

**MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2018**

15.00 - 18.30

**TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2018**

09.00 - 12.30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (1G-3)

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 14 March 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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### Voting cards

The electronic voting system will be used for the votes and Members are reminded to bring their electronic voting card.

### Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of coordinators' recommendations from the last CONT coordinators' meeting that took place on 20 February 2018 was circulated to the Members on 2 March 2018.

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

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 22-23 January 2018
- 25 January 2018
- 29 January 2018
- 1 February 2018
- 19-20 February 2018
- 26 February 2018

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

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

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

## 4. 2016 DISCHARGE: EU GENERAL BUDGET - 8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH EDFs

CONT/8/10769



### Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Barbara Kappel](#) (ENF)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Iris Hoffmann (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD)

Following the exchange of views with Commissioner Neven Mimica responsible for International Cooperation and Development and the Director General and Deputy Head of Operations of the European Investment Bank (EIB) for Operations outside the EU, Mr Luca Lazzaroli on 2 October 2017, CONT had a discussion on the draft report on 19 February 2018.

The Rapporteur Ms Barbara Kappel highlighted the following set of priorities as being important to be implemented or closely monitored namely (i) the challenging issue of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the development policy and EDFs (ii) the need of consistency between various EU policies such as climate change, migration, (iii) the efficiency of the controls strategy and implementation of Union trust funds and budget support activities especially when domestic revenue mobilisation is at stake, (iv) the need of increased cooperation with international organisations particularly when blended finance is used and (v) the new global development priorities.

52 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

The Committee on Development (DEVE) delivered an opinion on this CONT report on 2 February 2018 for which Mr Doru-Claudian Frunzulica was appointed Rapporteur.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

The final voting list was circulated on 15 March.

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### 5. 2016 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

CONT/8/10621



#### Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Derek Vaughan](#) (S&D))

Administrator: Hrvoje Svetic

Shadow Rapporteurs: Claudia Schmidt (EPP), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Benedek Jávor (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

Following the exchange of views with the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs, the Secretary General, the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 23 January 2018, the draft report was presented by Mr Vaughan and discussed in the CONT meeting of 20 February 2018.

213 amendments were received and emailed to Members on 6 March 2018 in a mixed language version. The amendments focus on, inter alia, the Members' voluntary pension fund under the PEAM rules, the Members' general expenditure allowance, pension rights of accredited parliamentary assistants, Parliament's building policy and newly established internalised drivers service.

The final voting list was circulated on 16 March.

The Court of Auditor's report and other background documents (including DG's annual activity reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the CONT website.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

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**Short presentation of the recently published ECA Special Reports:**

**6. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 5/2017 (2017 DISCHARGE): RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT: SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL SYNERGIES, BUT MOSTLY UNREALISED**

CONT/8/12369



**Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, *Samo Jereb***

Rapporteur: [Karin Kadenbach](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Philippe Godts

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

Using more renewable energy is crucial if the EU is to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in order to comply with the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Increasing the use of renewable energy could also reduce the EU's dependence on fossil fuels and imported energy, thus contributing to the security of its energy supply. Several EU and national funding programmes are available to incentivise the production and use of renewable energy, one source of the EU funds being the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

The audit of the European Court of Auditors examined the link between renewable energy and rural development. The Court assessed whether the EU policy framework used to spend funds earmarked for rural development had been designed and implemented in a way that facilitated both renewable energy deployment and sustainable rural development.

The Court concludes that there are potential synergies between renewable energy policy and EAFRD with a view to facilitate sustainable rural development but, as yet, these synergies remain mostly unrealised.

Neither the current nor the proposed sustainability framework for bioenergy (referring to the production and use of biomass) provide an adequate basis for protecting rural areas sufficiently against identified environmental and socio-economic risks nor for maximising their potential for further sustainable development.

The specific funding available for rural development can play a role in achieving the EU and national renewable energy targets, but this should be complementary to the sustainable development of the EU's rural areas. However, the Commission has not provided sufficient clarification or guidance in this regard nor how the EAFRD should complement the existing EU and national funding schemes. Furthermore, the Commission has no comprehensive information on the EAFRD expenditure for renewable energy in the 2007-2013 rural programming period, and how it fits into the overall EU spend on renewable energy. The Court considered most of the projects visited successful, because of their positive economic and environmental impact on rural development. However, weaknesses in the Member States' selection procedures also resulted in the funding of projects that had an economic benefit for the project owners, but had little further impact on rural areas.

On the basis of these findings, the Court makes several recommendations that will be presented during CONT meeting. The ECA Special report is available on the [CONT website](#).

As a follow-up, a succinct working document with the recommendations of the rapporteur will be sent to CONT Members.

The rapporteur's conclusion will form part of the Commission's discharge report.

