiming at enhancing the effectiveness of EU budgetary spending.

13. PRESENTATION OF ECA SPECIAL REPORT 1/2016 (2015 DISCHARGE) ON "IS THE COMMISSION'S SYSTEM FOR PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT IN RELATION TO FARMERS' INCOMES WELL DESIGNED AND BASED ON SOUND DATA?"



Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Rasa Budbergytė, and consideration of a working document

Rapporteur: [Claudia Schmidt](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Philippe Godts

The aim of the Court's audit was mainly to examine the Commission's tools for measuring farmers' incomes and its use of income-related data for assessing the performance of CAP measures aimed at viable food production and supporting the income of farmers. The overall audit question was whether 'the Commission's system for measuring the performance of the CAP in relation to farmers' incomes well designed and based on sound data?'

More specifically, the audit aimed to answer the following questions:

- Has the Commission clearly established what statistical data are needed for the effective performance assessment of CAP measures in support of farmers' incomes?
- Did the Commission and Member States ensure that the data used for the measurements of farmers' incomes are of appropriate quality?

- Did the Commission define relevant indicators allowing for the effective performance assessment of CAP measures in support of farmers' incomes?

The Court concludes that the Commission's system for measuring the performance of the CAP in relation to farmers' incomes is not sufficiently well designed and the quality and quantity of statistical data used to analyse farmers' incomes have significant limitations.

The Rapporteur endorses the main recommendations of the Court and in particular requests that:

- The Commission develops a more comprehensive statistical framework to provide information on the disposable income of farm households and to better capture the standard of living of farmers. For this purpose the Commission should, in cooperation with the Member States and based on a common methodology, consider how best to develop and combine existing EU statistical instruments;
- the Commission improves the framework for the comparison of farmers' incomes with incomes in other sectors of the economy.

The English version of the working document had been circulated on 17 May 2016 and is available on the [CONT website](#).

The Rapporteur's conclusions will form part of the Commission's discharge report for the financial year 2015.

Amendments may be tabled in this context.

14. PRESENTATION OF ECA SPECIAL REPORT 23/2015 ON "WATER QUALITY IN THE DANUBE RIVER BASIN: PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE BUT STILL SOME WAY TO GO"



Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, George Pufan, and consideration of a working document

Rapporteur: [Tamas Deutsch](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Hrvoje Svetic

Making available a sufficient quantity of good quality water for people's needs and for the environment is the main aim of the EU water policy. The water framework directive (WFD) harmonised the previously existing EU legislation in the field of water policy. As water pollution originates from various sources such as households, industrial installations and agriculture, the WFD introduced the river basin management plan as a key implementation tool of the policy.

The Danube river basin is Europe's largest river basin, touches 19 different countries and is vulnerable to water pollution coming from various sources. The main funding sources supporting the water policy from the EU budget are the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund, as well as the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). The bulk of the funding allocated in the 2007-2013 programme period from the ERDF and the Cohesion fund went to infrastructure projects in the field of waste water, and amounted to EUR 6.35 billion for nine Member states in the Danube river basin. The ERDF, with EUR 6.39 billion under the 2007-2013 period, has a number of measures in the rural development programmes which can have either a direct or an indirect impact on water quality, such as compensating farmers taking up agri environmental commitments.

The Court's audit assessed whether the implementation of the WFD by the Member States led to an improvement of the water quality. It focused on surface water quality in four Member States of the Danube river basin: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, and covered the pollution

from agglomerations, industrial installations and agriculture as the three main aspects.

Measures identified in the river basin management plans, according to the Court's findings, are not sufficient to adequately address pollution sources. Moreover, the 2009 river basin management plans of the four Member States generally lacked information on the achievements to be expected from the implementation of the 'basic measures' (measures required to implement EU Directives) and the resulting need for additional measures to achieve good status.

The Court arrived at the conclusion that the four Member States have to make significant improvements if they are to achieve good surface water quality, the main objective of the WFD, as well as that these Member States will have to step up their efforts to accelerate progress on water quality. Shortcomings in the monitoring systems of the four Member States resulted in a lack of data both on the type of pollution causing a water body to fail good status as well as on the relative importance of the various pollution sources. Comparability of data was also affected by the fact that there were big differences among the four Member States regarding the number of specific physico-chemical pollutants evaluated. The lack of comprehensive data hampers the identification of targeted and cost-effective measures.

The Court noted the progress made by the Member States in removing organic and nutrient pollution from waste waters emitted by urban waste water treatment plants. However, the instruments available to reduce pollution in waste waters, such as the enforcement mechanism and the water pollution charge, were not used to best effect.

The Court concluded that the competent authorities are to a certain extent dependent on the information provided by the dischargers themselves for setting emission limits. This is particularly the case where national

legal provisions either set limits for guidance only or did not set limits at all. Moreover, the waste water discharge permits of urban waste water treatment plants receiving industrial waste water only in some cases include limits for pollutants other than organic material and nutrients.

