

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2017

09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2017

09.00 - 12.30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G-3)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 17 March 2017 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

Please note the following swap regarding discharge votes:

- **EEAS (item 45) and Other Institutions (items 46 to 52) will be voted on Wednesday 22nd March (instead of 23rd March)**
- **EDF (item 41) will be voted on Thursday 23rd March (instead of 22nd March)**

The changes do not affect any other discharge reports.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

Languages available

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, EL, ES, FI, CS, ET, HU, LT, PL, SL, BG, RO.

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Voting cards

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09.00 - 12.30

PUBLIC MEETING

3. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN FUND FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

CONT/8/06319



Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Hannu Takkula](#) (ALDE)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Main Committees : ECON/BUDG

Shadow Rapporteurs: Petri Sarvamaa (EPP), Georgi Pirinski (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD)

The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is an initiative launched jointly by the EIB Group and the European Commission to help overcome the current investment gap in the EU by mobilising private financing for strategic investments. EFSI is one of the three pillars of the Investment Plan for Europe that aims to revive investment in strategic projects around Europe to ensure that money reaches the real economy. EFSI aims to unlock EUR 315 billion of investment over a three years period (by 2018).

EFSI supports investment on sectors of key importance like strategic infrastructure including digital, transport and energy; education, research, development and innovation; expansion of renewable energy and resource efficiency; support for smaller businesses and midcap companies.

In the framework of the preparation of an INI report on the implementation of EFSI by BUDG and ECON committees, CONT is delivering an opinion.

The Rapporteur Mr Takkula will present its draft opinion and main considerations after 1.5 year of implementation of EFSI namely:

- (i) the need for further transparency and publicity on the criteria of major EFSI projects to increase the attractiveness of markets for the EFSI as an efficient funding tool;
- (ii) the identification of distinct, truly additional and innovative and riskier project profiles;
- (iii) the current geographical imbalances and sectoral concentration of the EFSI portfolio;
- (iv) the effective additionality and added value of selected projects;
- (v) the streamlining of the governance arrangements.

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

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Adoption in CONT	CONT	12 April
Adoption in ECON/BUDG	ECON/BUDG	24 April

4. THE EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE EUROPEAN FUND FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS (EFSI) AS WELL AS THE INTRODUCTION OF TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THAT FUND AND THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT ADVISORY HUB

CONT/8/08669



Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Hannu Takkula](#) (ALDE)
 Administrator: Olivier Sautière
 Main Committees : ECON/BUDG

Shadow Rapporteurs: Petri Sarvamaa (EPP), Georgi Pirinski (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Marco Valli (EFDD)

On 14 September 2016, the Commission, in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2015/1017, proposed an extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) until 31 December 2020 and the introduction of technical enhancements for that fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub.

The new proposal, referred to as EFSI 2.0, includes an increase in the EU guarantee from €16 to 26 billion and in EIB capital from €5 to 7.5 billion, which should mobilise private and public investment of €500 billion over the period until 2020.

The proposal also focuses on project sustainability, enhancement of geographical coverage and ways to reinforce take-up in less developed regions, while also aiming to enhance the transparency of investment decisions and governance procedures, and reinforce the social dimension by means of additional financial instruments.

The Rapporteur Mr Takkula has drafted a number of amendments in particular on the strengthening of the additionality vis-à-vis other existing Union instruments and the EIB's main operations, the geographical and sectorial imbalance of EFSI support, the increased use of the European Advisory Hub to provide technical assistance at regional and local levels across the Union as well as to ensure better communication and visibility.

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

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5. EUROPEAN FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (EFSD) AND ESTABLISHING THE EFSD GUARANTEE AND THE EFSD GUARANTEE FUND

CONT/8/08591



Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Indrek Tarand](#) (Greens/EFA)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Main Committees : DEVE/AFET/BUDG

Shadow Rapporteurs: Claudia Schmidt (EPP), Miroslav Poche (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD)

On 28 June 2016, the European Council asked the Commission to present a proposal for an ambitious External Investment Plan (EIP) as a part of the EU's new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda for Migration. The new plan is based on three pillars: a new investment fund (pillar 1); technical assistance (pillar 2) to help local authorities and companies to develop a higher number of sustainable projects and attract investors, and (pillar 3) a range of dedicated thematic, national and regional EU development cooperation programmes combined with structured political dialogue targeted at improving the investment climate and overall policy environment in the countries concerned.

