

MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

15.00 - 18.30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (3G-3)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 18 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

*** ELECTRONIC VOTING ***

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

CONT/8/09851



Adoption 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)

The Rapporteur presented his draft second report on 11 September in Strasbourg. Seventeen amendments were tabled within the deadline of 13 September, one of them proposing to refuse discharge and the remaining ones proposing mainly formal changes.

The refusal of the Council and European Council's discharge for the financial year 2015 continues to be considered despite an agreement reached by an ad hoc CONT Working Group and confirmed by CONT on a non-paper that proposes a *modus operandi* for the future organisation of the discharge procedure with the Council.

The EN version of amendments were circulated to Members on 21 September and the voting list was sent at the same moment.

The Rapporteur's draft report and the amendments tabled are available on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	OCTOBER II

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

CONT/8/07997



Adoption of draft report

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

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

The consideration of amendments took place on 11 September in Strasbourg. The draft report received 79 amendments and opinions from committees on budgets, on employment and social affairs and on culture and education. The Rapporteur is generally supportive of the opinions and of the amendments tabled, and proposed some compromise amendments to combine some of the texts proposed by CONT MEPs.

The draft VL with the Rapporteur position on the amendments and the proposed compromise amendments was provided on 14 September. The final voting list was circulated on 22 September.

The Rapporteur's draft report and the amendments tabled are available on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	October II

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

5. 2016 DISCHARGE: EU GENERAL BUDGET - COMMISSION

CONT/8/10601



Exchange of views on the reservation issued in the 2016 annual activity reports by the Commission Directorates General with the following Directors General:

- DG Research and Innovation, Mr Robert-Jan Smits
- DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Jerzy Bogdan Plewa
- DG Migration and Home Affairs, Mr Matthias Ruete
- DG International Cooperation and Development, Mr Stefano Manservigi
- DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr João Aguiar Machado
- DG Regional and Urban Policy, Mr Marc Lemaître
- DG Human Resources and Security, Ms Irene Souka

and the Secretary-General of European Schools, Mr Giancarlo Marcheggiano

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

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Shadow Rapporteurs: Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Lune Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL), Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD)

In its resolution accompanying the Commission discharge for 2015, the Parliament could not politically ensure that the management and control systems put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions.

This situation was also reflected in the reservations adopted by several Directors General of the Commission.

In their annual activity reports for 2016, the Directors General who are Authorising Officers by Delegation identified the main reasons for their reservations and set out remedial actions to address them.

As mentioned in the 2016 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU budget (COM 2016/279) adopted by the Commission on 13 June 2016, 29 Authorising Officers by Delegation provided unqualified assurance, while 20 declarations were qualified with a total of 37 reservations.

The expenditure affected by quantifiable reservations has increased by EUR 5.5 billion (from EUR 29.8 billion in 2015 to EUR 35.3 billion in 2016). This is mainly due to the DG AGRI'S European Agricultural Guarantee fund Direct Support reservation which affects more paying agencies and more Member States as a result of the first year of implementation of new and more demanding schemes, notably greening.

The amount at risk at reporting for the **expenditure under reservation** is estimated at EUR 1.6 billion.

The amount at risk at reporting for the **revenue under reservation** is estimated at EUR 0.5 billion

In follow-up of the 2015 Commission discharge procedure the Rapporteur for the discharge 2016, Joachim Zeller invited the Commission Directors General of DG RESEARCH, DG AGRI, DG HOME, DG DEVCO, DG MARE, DG REGIO, DG HR and the Secretary General of the European schools to exchange views on the ways and reasons for which they have issued reservations in 2016.

The Annual Activity reports 2016 are available on the [CONT website](#). These reports as well as the Management Plans are also available on the Commission website.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETINGS

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

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