

**MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2017**

19.30 - 22.30

Room: Louise Weiss (N1.4)

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 6 September 2017 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

## 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

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PUBLIC MEETING

**Joint item with the Committee on Budgets (BUDG)**

**3. FINANCIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE UNION**

CJ13/8/09028



**Report back to Committees on trilogue according to rule 69f**

Co-Rapporteurs: [Richard Ashworth](#) (ECR) and [Inge Gräßle](#) (EPP)  
Administrators: Alix Delasnerie (BUDG), Jeremie Requis (BUDG),  
Philippe Godts (CONT)

BUDG and CONT co-rapporteurs will report on the main conclusions of the trilogue meeting held on 29 and 30 August 2017 in Brussels.

**4. CONTROL OF SPENDING AND MONITORING OF EU YOUTH GUARANTEE SCHEMES COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

CONT/8/07997



**Consideration of draft amendments**

Rapporteur: [Derek Vaughan](#) (S&D)  
Administrator: Tereza Pinto De Rezende

Shadow Rapporteurs: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Bart Staes (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD)

The draft report received 79 amendments from the CONT MEPs, presenting new data on the unemployment rates in the EU, the role of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative in tackling youth unemployment, highlighting mainly some deficiencies of the systems in place. The majority of the MEPs believe that more funding is positive but national budgets should also devote more funds to combat youth unemployment and improve their respective employment systems. The NEETs (young persons who are “Not in Education, Employment, or Training”) are of great concern and deserve a particular focus to ensure that EU youth employment measures reach at least a substantial part of them. MEPs are generally supportive of having a definition of a 'quality offer' and insist on the necessity to improve the implementation of the schemes.

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The Rapporteur will work with colleagues to find some compromises. The amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

EMPL, CULT and BUDG committees have adopted their opinions to the report.

### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in CONT	CONT	25 September 2017
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

### \*\*\* ELECTRONIC VOTING \*\*\*

## 5. EU AGENCY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COOPERATION (EUROJUST)

CONT/8/00211



### Adoption of draft opinion

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

The Rapporteur tabled 18 amendments as draft opinion and received 105 amendments from CONT members that were discussed prior to the vote in a shadows meeting. The amendments propose improvements to the existing text that dates from 2013 and take different approaches on the relations between Eurojust and EPPO (European Public Prosecutor Office), the role of the Commission and of the EPPO. Also there are proposals to change some parts of the governance, in particular the role of administrative director and of the Eurojust's executive board. A few compromises were submitted. The translated version of the amendments was available on 23 August and the draft voting list was circulated on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in CONT	LIBE	11 October
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	TBC

### \*\*\* END OF ELECTRONIC VOTING \*\*\*

## 6. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN THE EU NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY WITH JOHANNES HAHN, COMMISSIONER FOR EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY & ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

CONT/8/10253



**In the presence of Karel Pinxten, Chair of Chamber III External action, security and justice, member of the European Court of Auditors**

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

CONT members will have the opportunity to exchange views with Commissioner Hahn on the financial management in the EU neighbourhood policy in particular on the basis of the performance audits issued by the Court of Auditors. The conclusions of this exchange of views may be taken on board by Joachim ZELLER in his draft report regarding the 2016 Commission discharge.

## 7. DISCHARGE 2015: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL

CONT/8/09851



### Consideration of draft second report

Rapporteur: [Bart Staes](#) (Greens/EFA)  
Administrator: Tereza Pinto De Rezende

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

For the seventh year, and by a large majority, on 27 April 2017, the Plenary postponed the 2015 European Council and Council discharge, maintaining the decision and reconfirming the content of the report, as voted in CONT.

Following this vote, the rapporteur, Mr Bart Staes (Greens), proposed to the CONT Committee to create a Working Group that would draft a proposal to the Council on each of the institutions role in the discharge procedure. The WG reached an agreement on a text by mid-July and this text was confirmed by the coordinators on 13 July.

In his second report, the Rapporteur leaves open the decision to grant or postpone discharge to the Council. Notwithstanding, he recalls the outstanding issues and Parliament's responsibilities in the discharge process. He points out those requests made by the Parliament in previous discharge exercises that continue to be unanswered, such as the lack of information on the cost of buildings and the publicly unavailability of the whistle-blowers' rules. At the same time, the Rapporteur welcomes the launching of annual activity reports by the Directorate General for Administration, the Legal Service and by the Directorate General for Communication and Document Management. With regard to the Council's building policy, the Rapporteur notes that occasionally some information is exchanged and proposes that the exchange becomes frequent and more in detail. The Rapporteur continues to regret that no replies were provided in the meantime by the Council to the questions and to the requests made in this and in previous discharge exercises.

The second draft report is available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

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### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	13 September 2017, 14.00
Adoption in CONT	CONT	28 September 2017
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 9. NEXT MEETINGS

- 25 September 2017, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 28 September 2017, 09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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