### 7. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 10/2017 (2017 DISCHARGE): BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME FOR FARMERS – OPERATIONALLY ON TRACK, BUT LIMITED IMPACT ON SIMPLIFICATION, TARGETING AND THE CONVERGENCE OF AID LEVELS

CONT/8/12480

#### Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, João Figueiredo



Rapporteur: [Claudia Schmidt](#) (EPP)  
Administrator: Philippe Godts

Shadow Rapporteurs: Karin Kadenbach (S&D), Wolf Klinz (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

The 2013 reform of the Common Agricultural Policy introduced a new basic payment scheme (BPS) for farmers, which is applied in 18 Member States. The Single Payment Scheme (SPS), aims to provide a basic income support to farmers and thus contribute to viable food production in the EU, without distorting production decisions.

The main audit question in this report was whether Commission and Member States set the BPS properly on track. The Court concludes that the scheme is operationally on track, but that its impact on simplification, targeting and the convergence of aid levels is limited.

The introduction of the BPS required substantial efforts by the national authorities but the control systems of the Member States which were visited largely mitigated the risk of incorrect calculation and allocation of entitlements.

The Commission provided Member States with extensive guidance in this process. In spite of the clarifications provided, Member States did not always interpret specific calculation rules consistently and did not provide all monitoring information to the Commission.

One of the guiding principles of the 2013 reform of the CAP was simplification. Calculation rules and options chosen by Member States did not always favour simplification, but sometimes added complexity, increased the burden on national administrations, and allowed some farmers to realise windfall profits.

The 2013 CAP reform introduced a negative list aimed at excluding beneficiaries whose primary function was not agriculture. Use of this list was only partly effective, could result in differing treatment of similar applicants and represented a significant administrative burden for paying agencies. In consideration of these difficulties, Council and Parliament agreed that – as from 2018 – Member States can decide whether they reduce the criteria by which applicants can demonstrate their ‘active farmer’ status, or discontinue the application of the ‘negative list’.

Under the reform, as a general rule, all payment entitlements activated in 2019 in a Member State or in a region should have a uniform unit value, but only six of the 18 Member States chose this option for the whole or a major part of their territory and a seventh by 2020. As a derogation, the other Member States were allowed to take historical factors into account when calculating the value of payment entitlements which farmers should have in 2019. Member State choices have had a significant impact on the degree of redistribution of support and farmers could in some cases freeze particularly high support levels resulting from past levels of subsidy.

As a scheme essentially related to areas, BPS support tends to favour larger farms. Due to the design of the scheme, the Commission expects that with the 2013 CAP reform the capitalisation of the support in land prices will increase, which benefits owners of agricultural land.

BPS support is a significant source of income for many farmers but has inherent limitations. It does not take account of market conditions, use of agricultural land or the individual circumstances of the holding, and it is not based on an analysis of the overall income situation of farmers.

The objective of the Treaty to ensure a fair standard of living of farmers and the general CAP objective of viable food production and farmers' incomes have not been translated into measurable targets yet and there is no baseline to which the results achieved could be compared.

As regards the current BPS scheme applicable until 2020 and as regards the development of its proposals for the next programming period, the Court will present a number of recommendations during CONT meeting.

The ECA Special report is available on the [CONT website](#).

As a follow-up, a succinct working document with the recommendations of the rapporteur will be sent to CONT Members.

The rapporteur's conclusion will form part of the Commission's discharge report.

## 8. ECA BRIEFING PAPER ON FUTURE OF CAP

CONT/8/12481

### Presentation of the Briefing paper by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, *João Figueiredo*



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

Administrator: Philippe Godts

Shadow Rapporteurs: Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

The European Court of Auditor's (ECA) Briefing Paper on the Future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is not an audit report, but a review based on previous ECA audits and other publicly available information.

It is the ECA's response to the Communication on the Future of Food and Farming, published in November 2017, in which the Commission presented its thinking about the post-2020 CAP.

In the Briefing Paper, the ECA reviews key trends and data relevant to agriculture and rural areas, presents its views on the current CAP and discusses criteria and key challenges for the new CAP.

The ECA Briefing is available on the [CONT website](#).

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## 9. COORDINATORS' MEETING



**Meeting held in Camera**

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

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### **2016 DISCHARGE: AGENCIES (ITEMS 10 TO 42)**

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| <b>10.</b>         | <b>REPORT ON DISCHARGE IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016: PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL</b> CONT/8/10841 |
| <b>11. ACER</b>    | <b>AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS</b> CONT/8/10830  |
| <b>12. BEREC</b>   | <b>OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS</b> CONT/8/10832  |
| <b>13. CDT</b>     | <b>TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b> CONT/8/10786  |
| <b>14. CEDEFOP</b> | <b>EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b> CONT/8/10772   |
| <b>15. CEPOL</b>   | <b>EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING (BEFORE 1 JULY 2016: EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE)</b> CONT/8/10806   |
| <b>16. EASA</b>    | <b>EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10796  |
| <b>17. EASO</b>    | <b>EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE</b> CONT/8/10837   |
| <b>18. EBA</b>     | <b>EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY</b> CONT/8/10823   |
| <b>19. ECDC</b>    | <b>EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL</b> CONT/8/10800   |



