

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2018

09.15 - 10.45

Room: Józef Antall (4Q1)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 19 January 2018 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, EL, ES, FI, CS, ET, HU, LT, PL, SL, BG, and RO.

Webstreaming

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PUBLIC MEETING

3. 2016 DISCHARGE: EU GENERAL BUDGET - EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

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Exchange of views with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the Commission, *Federica Mogherini*, in the presence of the ECA Member responsible, *Pietro Russo*

Rapporteur: [Marco Valli](#) (EFDD)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (EPP), Arndt Kohn (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki & Monica Macovei (ECR), Hannu Takkula (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE), Benedek Javor (Greens/EFA), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

The 2016 discharge of the "Other institutions" - European External Action Service is prepared by the Rapporteur Marco Valli.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is a functionally autonomous body of the European Union, separate from the General Secretariat of the Council and from the Commission. It is treated as an institution for the purposes of the Financial Regulation (FR) and therefore subject to the procedure of discharge provided for in Article 319 of the TFEU and in Article 167 of the Financial Regulation.

It is placed under the authority of the High Representative / Vice-President (HRVP) of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy who is invited to the CONT meeting for an exchange of views with Members on the implementation of EEAS budget and activities during the financial year 2016.

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions addressed to the EEAS were sent on 15/11/2017. The answers received from the EEAS were e-mailed to the CONT Members on 20/12/2017 and are available on the [CONT website](#).

According to the findings of the ECA, the most likely error rate was 0.2% and the main area for improvement, as in 2015, concerns the procurement procedures organized by EU delegations.

It is proposed that the exchange of views shall proceed as follows:

- introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Pietro Russo, who will present the findings of the ECA Annual Report 2016;
- High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini will briefly reply to this introduction and present the EEAS's achievements;
- the CONT Rapporteur Marco Valli and other Members will question the HR/VP and/or the Court;
- closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

Committee on Budgetary Control

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	19-20 February 2018
Deadline for amendments	CONT	1 March 2018
Adoption in CONT	CONT	20 March 2018
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	April 2018

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETINGS

- 29 January 2018, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 1 February 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



CONT Workshop on “Investments in the EU: where are we? European Fund for Strategic Investments, European Structural Investment Funds and Financial Investments” - **23 January 2018** - **10h30-12h30 - PHS5B001**

Programme: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/fr/cont/events-workshops.html?id=20171212WKS01201>

ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN CONT COMMITTEE AND ECA MEMBERS

Coordinators have decided to invite the **Court of Auditors** to the European Parliament’s premises in **Brussels to a CONT meeting - 1st February 2018 - 11:00 - 13:00 - PHS4B001**

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY WEEK - BUDG/ECON/EMPL

19 February 2018 - Discussion on **Post-2020 MFF** and **Own Resources - Hemicycle**

JOINT BUDG/ECON Workshop on “A fiscal capacity to strengthen and enlarge the euro area” - **21 March 2018 - 14h30 - 17h00 - PHS3C050 (tbc)**

CONT Workshop on “How to better combat the fraud? Follow up of the Commission’s anti-corruption sharing programme” - **June 2018 - Room TBC**

POLICY DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

Recent publications

BUDG

- Briefing - [Other Revenue in the European Union Budget](#)
- Briefing - [Assigned Revenue in the Budget of the European Parliament](#)
- Briefing - [Assigned Revenue in the European Union Budget](#)
- Briefing - [Resources for the funding of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel](#)

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- Study - [Transitional Allowances for former EU office holders - too few conditions?](#)

Forthcoming publications:

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- Study “10 years cooperation and verification Mechanism (Bulgaria and Romania) - Analyse of the Reports: evaluation and achievements - **Study Presentation 29 January 2018 PM - JAN4Q1**
- Study “Oversight and Management of the EU Trust Funds” - **Study Presentation TBC**

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