

**THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

09.00 - 12.30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (4B001)

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 25 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

### 3. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT



EUROPEAN  
COURT  
OF AUDITORS

#### Presentation of the Annual report concerning financial year 2016, by the President of the Court, *Klaus-Heiner Lehne*

Replies by Günther Oettinger EU Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources, including a presentation of the key figures in the final consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2016, in the

presence of the Deputy-Director General and Accounting Officer of the European Commission, Maria Rosa Aldea Busquets, and the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Lazaros Lazarou.



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

Administrators: Christian Ehlers & Philippe Godts

It is the responsibility of the Commission's Accounting Officer to prepare the annual accounts of the European Union and ensure that they are reliable and present a true and fair picture of the EU budget. The annual accounts comprise the financial statements and the reports on implementation of the budget. They are adopted by the Commission and presented to the Court of Auditors for audit and finally to the Council and Parliament for discharge.

Following the audit and finalisation of the annual accounts, Parliament will decide - acting on a recommendation from the Council - whether to grant discharge to the Commission and other EU bodies in respect of the implementation of the EU budget for the preceding financial year.

According to Article 287 of the Treaty, the ECA draws up an annual report at the end of each financial year. This report, including the statement of assurance concerning the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, is considered by the Council and the Parliament in the framework of the discharge procedure under Article 319 of the Treaty.

In accordance with Article 162 (4) of the Financial Regulation, the Court of Auditors must submit this annual report, accompanied by the replies of the institutions, to the discharge authorities no later than 15 November. This year the publishing of the ECA annual report and the debate thereon have been advanced by more than one month.

Following the presentation by the President of the Court, Commissioner Oettinger will briefly present the Commission's response to the Court's findings and also the key figures in the final consolidated annual accounts.

The Court will arrange for the report to be distributed to CONT Members' letter boxes on 27 September 2016 pm. The report will also be available on the CONT website on 28 September 2016.

All discharge related documents are available on the [CONT website: Budgetary Control - 2016 budget discharge](#).

## 4. 2016 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS (PIF) - FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD



### Exchange of views with the EU Commissioner responsible for Budget and Human Resources, *Günther Oettinger*

Rapporteur: [Gilles Pargneaux](#) (S&D)  
Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Commissioner Günther Oettinger will present the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Protection of the European Union's financial interests - Fight against fraud - Annual Report 2016 ([COM\(2017\)383](#)). The Commission presents, in cooperation with the Member States, the Annual Report under Article 325 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The purpose of the report is both to assess to what extent the EU funds or revenue of the EU budget are at risk of misuse due to fraudulent or non-fraudulent irregularities and to describe the actions taken to address the issue. It presents the anti-fraud measures at EU level and by the Member States, with a focus on the PIF directive, the EPPO, the Omnibus, NAFS and CAFS.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 6. NEXT MEETINGS

- 11 October 2017, 09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 12 October 2017, 09.00 -12.30 (Brussels)

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