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<b>20. ECHA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10815
<b>21. EEA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10782
<b>22. EFCA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10813
<b>23. EFSA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY</b> CONT/8/10798
<b>24. EIGE</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY</b> CONT/8/10821
<b>25. EIOPA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY</b> CONT/8/10825
<b>26. EIT</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY</b> CONT/8/10835
<b>27. EMA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10788
<b>28. EMCDDA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION</b> CONT/8/10799
<b>29. EMSA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10794
<b>30. ENISA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY</b> CONT/8/10802
<b>31. ERA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN RAILWAY AGENCY (NOW EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS)</b> CONT/8/10804
<b>32. ESMA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY</b> CONT/8/10828
<b>33. ETF</b>	<b>EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION</b> CONT/8/10792
<b>34. EU-LISA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE</b> CONT/8/10839
<b>35. EU-OSHA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK</b> CONT/8/10784
<b>36. ESA</b>	<b>EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY</b> CONT/8/10817
<b>37. EUROFOUND</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b> CONT/8/10775
<b>38. EUROJUST</b>	<b>THE EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT</b> CONT/8/10790
<b>39. EUROPOL</b>	<b>EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE</b> CONT/8/10819
<b>40. FRA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</b> CONT/8/10777
<b>41. FRONTEX</b>	<b>EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY (FRONTEX)</b> CONT/8/10808
<b>42. GSA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN GNSS AGENCY (GSA)</b> CONT/8/10811





### Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteurs: [Bart Staes](#) (Greens/EFA) & [Indrek Tarand](#) for EFSA (Greens/EFA)

Administrator: Cécile Bourgault

Shadow Rapporteurs: Petri Sarvamaa (EPP), Bogusław Liberadzki (S&D), Monica Macovei, Rafaelle Fitto, Notis Marias (ECR), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/GNL), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

The 33 draft reports concerning the 2016 decentralised agencies discharge were presented by the Rapporteurs, Bart Staes and Indrek Tarand (for EFSA), to the CONT Committee on 19 February 2018.

The amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- the agencies' resources in relation to the agencies' tasks;
- budgetary management and planning accuracy;
- carryovers of budgetary appropriations;
- increasing further collaboration between the agencies in order to achieve additional synergies;
- overall improvements in the prevention of fraud, fight against corruption and increased transparency in the EU institutions.

The Rapporteur is in favour of granting the discharge to all decentralised agencies, except to EASO.

The amendments were sent to Members on 6 March 2018 in mixed language versions.

The language versions of the amendments, opinions and draft reports are published on the [CONT website](#).

The Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

The final voting lists were circulated on 16 March

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## 2016 DISCHARGE: JOINT UNDERTAKINGS (ITEMS 43 TO 50)

<b>43. BBI</b>	<b>BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES</b> CONT/8/10870
<b>44. CLEAN SKY 2</b>	<b>AERONAUTICS AND ENVIRONMENT</b> CONT/8/10866
<b>45. ECSEL</b>	<b>ELECTRIC COMPONENTS &amp; SYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP</b> CONT/8/10881
<b>46. FCH</b>	<b>FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN</b> CONT/8/10876
<b>47. IMI</b>	<b>INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE</b> CONT/8/10873
<b>48. ITER</b>	<b>ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY</b> CONT/8/10861
<b>49. SESAR</b>	<b>SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION</b> CONT/8/10863
<b>50. SHIFT2RAIL</b>	<b>INNOVATIVE RAIL PRODUCT SOLUTIONS</b> CONT/8/10878



### Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Brian Hayes](#) (EPP)  
Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Shadow Rapporteurs: Miroslav Poche (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

The Rapporteur, Brian Hayes, presented the eight draft reports on the European Joint Undertakings to the CONT Committee on 19 February 2018. The 64 amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- issues related to prevention of conflicts of interests, combatting fraud and protection of whistle-blowers;
- underlining the complexity of the ITER project and thus its financial risks, especially related to decommissioning;
- expressing wishes that the JUs communicate better the results of their work to the EU citizens.

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, the TRAN Committee provided opinions on the SESAR and Shift 2 Rail Joint Undertakings 2016 discharges.

The amendments were sent to Members on 6 March 2018.

The final voting lists were circulated on 16 March.

