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MINUTES
Meeting of 18 June 2012, from 15.00 to 18.30,
and 19 June 2012, from 09.00 to 12.30 (postponed)
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.05 on Monday 18 June 2012, with Michael Theurer (Chair) in the chair.

1. Coordinators' meeting

The summary of the Coordinators' recommendations, as sent to the Members of CONT Committee on 27 June 2012, is annexed to these minutes. No objections having been raised by the deadline of 29 June 2012 the Coordinators' recommendations are considered to be endorsed by the Committee.

2. Adoption of agenda CONT_OJ 491179v01-00

The agenda was adopted. The points were discussed in the order as appearing in these minutes.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that agenda point 7. Hearing on "The Impact of the Commission Task Force on the Reform Process in Greece" was postponed and that no meeting would take place on 19 June 2012.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chairman drew attention to the announcements in CONT News.

4. CONT delegation to Ignalina Nuclear Power Station in Lithuania (10, 11 and 12 July 2012)
CONT/7/08061

Head of the delegation: Michael Theurer (ALDE)

- Exchange of views on the preparation of the delegation

The following spoke: Szabolsc Fazakas (Court of Auditors), Peter Faross (Commission), Jens Geier

5. Support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
CONT/7/07534
***I 2011/0282(COD) COM(2011)0627 – C7-0340/2011

Rapporteur for the opinion:	Tamás Deutsch (PPE)	PA – PE489.357v02-00 AM – PE489.356v01-00
Responsible:	AGRI – Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos (S&D)	PR – PE474.053v01-00

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **10 July 2012, 12.00**

The following spoke: Tamás Deutsch, Rüdolf Mögele (Commission), Cătălin Sorin Ivan

6. Financing, management and monitoring of the CAP
CONT/7/07541
***I 2011/0288(COD) COM(2011)0628 – C7-0341/2011

Rapporteur for the opinion:	Iliana Ivanova (PPE)	PA – PE489.355v01-00
Responsible:	AGRI – Giovanni La Via (PPE)	PR – PE483.834v01-00

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **10 July 2012, 12.00**

The following spoke: Iliana Ivanova, Rüdolf Mögele (Commission)

7. Other business

None

8. Next meeting(s)

- 9 July 2012, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 10 July 2012, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 17.48.

ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/ ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/ LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRS/DALYVIŲ SĄRAŠAS/JELENLÉTI ÍV/ REĠISTRU TA' ATTENDENZA/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA OBECNOŚCI/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LISTĂ DE PREZENȚĂ/ PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA

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European Court of Auditors	Szabolsc Fazakas, Michel Cretin

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- The Secretariat -

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday 18 June 2012
Paul-Henri Spaak (1A002)
Brussels

Summary of recommendations

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Exchange of view with Giovanni Kessler, Director General of OLAF concerning the Czech corruption case involving David Rath

Mr. Giovanni Kessler, Director General of OLAF briefed the Coordinators about the alleged Czech fraud case involving David Rath in particular with regard to European funds. Mr Kessler will keep CONT committee informed on this case.

B. Postponement of CONT hearing on "The Impact of the Commission Task Force on the reform process in Greece"

The Coordinators decided to postpone the hearing, as requested by the EP President and political groups.

They also decided to propose ECON Committee to organize as soon as possible a common hearing about "the implementation of financial assistance coming from EU budget in Greece".

C. CONT hearing on "The European Commission as administrative authority: accountability and implementation of the EU budget over the last 10 years"

After an exchange of views, the Coordinators decided to maintain the hearing. They also

decided to change the subtitle. Then, the title of the hearing would become: "The European Commission as administrative authority: accountability and implementation of the EU budget over the last 10 years".

JURI Members would also be invited to participate at this hearing if they wish so.

D. Outcome of the Financial Regulation trialogue of 12.06.2012

The Coordinators took note of the outcome of the Financial Regulation Trilogue of 12 June 2012.

E. Protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products to the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)

The Coordinators agreed to invite Mr. Kessler to participate in a future meeting in order to inform CONT Members on this subject (possible date: 17 September, to be confirmed).

