

MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

15.00 - 19.00

Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G-3)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 20 July 2017 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

Please note that the vote on the draft opinion to LIBE on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (EUROJUST) is postponed to the CONT meeting of 11 September 2017, in Strasbourg (item 3 on the draft agenda).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair 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

The electronic voting system will be used for the votes and Members are reminded to bring their electronic voting card.

Staff changes in CONT Secretariat

Cécile Bourgault and Marcia Maguire joined the CONT Secretariat.
We wish them all success in their new assignment.

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PUBLIC MEETING

*** ELECTRONIC VOTING ***

3. PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COOPERATION (EUROJUST)

CONT/8/00211



Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Tereza Pinto De Rezende
Main Committee : LIBE

Shadow Rapporteurs: Gerben-Jan Gerbrancy (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL)

*** THE VOTE ON THIS DRAFT OPINION IS POSTPONED
TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2017***

4. PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION AMENDING COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 560/2014 OF 6 MAY 2014 ESTABLISHING THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING

CONT/8/10074



Adoption of draft opinion to ITRE

Rapporteur: [Luke Ming Flanagan](#) (GUE/NGL)
Administrator: Michal Czaplicki
Main Committee: ITRE

Shadow Rapporteurs: Miroslav Poche (S&D)

In accordance with Article 12 of the BBI Statutes, the financial contribution to the operational costs of at least EUR 182.5 million should be delivered by the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) by 31 December 2024. Unfortunately the Joint Undertaking (JU) has found difficulties with the delivery mode, as for many of the BIC members, making a financial contribution at programme level is commercially unviable. Thus, BIC has proposed an alternative mode for delivering the financial contribution: the possibility for its members to deliver the financial contribution directly, at project level.

The European Commission assessed the proposal made by the BIC and decided to adopt a pro-active attitude and concluded that in order to implement it, a formal modification of the legal framework was needed. The modification proposed by the Commission is reflecting the existing provisions foreseen in the statutes of IMI2 JU.

The draft opinion has received 6 amendments which aim at adding more transparency and scrutiny. The authors of the amendments propose that if the applied method will be successful, it could be used for other Joint Undertakings.

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

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in ITRE	ITRE	20 October
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

5. LEGITIMATE MEASURES TO PROTECT WHISTLE-BLOWERS ACTING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST WHEN DISCLOSING THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF COMPANIES AND PUBLIC BODIES

CONT/8/07746

Adoption of draft opinion to JURI



Rapporteur: [Dennis de Jong](#) (GUE/NGL)

Administrators: Hrvoje Svetic

Main Committee: JURI

Shadow Rapporteurs: Julia Pitera (EPP), Cătălin Ivan (S&D), Hannu Takkula (ALDE), Benedek Jávor (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD)

The protection of whistle-blowers, who plays an important and sometimes even a crucial role in reporting irregularities, illegalities, fraud, corruption and any other breaches of the rule of law at European and national levels, depends on national legislation and varies from one Member State to another. This is why Mr De Jong calls on the Commission to submit legislative proposals aimed at establishing a minimum level of protection for European whistle-blowers and at establishing an effective and comprehensive European whistle-blower protection programme. As the Parliament recently adopted a motion for a resolution on the role of whistle-blowers in the protection of EU's financial interests, Mr De Jong points out that the term 'financial interests' should be interpreted in the widest possible manner, by including those cases which affect the financial interests only indirectly.

In addition, Mr De Jong considers that the Commission should establish an independent information-gathering, advisory and referral EU body, with offices in Member States, which would be in place to receive reports of irregularities and would have sufficient resources to help internal and external whistle-blowers in using the right channels to disclose their information.

The opinion received 40 amendments aiming to strengthen the position and protection of the whistle-blowers, asking for establishing a common definition of whistle-blowers and proposing a horizontal approach to whistle-blowing in the EU.

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

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in JURI	JURI	28 September
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

6. GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018 - ALL SECTIONS

CONT/8/09504

Adoption of draft opinion to BUDG



Rapporteur: [Joachim Zeller](#) (EPP)
 Administrator: Philippe Godts
 Main Committee : BUDG

Shadow Rapporteurs: Georgi Pirinski (S&D), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Miguel Vieagas (GUE/NGL),

In his draft opinion the rapporteur calls on the Commission to provide the budgetary authority with the specific information used in the preparation of the draft budget 2018 on the areas where EU spending programmes bring positive results or, on the contrary, where implementation is lagging behind or the programme architecture is not adequate for the delivery of the expected results.

The draft opinion contains also specific views concerning sectorial policies. The rapporteur also calls on the Commission to present a detailed estimate including an explanation of the method of calculation, for the costs generated by the decision of the UK Government to leave the European Union.

The XM version of the 32 amendments tabled by CONT Members was circulated on 17 July 2017 with a first draft voting list. The other languages versions are available on [CONT website](#), the final version of the voting list will be available as soon as possible.

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

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Adoption in BUDG	BUDG	
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

***** END OF ELECTRONIC VOTING *****

7. CONT MISSION TO HUNGARY (18-20 SEPTEMBER 2017)

CONT/8/10252



Exchange of views in preparation for the mission

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
 Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

From 18 to 20 September, the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control will hold an official delegation visit to Hungary. The mission delegation will focus on the use of cohesion policy funds, especially on the performance of the projects financed by them, whether they contribute to the EU2020 targets in terms of employment rate and climate targets. The delegation would like to verify if there are misuses of the EU funds (fraudulent and non-fraudulent). Additionally, it will visit the European Institute of Innovation and

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Technology (EIT), based in Budapest, whose discharge is within CONT's prerogatives. The preparation of this mission appears to be difficult in light of the feedback received from the Hungarian side.

The mission includes 5 MEPs from 4 political groups. Ms Iliana Ivanova, Member of the Court of Auditors, will also accompany the mission.

The languages of the mission will be Hungarian and English. A detailed draft program of the visit of the delegation can be found in the [dossier of the meeting](#).

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8. WORKSHOP ON "THE COMMON PROVISIONS (REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013) FOR THE STRUCTURAL, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES FUNDS IN PRACTICE"

CONT/8/06645



Reasons for implementation delays

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräble](#) (EPP)

Administrators: Jean-Jacques Gay (PolDep D), Philippe Godts (CONT)

CONT Committee is organising a workshop on "The implementation of the Common Provisions (Reg. EU 1303/2013) for Structural, Agricultural, Social and Fisheries Funds in practice, with a view to their effectiveness" in order to draw up an initial assessment of the application of the abovementioned Regulation.

The workshop will focus on the following issues: the origins of the observed delays in the launching of the new operational programmes and project (2014-2020), the impact of the backlog of previous periods and what are the difficulties in implementing the ex-ante conditions, the links between these conditions and the CPR's new performance approach, the links between the contribution of European funds and the European semester and the necessity or not to combine EFSI and ESIF.

The objective of the workshop is to get the feedback from the main stakeholders (managing authorities, national beneficiaries and the European Commission) on this short period of application of the CPR in order to detect difficulties and propose adequate remedies.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETINGS

- 7 September 2017, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)
- 11 September 2017, 19.30 - 21.30 (Strasbourg)
- 25 September 2017, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 28 September 2017, 09.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 17.30 (Brussels)

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