The key objective of the EFSD is to provide an integrated financial package to finance investments for countries that are signatories to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, and the Neighbourhood, thereby creating growth and employment opportunities, maximizing additionality, delivering innovative products and crowding-in private sector funds. The EFSD is expected to mobilise up to EUR 44 billion of investments using funds from the general budget of the Union and other sources amounting to EUR 3.35 billion up to 2020.

The Union will make available a total of EUR 750 million for the EFSD Guarantee until 2020 stemming both from the Union's general budget and the 11th European Development Fund (EDF). The Commission intends to propose the mobilisation of the contingency margin to provide EUR 250 million. Other contributions from the Union budget would be made by the use of redeployments or refocusing of programmed funds. Further financing could also include other contributions by other contributors, such as Member States.

The Rapporteur Mr Tarand has drafted a number of amendments addressing the following issues:

- (i) to ensure a balanced geographical approach so that all signatories to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and all Neighbourhood countries have a fair chance to access funding under the EIP;
- (ii) to provide guidance and all the necessary information for investors wishing to invest in development activities as well as an assessment of the quality of the operations covered by the EFSD Guarantee and their related risk exposure, either political, operational or financial;
- (iii) the composition of the strategic board;
- (iv) to ensure an effective transparency with the publication of the minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Board and the scoreboard of indicators once an operation under the guarantee is approved.

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

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6. ECA SPECIAL REPORT N° 21/2016 (2016 DISCHARGE) ON “EU PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE FOR STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: A META-AUDIT”
CONT/8/07704



Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Szabolcs Fazakas, and consideration of working document

Rapporteur: [Joachim Zeller](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Zigmantas Balčytis (S&D), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD)

Since the accession of Croatia in 2013, the EU Western Balkans enlargement policy has dealt with six countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. From 2007 until 2014, the EU financial assistance to the Western Balkans through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) amounted to 5.1 billion euros. The funds were allocated through national and regional programmes with roughly a quarter of national programme funding that went towards strengthening administrative capacity in the key sectors of the rule of law and public administration reform, including Public finance management (PFM) and political dialogue in the six Western Balkan countries.

The Court conducted a ‘meta-audit’, an overview of the European Commission’s management of pre-accession assistance in the six aforementioned countries between 2007 and 2013 (IPA I) while also taking into account developments relating to the 2014-2020 period. The Court assessed the effectiveness of the Commission’s management of the IPA in the Western Balkans and whether administrative capacity was strengthened in the region with a focus on two sectors namely

- i. the rule of law (fundamental rights, justice and home affairs) with a specific emphasis on the fight against corruption and organised crime ;and
- ii. the public administration reform covering public finance management.

Out of the 902 mio euro related to rule of law and public administration reform projects, the Court examined 52 national projects for a total of 109 mio euro (or 12%) and three regional programmes representing 330 mio euro contracted (or 28%) out of a total of 1.16 billion euros.

The Court found that the Commission’s management objectives had not always been specific and measurable. Programmes and projects were based on needs, but some beneficiaries’ assessments in the ‘rule of law’ sector showed considerable shortcomings. The absorption of funds was hampered by weak administrative capacity in some countries and strict requirements for EU fund management when implementation was decentralised.

Although there were shortcomings in reporting, the Commission had been effective in monitoring the implementation of projects and capable of supporting donor coordination despite beneficiary shortcomings.

With regard to administrative capacity, the EU's assistance had generally delivered the planned outputs but the support for the rule of law and public administration reform was partly sustainable. For 'rule of law' projects, the Commission had not applied conditions consistently, and relatively little funding had been provided in key areas such as media freedom, public prosecution and the fight against corruption and organised crime. Beneficiaries' lack of political will to reform institutions, insufficient budget and staffing, as well as poor coordination had also affected project sustainability.

Finally, the Commission has encouraged regional cooperation and the improvement of administrative capacity but room for improvement remains as the political dialogue in the region had a limited impact on the rule of law.