F. Workshop on the legal position of the European Parliament with regard to Council discharge

The Coordinators took note of the date of 27 September 2012 a.m. for the workshop.

G. Decision on procedures and appointments of rapporteurs

1. Decisions on referrals since the last meeting *(Annex I)*

⇒ The Coordinators took the decisions appearing in Annex I to this Summary.

2. Special Reports by the Court of Auditors

⇒ Special Report N° 10/2012 - The effectiveness of staff development in the European Commission - ECA Member responsible: M. Galea - Publication planned by the Court for the end of July. This Special Report falls under *Sector 5 - Administrative expenditure of the EU institutions, including building policy and human resources* - for which the ***Ingeborg Gräßle*** was appointed as rapporteur.

⇒ Special Report - Direct aid to animal sector - ECA Member reponsible: M. Cretin - Publication planned by the Court in September. This Special Report falls under *Sector 17 - Common Agricultural Policy - Other direct aid* - for which the ***ALDE Group*** is responsible and invited to appoint a rapporteur.

⇒ Special Report - Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics? - ECA Member responsible: M. Galea - Publication planned by the Court in September.

Given that this Special Report falls under *Sector 5 - Administrative expenditure of the EU institutions, including building policy and human resources*, for which the ***EPP Group*** is responsible, as well as under *Sector 8 - Own resources*

including: customs duties, agricultural levies, collection costs, VAT revenue, GNP revenue, transit system, for which the ***Green Group*** is responsible, both groups are invited to decide to which one this Special Report will be attributed and to appoint a rapporteur.

⇒ Special Report - European Union Development Assistance for Drinking-Water Supply and Basic Sanitation in Sub-Saharan Countries - ECA Member responsible: M. Bostock - Publication planned by the Court in October. This Special Report falls under *Sector 38 - Development aid (EDF) and relations with ACP*, for which the ***Green Group*** is responsible and invited to appoint a rapporteur.

⇒ Special Report - Conflicts of interests in EU Agencies - ECA Member responsible: M. Ludborzs - Publication planned by the Court in September. This Special Report falls under *Sector 11 - Horizontal questions regarding agencies*, for which the ***S&D Group*** is responsible and invited to appoint a rapporteur.

3. CONT INI Report on Integrated Internal Control Framework - Proposal from ECR Group

The Coordinators approved the proposal from the ECR Group for an initiative report to evaluate the successes and failures of the progress towards establishing an Integrated Internal Control Framework and to identify areas where fresh impetus needs to be given.

H. Special Report by the Court of Auditors on Agencies

The Coordinators decided to write to President Caldeira with a request to issue the Special Report on the benchmarking of the EU Agencies.

I. Follow-up of the CONT delegation to Haïti

The Coordinators decided to postpone this item to the next Coordinators' meeting on 5 July.

J. 2011 discharge: draft timetable *(Annexes II & III)*

The Coordinators endorsed the draft timetable. The Chairman asked to see whether the plenary vote can be held in Strasbourg instead of Brussels as initially foreseen. This question will be addressed by the Secretariat and Coordinators will be informed as soon as possible.

K. CONT delegation to Rotterdam and Antwerp - 19 and 20 September 2012 *(Annexes IV & V)*

The Coordinators endorsed the draft program of the delegation and the letter to be sent to President Schulz in the version sent by email on 19 of June.

L. CONT hearing on "European Commission's Anti-corruption package in the framework of EU's efforts towards fighting fraud and corruption and achieving more transparency - Role of the European Parliament"

The Coordinators decided to postpone this item to the next Coordinators' meeting on 5 July.

M. Delegation to Lithuania

The Coordinators accepted that Laima Andrikiene MEP takes part to the Delegation (outside the quota) for the visit of Lithuania Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant on 10-12 July, 2012, and that she participates in all preparatory meetings as well.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

N. New rules for booking meeting rooms with interpretation

The Coordinators took note that of the introduction of a new system of booking meeting rooms with DG interpretation.