The Rapporteur welcomed the Court's Special Report and in particular stressed that the guidelines for a more differentiated reporting on progress with regard to water quality should be provided. He agrees with the Court that the Commission should foster comparability of data between countries, and notes that the Commission should continue its follow-up of Member States' progress in reaching good water quality. The Rapporteur invited the Member States to assess the potential of using the water pollution charge as an economic instrument and as a way to apply the 'polluter pays' principle at least for the main substances which negatively affect water quality. Finally, he invites the Commission and the Member States to identify ways for simplifying the set-up and implementation of the checks for ensuring their effectiveness, on the basis of an inventory of the enforcement of both EU and national mechanisms.

The Rapporteur's working document is available on the [CONT website](#).

The Rapporteur's conclusions will form part of the Commission's discharge report for the financial year 2015.

Amendments may be tabled in this context.

15. BUDGETARY CAPACITY FOR THE EUROZONE - CONSEQUENCES FOR THE EU BUDGET, COMPLEMENTARITIES AND PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL



Consideration of draft opinion

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Main Committee: ECON & BUDG

In a single market, a common currency implies benefits such as lower

transaction costs, better price transparency and absence of foreign-exchange risk. If strong enough, it can reduce the exposure of the area to the monetary policies of other major economic powers. On the other hand, a common currency eliminates well-tried policy options for counterbalancing asymmetric shocks such as exchange rate fluctuation. Giving up autonomy over monetary policy therefore requires alternative adjustment mechanisms for asymmetric macroeconomic shocks.

In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur notes that the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) lacks appropriate adjustment mechanisms to absorb asymmetric shocks, which became apparent in the ongoing financial, economic and sovereign debt crisis. The coordination of national economic policies and the over-reliance on the corrective force of the markets have proven insufficient to prevent excess indebtedness of Member States.

The Rapporteur considers that a common currency cannot rely on controlling the money supply only through a central bank, as proven by the crisis, and without more fiscal, economic and political integration. In addition, he is concerned that the instruments developed in recent years to tackle the crisis are of intergovernmental nature, are not integrated in the Community acquis, and lack the democratic oversight and accountability to the Parliament.

The Rapporteur stressed that the budgetary and fiscal capacity should be established as a part of the Union budget, outside the MFF and implemented by the Commission, within the Union framework. As democratic scrutiny, transparency and accountability to the Union citizens through existing institutions should be ensured for such capacity, the Rapporteur emphasised that it should comply to the discharge procedure as stipulated in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The English version of the [draft opinion](#) has been circulated to CONT Members on 18 May 2016.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	31/05/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	13/07/2016
Adoption in ECON & BUDG	ECON & BUDG	05/09/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER I

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

11.30 - 12.30

IN CAMERA

16. COORDINATOR'S MEETING



Meeting held in camera

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

15.00 - 18.30

PUBLIC MEETING

17. HEARING ON "PROTECTION OF THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE EU: THE ROLE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, WATCHDOG NGOs AND MULTI-MEDIA ACTIONS"



Co-Rapporteurs: [Benedek Jávör](#) (Greens/ALE) and [Inés Ayala Sender](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Philippe Godts

The purpose of the hearing is to enable a thorough discussion, at the European Parliament level, on the role played or to be played by the investigative journalism, the watchdog NGOs and the multimedia in the fight against fraud and corruption.

CONT committee will pay special attention to the situation of the journalists and NGOs in the Member States and to the financing structure and the editorial mission of the European multimedia financed by the EU budget.

This hearing is also an opportunity to talk on the current status of the investigative journalism since the publishing of the CONT commissioned report "Deterrence of fraud through investigative reporting within EU-27" on 13 September 2012.

The hearing will start with the opening remarks by Chair Gräßle, followed by an introduction by the Co-Rapporteurs Ines Ayala Sender and Benedek Javor.

Ten participants are invited to present their views on these issues in the following three panels:

First panel: 'The role and situation of investigative journalism in the Member States: Journalists' views on corruption'

- Ms Brigitte Alfter, Editor Europe, Journalismfund.eu, "General presentation",
- Mr Tamás Bodoky, Editor-in-chief, Atlatzo.hu and Mr Petr Holub, Journalist, Echo24.cz: state of play in specific Member States,
- Ms Daniela Schröder, Independent writer and editor, the use of EBRD Funds in the Balkans.

Second panel: 'The role of the watchdog NGOs'

- Mr Carl Dolan, Director, Transparency International -EU Office,
- Mr Martin Pigeon, Researcher and campaigner, Corporate European Observatory,
- Mr Jos Dings, Executive Director, Transport and Environment.

Third panel: 'The role of multimedia actions: financing structure and editorial mission'

- Roberto Viola, Director-General, DG CONNECT, European Commission, (tbc)
- Michael Peters, Chief Executive Officer, Euronews.
- Erlends Calabuig, Chief Executive Officer, Euranet Plus.

The closing remarks will be made by the co-Rapporteurs.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19. NEXT MEETINGS

NEXT MEETINGS

- 13 June 2016, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 14 June 2016, 09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 to 18.30 (Brussels)
- 27 June 2016, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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