

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2017

08.30 - 11.45

Room: Winston Churchill (WIC200)

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

## 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

### Languages available

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, EL, ES, PT, CS, ET, HU, LT, PL, BG.

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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.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4 September 2017
- 11 September 2017
- 25 September 2017
- 28 September 2017

If no objections are received before the end of the meeting, the minutes will be deemed approved.

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PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

CJ13/8/09028

**Report back to Committee on trilogues 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 meetings held on 16 and 25 October 2017.

**5. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE IN THE MEMBER STATES**

CONT/8/09431

**Consideration of draft opinion**



Rapporteur: [Derek Vaughan](#) (S&D)  
Administrator: Tereza Pindo De Rezende  
Main Committee: EMPL

Shadow Rapporteurs: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (EPP), Martina Dlavajová (ALDE), Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD)

The Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) is one of the main EU financial resources to support the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. In February 2013 the European Council agreed to create the YEI to increase the EU financial support available to the regions and individuals struggling most with youth unemployment and inactivity.

With a view to give the Commission its contribution to the future assessment of the Youth Guarantee schemes, the EMPL committee is drafting an implementation report to which CONT is giving an opinion. The focus is mainly on the monitoring of how the YEI has been implemented, its successes and failures, and some suggestions for the future.

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

### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for tabling amendments	CONT	10 November 2017
Adoption in CONT	CONT	27 November 2017
Adoption in EMPL	EMPL	4 December 2017

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

## 6. STATUTE AND FUNDING OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

CONT/8/11180



### Adoption of draft opinion

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

Shadow Rapporteurs: Inés Ayala Sender (S&D)

CONT is giving an opinion to AFCO under Rule 53, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations.

61 amendments were tabled and will be voted in CONT. The amendments adopted will be tabled by the CONT Chair directly in AFCO by the deadline of 30 October.

The draft amendments are available on the [CONT website](#).

### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in AFCO	AFCO	21 November 2017
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	December 2017 or January 2018

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

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PUBLIC MEETING

## 7-10 PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS

CONT/8/11163 - 11164 - 11165 - 11166



### Hearing of candidates

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

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteur: Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

**The Chair reminds the Members to bring their electronic voting card, as there will be an electronic vote at the end of this session.**

09h15 - 09h45

Hearing of Baudilio Tomé Muguruza

Candidate nominated by Spain (renewal of mandate)

09h45 - 10h15

Hearing of Bettina Jakobsen

Candidate nominated by Denmark (renewal of mandate)

10h15 - 10h45

Hearing of João Figueiredo

Candidate nominated by Portugal (renewal of mandate)

10h45 - 11h15

Hearing of Iliana Ivanova

Candidate nominated by Bulgaria (renewal of mandate)

### **Background**

The Members of the European Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. In accordance with Article 286(2) of the TFEU the Council, after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

## Committee on Budgetary Control

The following candidates have been proposed by the Member States:

- **Baudilio Tomé Muguruza**, candidate nominated by Spain
- **Bettina Jakobsen**, candidate nominated by Denmark
- **João Figueiredo**, candidate nominated by Portugal
- **Iliana Ivanova**, candidate nominated by Bulgaria

Appointments to the ECA are submitted to Parliament's plenary on the basis of a report from CONT, which takes into account the primary law requirement of Article 286(1) of the TFEU: "*the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.*", as well as other considerations.

### A. Procedure

According to Rule 121 (1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, "candidates nominated as Members of the Court of Auditors shall be invited to make a statement before the committee responsible and answer questions put by members. The committee shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot."

#### *I. Questionnaires and statements*

In preparation for the hearing, the **candidate** has been asked to answer the **questionnaire** prepared by CONT (first appointment) or to provide a summary (renewal).

#### *II. The hearing*

The hearing will take place according to the timetable set out in the draft agenda. The candidate will be invited to make an opening statement (5 minutes) and the remainder of his hearing will be devoted to replies to questions from Members, 40 minutes in case of a first mandate, and 30 minutes in case of renewal.

#### *III. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft report*

Once the hearing has been completed, the committee will hold an evaluation of the candidate and then proceed to vote on the appointment of the candidate in question. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft report **will be in camera**.

According to Rule 121, the committee shall vote by secret ballot. The vote may be carried out by means of the electronic voting system. (In accordance with Rule 181) Members should indicate for each candidate whether they give a favourable opinion, a negative opinion or abstain.

### B. The report

The format of opinions on candidates for membership of the Court of Auditors is defined as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- a) each recommendation on each nomination shall be submitted in the form of a report, to be adopted on the basis of a majority of the votes cast, with the report merely indicating the nomination;
- b) the report shall consist of:
  - i. citations summarising the circumstances of the referral to Parliament;
  - ii. recitals outlining the procedure to the competent committee;
  - iii. operative text which may only consist of a favourable opinion or an unfavourable opinion;
- c) citations and recitals shall not be put to the vote;"

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<sup>1</sup> Parliament's resolution of 4 February 2014

## Committee on Budgetary Control

These strict rules on procedures, before the Committee on Budgetary Control and in plenary sitting, adopted by Parliament **do not allow any amendments** to be tabled to the draft report.

The draft report will be finalised, according to the outcome of the evaluation and the vote in committee. The candidate's curriculum vitæ and the answers to CONT questionnaire or summary shall be annexed to the report.

The report for plenary will state that Parliament delivers either a favourable or a negative opinion on the appointment of the candidate.

The draft reports were circulated to Members on 4 October and are available on the [CONT website](#).

### CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	NOVEMBER I

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**IN CAMERA**

## 11. EVALUATION, VOTES AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT REPORTS (*IN CAMERA*)

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 13. NEXT MEETINGS

- 20 November 2017, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 21 November 2017, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 27 November 2017, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 28 November 2017, 9.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)

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