O. E-meeting, towards a paperless Parliament

The Coordinators took note that in the context of the future ITEC developments by European Parliament in order to save paper at the Committee and Delegation meetings, a new application has been introduced and will be applied in 2014, at the next EP legislature.

In a nutshell, this application, called **E-Meeting**, replaces the printed dossier distributed to all attendees during the Committee and Delegation meetings. The user will access the electronic dossier of the meeting which will contain all documents in all language versions. Moreover the user will have the possibility to edit the documents or to comment on them. The application has currently been developed for the IPad, but it is possible that future versions will be compatible with other tablets.

Given that several Members of CONT Committee either already have the application or have asked for it, the Secretariat has decided to participate in the testing of the application.

P. Any other document received for information

The Coordinators took note of the following document:

⇒ Letter from the Commissioner Viviane Reding to Carlo Casini concerning the European television network project (Euronews)

Q. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

The Coordinators took note that the Secretariat has booked a room for an extraordinary Coordinators' meeting at Strasbourg, before the summer break.
This meeting will take place:

⇒ in **Strasbourg** on **Thursday 5 July 2012 am** (exact timing to be confirmed)

ANNEX I

ANNEX TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

Coordinators' meeting

Monday 18 June,
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (1A002)

Brussels

RESULTS OF THE COORDINATORS' MEETING AS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Documents to be taken into consideration in the 2011 discharge

1.1. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on EAGF expenditure. Early Warning System No 1-3/2012, COM(2012)220

1.2. 2011 amending budgets N°1 and N°2 Administrative budget of the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation

⇒ ***1.1 to 1.2. - These documents relate to the 2011 discharge to the Commission.***
Rapporteur: Jens Geier
Administrator: Christoph Nerlich

1.3. Annual Activity Report 2011 and governing board's Assessment and Analysis of the Authorising officer's Annual Activity Report - European Agency for Safety and health at work

1.4. Europol Annual Internal Audit Report 2011

1.5. Corrected version of Cedefop's Multi Annual Staff Policy Plan 2013-2015

⇒ ***1.3 to 1.5. - These documents relate to the 2011 discharge to the Agencies***
Rapporteur: Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy
Administrator: Rudolfs Verdins

2. 2011 discharge : ECA special reports

2.1. Special Report No 6/2012 on "European Union Assistance to the Turkish Cypriot Community"

Responsible: CONT S&D
Opinion: REGI, TRAN

⇒ ***Rapporteur: Ivailo Kalfin***

2.2. Special Report No 8/2012 on "Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings"

Responsible: CONT S&D
Opinion:

⇒ ***Rapporteur: Zuzana Brzobohatá***

3. Documents received for information

3.1. Commission working document on the implementation of the health programme in 2010, SWD(2012)0142

3.2. Opinions of the European Economic Social Committee adopted at the plenary session held on 28 March 2012

3.3. Opinions of the European Economic Social Committee adopted at the plenary session held on 25-26 April 2012

⇒ ***3.1 to 3.3- No follow up***

ANNEX II

DRAFT TIMETABLE

for the discharge procedure for the financial year 2011

at June 2012

2012	
Commissioner ***Algirdas Semeta*** - Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud, Presentation of the follow-up report for the 2010 discharge, the synthesis report and the internal auditor report (86.4)	15 October pm (Bxl)
Presentation of ECA Annual Report before CONT by ***Vítor Caldeira***, President of the European Court of Auditors in the presence of Commissioner ***Algirdas Semeta*** - Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud, *(On 6/11/2012 the Annual Report will only be available in EN, FR, DE. On 15/11/2012 other language versions will be available)*	6 November am (Bxl)
Presentation of ECA Annual Report before the Plenary	19-22 November (Str)
Hearings with Commissioners Commissioners (tbd) *Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 13/11/2012 (17:00)1* *Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 15/11/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 23/11/2012 (12:00)*	26 November pm 27 November am 27 November pm
Hearings with Commissioners Commissioners (tbd) *Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 23/11/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 27/11/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 05/12/2012 (12:00)*	6 December am

1 Bearing in mind that a hearing by definition is an oral procedure it is recalled that written questions for written replies, in principle, should be limited to technical and complex issues for which an oral explanation would be too time-consuming.