The Rapporteur acknowledges the fact that the European Commission has to operate in a difficult political context encountering many weaknesses within beneficiaries' public institutions such as excessive bureaucracy, low efficiency, lack of accountability and corruption.

He particularly highlights the need to design national strategies with clear, realistic and measurable objectives and to pursue the efforts of the Western Balkans countries' authorities in key areas of good governance and towards their public administration reform, including the area of financial control in the context of the PFM. He also stresses the need to reinforce the application of the principle of conditionality, by verifying in advance the beneficiary's capacity to do what is required for a high-quality project and in specific measurable terms.

The Rapporteur finally recalls the importance of developing sustainability as it was not ensured in many cases due to inherent factors such as the lack of budget and the beneficiary's lack of political will to reform institutions. He calls on the Commission to focus on the fight against corruption, organized crime, public prosecution and the development of transparency and integrity requirements within the public administration as a matter of priority.

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 2016.

7. CODES OF CONDUCT AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNANCE



Presentation of Policy Department D Study

Rapporteur: [Martina Dlabajová](#) (ALDE)
Administrator: Rita Calatozzolo

CONT committee has requested the study on "Codes of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest at any governance level of the management of EU Funds". The responsible CONT member is Mrs DLABAJOVÁ

After reopening of competition under the framework contract for the external expertise, the study was awarded to Blomeyer&Sanz. The study was authored by Dr. Christoph Demmke (assisted by David Hanel), Roland Blomeyer, Dr. Thomas Henökel, Mike Beke and Timo Moilanen.

The study reviews the Member States' experience with codes of conduct and conflicts of interest affecting the partnership arrangements under the European Structural and Investment Funds. The focus is on conflicts of interest affecting the Monitoring Committees under the European Regional Development and European Social Fund. The study reviews the rules and other approaches to deal with conflicts of interest, discusses best practices and ends with conclusions and recommendations advocating a complementary rule- and value based approach supported by transparency and ethical leadership.

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

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15.00 - 18.30

PUBLIC MEETING

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

2015 DISCHARGE: AGENCIES (ITEMS 8 TO 40)

- 8. REPORT ON DISCHARGE IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015 PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL** CONT/8/07541
- 9. ACER** AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS CONT/8/07509
- 10. BEREC** OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS CONT/8/07511
- 11. CDT** TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CONT/8/07465
- 12. CEDEFOP** EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CONT/8/07432
- 13. CEPOL** EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE CONT/8/07485
- 14. EASA** EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY CONT/8/07475
- 15. EASO** EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE CONT/8/07515
- 16. EBA** EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY CONT/8/07502
- 17. ECDC** EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL CONT/8/07479
- 18. ECHA** EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY CONT/8/07494
- 19. EEA** EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONT/8/07461
- 20. EFCA** EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY CONT/8/07492
- 21. EFSA** EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY CONT/8/07477
- 22. EIGE** EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY CONT/8/07500
- 23. EIOPA** EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY CONT/8/07504

24. EIT	EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY CONT/8/07513
25. EMA	EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY CONT/8/07467
26. EMCDDA	EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION CONT/8/07458
27. EMSA	EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY CONT/8/07473
28. ENISA	EUROPEAN NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY AGENCY CONT/8/07481
29. ERA	EUROPEAN RAILWAY AGENCY CONT/8/07483
30. ESA	EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY CONT/8/07496
31. ESMA	EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY CONT/8/07507
32. ETF	EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION CONT/8/07471
33. EU-LISA	EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE CONT/8/07517
34. EU-OSHA	EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK CONT/8/07463
35. EUROFOUND	EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS CONT/8/07435
36. EUROJUST	THE EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT CONT/8/07469
37. EUROPOL	EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE CONT/8/07498
38. FRA	EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS CONT/8/07437
39. FRONTEX	EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CONT/8/07487
40. GSA	EUROPEAN GNSS AGENCY (GSA) CONT/8/07490

Adoption of draft reports



Rapporteur: [Inés Ayala Sender](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Hrvoje Svetić

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Raffaele Fitto (ECR), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Benedek Jávor (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

The 33 draft reports concerning the 2015 decentralised agencies discharge were presented by the Rapporteur, Ms Inés Ayala Sender, to the CONT Committee on 27 February 2017.

The amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- the agencies' resources in relation to the agencies' tasks;
- budgetary management and planning accuracy;

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- carryovers of budgetary appropriations;
- increasing further collaboration between the agencies in order to achieve additional synergies;
- overall improvements in the prevention of fraud, fight against corruption and increased transparency in the EU institutions.

The Rapporteur is in favour of granting the discharge to all decentralised agencies.

The amendments were sent to Members on 9 March 2017 in mixed language versions.

The language versions of the amendments, opinions and draft reports are published on the [CONT website](#).

The Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

The final voting lists will be sent to the CONT Members as soon as available.

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41. 2015 DISCHARGE: EU GENERAL BUDGET - 8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH EDFs

CONT/8/07429



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Younous Omarjee](#) (GUE)
Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Claudia Schmidt (EPP), Karin Kadenbach (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Martina Dlavajová (ALDE), Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

Will be voted on Thursday 23rd March (instead of 22nd March)

Following the exchange of views with Commissioner Neven Mimica responsible for International Cooperation and Development and the Director General and Deputy Head of Operations of the European Investment Bank (EIB) for Operations outside the EU, Mr Luca Lazzaroli on 8 November 2016, CONT had a discussion on the draft report on 27 February 2017.

The Rapporteur Mr Omarjee highlighted the following set of priorities as being important to be implemented or closely monitored namely:

- the challenging issue of assessing the performance of the development policy;
- the risk of outsourcing certain objectives of the development policy with the use of various financial instruments such as trust funds or the EIB 's facilities;
- the necessary simplification of EDFs' implementing procedures to reduce the level of error;
- the need for better alignment of various EU policies contributing to the overall objective of development;
- to mitigate the causes of migration; and
- the future of the Cotonou Agreement after 2020.

In that context, the Rapporteur globally called for a higher level of consistency in the management of the development policy, to further develop the existing assurance frameworks and the necessity of getting more guarantees when funding development interventions.

104 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

The Committee on Development (DEVE) delivered an opinion on this CONT report on 6 March 2017 for which Mr Paul Rübzig was appointed Rapporteur.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

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42. 2015 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

CONT/8/07194



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Denis de Jong](#) (GUE/NGL)
 Administrator: Mauro de Oliveira

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tamás Deutsch (EPP), Derek Vaughan (S&D), Notis Marias (ECR), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Benedek Jávor (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

Following the exchange of views with the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs, the Secretary General, the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 30 January 2017, the draft report was presented by Mr de Jong and discussed in the CONT meeting of 28 February 2017.

272 amendments were received and emailed to Members on 10 March in a mixed language version.

The final voting list will be circulated as soon as available.

The Court of Auditor’s report and other background documents (including DG’s annual activity reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

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43. 2015 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONT/8/07174

44. 2015 DISCHARGE: SPECIAL REPORTS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS CONT/8/07581



Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Joachim Zeller](#) (EPP)

Administrators: Philippe Godts and Christian Ehlers

Shadow Rapporteurs: Bogusław Liberadzki (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL), Bart Staes (Greens/EFA); Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

The rapporteur calls on a better alignment of political and financial frameworks. Financial frameworks should also offer inbuilt flexibility for the respective functioning of the different multiannual programmes. The draft report also criticises the increasing number of “shadow budgets” (i. e. special funds, financial engineering instruments) next to, but outside of the EU budget, thereby limiting democratic accountability. In addition, the draft report reviews all main spending areas.

The original versions of the 351 amendments tabled to part I, and the 118 amendments tabled to part II of the Commission discharge report were circulated to CONT Members on 9 March. The English version of the amendments became available on 15 March.

All the linguistic versions will be published on the [committee's website](#) as of 20 March.

The voting list, including the rapporteur's recommendations, will also be distributed as soon as possible.

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45. 2015 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE CONT/8/07214



Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Benedek Jávor](#) (Greens/EFA)
Administrators: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP), Cătălin Sorin Ivan (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Hannu Takkula (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

Will be voted on Wednesday 22nd March (instead of 23rd March)

Following the exchange of views with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms Federica Mogherini, on 31 January 2017, the draft report was presented in the CONT Committee on 27 February 2017.