Hearings with Commissioners Commissioners (tbd) *Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 04/12/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 06/12/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 14/12/2012 (12:00)*	17 December pm 18 December am

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Hearings with Commissioners Commissioners (tbd) *Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 14/12/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 18/12/2012 (17:00)* *Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 09/01/2012 (09:00)*	10 January am
Commissioner ***Algirdas Semeta*** - Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud, Chapters 1 (The Statement of Assurance and supporting information) and [10] (Performance issues) of the Annual Report ***Catherine Day***, Secretary-General of the European Commission, Evaluation Report (318 TFEU) *Deadline for forwarding qs, if any, to rapporteur: 08/01/2013 (17:00)* *Deadline for forwarding qs to Commission: 10/01/2013 (17:00)* *Deadline for receiving replies from the Commission: 18/01/2013 (12:00)*	21 January pm 22 January am
Hearings with the SG of European Parliament and/or agencies, other Institutions	22 January pm 24 January am
Deadline for sending draft reports to translation	
Commission + European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies + EDF *(NB: translations should be requested at the latest on 14 February am)*	29 January am
Discussion of draft reports in committee	
Commission + EDF *(+ Presentation Council' Recommendations)*	18 February pm
European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies	19 February
Deadline for amendments	
Commission + European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies + EDF *(NB: translations should be requested at the latest on 13 March pm)*	26 February (at 12.00)

Adoption in committee	
Commission + EDF	18 March pm
European Parliament + Other Institutions + Agencies	19 March
Fallback meeting in case of problems with adoption or vote	25 March pm
Deadline for tabling discharge reports	xx April
Adoption in plenary (Brussels)	May 20131

ANNEX III

2011 DISCHARGE

Practical arrangements for the questioning of Commissioners in the 2011 discharge procedure

Timetable

- As attached

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 6 working days before the hearing. Written answers will be provided by the Commission to the committee 24 hours 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 Friday at noon. Both questions and answers will be in English as much as possible.

Duration of the hearing

- Approximately 60 minutes per Commissioner.

1 Article 145 of the Financial Regulation: **"The European Parliament**, **upon a recommendation from the Council acting by a qualified majority, shall, before 15 May of year n+2 give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for year n".**

Seating arrangements

- The Commissioner and 1 aide will sit on the podium, together with the Member of the Court. Alternatively, the Commissioner and his or her services and cabinet (max. 10) may sit in the body of the room.

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.

After the hearing

- Treatment of confidential documents: Annex II of the Framework Agreement applies.
- Supplementary documents asked for during the hearing, should be provided to the rapporteur within five working days, when possible.

After the hearing

- These practical arrangements for the conduct of the hearings have no influence on possible informal meetings between the rapporteur and Commissioners'/Commission staff.

ANNEX IV

Brussels, 26 June 2012

Fact-finding delegation of the Budgetary Control Committee to Rotterdam and Antwerp, 19-20 September 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Members of the delegation:

1. Petri Sarvamaa - EPP
2. Paul Rübig - EPP
3. Iliana Ivanova - EPP
4. Ingeborg Grässle - EPP
5. Georgios Stavrakakis - S&D
6. Zuzana Brzobohata - S&D
7. Søren Søndergaard - GUE/NGL

Members accompanying the delegation (out of quota)

8. Michael Theurer - ALDE, (CONT Chairman)
9. Bart Staes - Verts/ALE
10. Jan Mulder - ALDE
11. Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy - ALDE
12. Lucas Hartong - NI

Political group advisors

Balazs Szechy - EPP
Maggie Coulthard - S&D
Hendrik Prummel - Verts/ALE
Dominykas Mordas - ALDE

CONT Secretariat

Mauro De Oliveira (AD)
Sylvana Zammit (AST)

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Interpreters
(EN) *TBD*
(NL) *TBD*

Languages covered
EN, NL

Members are informed that, according with article 6 of the Bureau decision on travel of the committee delegations, as amended on 13 March 2012, missions should take place during weeks set aside for external parliamentary activities and missions outside these weeks would only be provided with a limited language regime that may not exceed interpretation into one language. Therefore the only interpretation to be provided for this delegation is into English.

Coordination in Rotterdam *(tbd)*

Coordination in Antwerp *(tbd)*

Accommodation

Hotel suggested in Rotterdam:
Inntel Rotterdam Centre
http://www.inntelhotels.nl/

Transportation

The delegation will have an air-conditioned bus at its disposal from/to Brussels and during the entire duration of the delegation visit.

Company: tbc

Main objectives: The system of (traditional) own resources and the customs control systems, in particular - situation in the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp:

- how and on the basis of what rules they are collected
- how the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls are organized and implemented both by the Ports Authority and the Customs Administrations enforcing Union legislation and regulations.

I. Wednesday 19 September 2012 - Rotterdam

Departure from Brussels (8h30) to Rotterdam by bus.

- Welcome by the Port of Rotterdam Authority (10h30) (tbc).

- Exchange of views with the Port of Rotterdam Authority (Possible follow up of the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls implemented by the Port of Authority).

- Exchange of views with the Customs Administration of the Netherlands (Possible follow up of the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls implemented by the Customs Administration).

Venues: tbc as also as official representatives

Free dinner arrangements

II. Thursday 20 September 2012 - Antwerp

Departure from Rotterdam (8h30) to Antwerp by bus.

- Welcome by the Antwerp Port Authority (10h00) (tbc)

- Exchange of views with the Port of Antwerp Authority (Possible follow up of the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls implemented by the Port of Authority).

- Exchange of views with the Belgian Customs Administration (Possible follow up of the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls implemented by the Customs Administration).

Venues: tbc as also as official representatives

17.00 End of delegation visit and return to Brussels.

Committee on Budgetary Control
The Chairman

ANNEX V

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Mr Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament
Brussels

Dear President,

In accordance with Article 10 of the Bureau decision of 02.10.2000 on "*Travel by committee delegations outside the three places of work of the European Parliament*", I take pleasure in informing you about the CONT delegation to the Port of **Rotterdam and Antwerp** on 19 and 20 of September 2012.

The delegation was included in the list of delegations of committees in 2012 authorised by the Bureau at its meeting of 12 December 2011.

The dates of the delegation were indicated in a letter addressed by the Chair of CONT Committee to the President of the European Parliament of 15 November 2011 (Annex 2).

At the same time, in accordance with the new Article 6 of the aforementioned rules, I would like to ask for authorisation to hold that delegation outside the weeks set aside for external parliamentary activities.

The reason for this request is that the new rules on calendar of missions being in force only recently, our committee is unable to foresee a different date immediately after the summer recess, which would allow for adequate participation of Members.

The main objective of the visit is to learn about the Union system of (traditional) own resources and how the customs control systems are implemented by national authorities.

In order to cover these matters the following meetings will take place in Rotterdam on Wednesday19 September:

1) - Exchange of views with representatives of the Port of Rotterdam Authority. The Port Authority is the manager, operator and developer of Rotterdam's port and industrial area a public limited company (N.V.) with two shareholders: the Municipality of Rotterdam and the Dutch State;

2) - Exchange of views with the Customs Administration of the Netherlands.

The following meetings should take place in Antwerp on Thursday 20 September 2012:

3) - Exchange of views with representatives of the Antwerp Port Authority. The Port Authority manages and maintains the Port of Antwerp docks, bridges, locks, quay walls and land. The Antwerp Port Authority was established as an independent, municipally-owned company in 1997.

4) - Exchange of views with the Belgian Customs Administration.

Please find in Annex 1 the preliminary draft programme for the delegation including the list of participants and other practical information.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Theurer

Annex 1: Draft programme
Annex 2: Letter of 15 November 2011