The Rapporteur, Mr Benedek Jávor mentioned the following range of issues relating to the effectiveness of the EEAS:

- (i) the silver lining existing between economic diplomacy and lobbying with a need to set up rules on lobbying in order to distinguish between the two;
- (ii) the need for budgetary simplification and clarification;
- (iii) a more balanced staff policy between EU and Member States diplomats both in Union's delegations and headquarters;
- (iv) the need to providing better administrative assistance to the Union's delegations as regards financial management, procurement and human resources and (v) the costs of buildings, the support to the purchasing policy of residences and security issues.

15 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) delivered an opinion on this CONT report on 2 February 2017 for which Mr Zigmantas Balčytis was appointed Rapporteur.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

2015 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - OTHER INSTITUTIONS (ITEMS 46 TO 52)

- 46. COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONT/8/07219
- 47. COURT OF JUSTICE CONT/8/07327
- 48. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS CONT/8/07347
- 49. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONT/8/07366
- 50. COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS CONT/8/07386
- 51. EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN CONT/8/07406
- 52. EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR CONT/8/07426



Adoption of draft reports

Co-Rapporteurs: [Benedek Jávor](#) and [Bart Staes](#) (Greens/EFA)
Administrators: Tereza Pinto De Rezende

Shadow Rapporteurs: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP), Cătălin Sorin Ivan (S&D), Monica Macovei for Court of Justice and Court of Auditors & Ryszard Czarnecki for all the other institutions (ECR), Hannu Takkula (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh for the Council & Barbara Kappel for all the other Institutions (ENF)

Will be voted on Wednesday 22nd March (instead of 23rd March)

The draft reports were presented in the Committee on 27 February and the presentation was followed by an exchange of views between the Members.

The following amendments were tabled:

- European Council and Council – 6 amendments;
- Court of Justice – 26 amendments;
- Court of Auditors – 31 amendments;
- Economic and Social Committee – 16 amendments;
- Committee of the Regions – 13 amendments;
- European Ombudsman – 6 amendments;
- European Data Protection Supervisor – 13 amendments.

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, an opinion was delivered by the LIBE Committee to the EDPS discharge draft report.

The original versions of the amendments were sent to Members on 9 March 2017, the English versions were delivered on 15 March 2017 and other language versions will be available on the [CONT website](#) as of 20 March.

The final voting lists have been sent to the CONT Members on Tuesday 20 March.

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2015 DISCHARGE: JOINT UNDERTAKINGS (ITEMS 53 TO 59)

- 53. BBI** **BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES** CONT/8/07528
- 54. CLEAN SKY 2** **AERONAUTICS AND ENVIRONMENT** CONT/8/07524
- 55. ECSEL** **ELECTRIC COMPONENTS & SYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP** CONT/8/07537
- 56. FCH** **FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN** CONT/8/07533
- 57. IMI** **INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE** CONT/8/07530
- 58. ITER** **INTERNATIONAL FUSION ENERGY ORGANISATION** CONT/8/07519
- 59. SESAR** **SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION** CONT/8/07521



Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Miroslav Poche](#) (S&D)
 Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Shadow Rapporteurs: Brian Hayes (EPP), Raffaele Fitto (ECR), Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL) Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

The Rapporteur, Miroslav Poche, presented the seven draft reports on the European Joint Undertakings to the CONT Committee on 27 February 2017. The 79 amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- issues related to prevention of conflicts of interests, combatting fraud and protection of whistle-blowers;
- underlining the complexity of the ITER project and thus its financial risks;
- expressing regrets for the delays in recruitment of new staff of the BBI JU, a Joint Undertaking which is undergoing the discharge procedure for the first time.

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, the TRAN Committee provided an opinion on the SESAR Joint Undertaking 2015 discharge.

The amendments were sent to Members on 8 March 2017.

The final voting lists will be sent to the CONT Members as soon as possible.

The draft reports, the Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

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60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

61. NEXT MEETINGS

- 27 March 2017, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

62. COORDINATORS' MEETING



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