The draft reports, the Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

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## **2016 DISCHARGE: OTHER INSTITUTIONS (ITEMS 51 TO 58)**



### **Adoption of draft reports**

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

Administrators: Tereza Pinto De Rezende and Olivier Sautière (for EEAS)

Shadow Rapporteurs: Julia Pitera (EPP) for the EEAS and José Ignacio Salafranca Neyra for all the other Institutions (EPP), Arndt Kohn (S&D), Monica Macovei (ECR) for EESC and Court of Justice and Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) for all the other institutions, Wolf Klinz (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Benedek Javor (Greens/ALE), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

### **51. EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE** CONT/8/10764

Following the exchange of views with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms Federica Mogherini, on 25 January 2018, the draft report was presented in the CONT Committee on 20 February 2018.

The Rapporteur, Mr Marco Valli emphasised the following range of issues relating to the effectiveness of the EEAS' services: the continuous streamlining of the overall organisation, the need for budgetary simplification, the priority given to the management of gender and geographical balance at Headquarters and in Union's delegations, the application of the 5% reduction of staff, the EEAS' building policy as well as the management of various costs/logistics.

47 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

The final voting list was circulated on 16 March.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) delivered an opinion on this CONT report on 31 January 2018 for which Mr Cristian Dan Preda was appointed Rapporteur.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

### **52. COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL** CONT/8/10641

### **53. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS** CONT/8/10681

### **54. COURT OF JUSTICE** CONT/8/10661

### **55. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE** CONT/8/10701

### **56. COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS** CONT/8/10721

### **57. EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN** CONT/8/10741

### **58. EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR** CONT/8/10761

The draft reports were presented in the Committee on 20 February and the presentation was followed by an exchange of views between the Members.

The following amendments were tabled:

- European Council and Council – 18 amendments;
- Court of Justice – 61 amendments;
- Court of Auditors – 20 amendments;

- Economic and Social Committee – 41 amendments;
- Committee of the Regions – 44 amendments;
- European Ombudsman – 31 amendments;
- European Data Protection Supervisor – 14 amendments.

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, two opinions were delivered, one by JURI Committee to the Court of Justice and another by the LIBE Committee to the EDPS discharge draft reports.

The amendments to the Council and European Council discharge have a particular emphasis on transparency and accountability. The Court of Justice's amendment have a strong focus on issues highlighted by the ECA Special Report 14/2017 on the ECJ Performance, particularly the reform of the Court of Justice, the role of the référendaires and the judges' external activities. The Court of Auditors' amendments related mainly to staff issues, the amendments to the EESC focus also mainly on staff, the political agreement with the Parliament and the need to reduce travel expenditure. The Committee of the Regions is again facing several amendments bringing up the whistle-blower case from 2003 and other staff matters. The amendments to the Ombudsman bring up some suggestions to improve its functioning, and the EDPS' amendments are more of a general nature and highlight the creation of the European Data Protection Board for which the EDPS will provide secretariat assistance.

The original versions of the amendments were sent to Members on 6 March 2018, the English versions were delivered on 9 March 2018 and other language versions were available on the [CONT website](#) as of 14 March.

The final voting list was circulated on 16 March.

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## 59. STUDY ON “MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF EU TRUST FUNDS– DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY CHALLENGES AND PROMISING PRACTICES”

CONT/8/12297

### Presentation of Policy Department D Study



Rapporteur: [Claudia Schmidt](#) (EPP) for CONT  
Siegfried Muresan (EPP), Jens Geier (S&D) for BUDG  
Administrator: Beata Grzebieluch (PolDep), Olivier Sautière

The study is authored by a team of experts from the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), led by Mr Sergio Carrera and Mr Jorge Nunez Ferrer.

This study provides a comparative assessment of the governance and oversight frameworks of selected EU trust funds (EUTFs) and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT). It explores how these EUTFs and the FRT add to and ‘mix’ the instruments set up under the EU Multiannual Financial Framework. It addresses the issue of their added value in light of the EU Better Regulation guidelines, their impact on the role of the European Parliament as a budgetary authority and the right to good administration.

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The study recommends reducing the complexity of the EUTF and FRT governance frameworks, and strengthening their consistency with the EU's cooperation efforts in third countries and EU Treaty values. It advocates reinforcing the venues for democratic accountability, fundamental rights and rule-of-law impact assessments, which are trust-enhancing.

The Study and the executive summary FR and DE are available on the [CONT website](#).

Hard copies of the study will be made available in the meeting room.

## 60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 61. NEXT MEETINGS

- 26 March 2018, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 27 March 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 25 April 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 26 April 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

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## NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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

#### A FISCAL CAPACITY TO STRENGTHEN AND ENLARGE THE EURO AREA

Budgetary aspects for stabilising Economic and Monetary Union

Organized by  
Policy Department D



Chair:  
Jean ARTHURIS and  
Roberto GUALTIERI

Rapporteur:  
Roland DOGE and  
Pavlos BEKIS

**BUDG** Hearing "The EU budget and the Paris climate agreement" - **23/24 April 2018 - Room TBC**

**CONT** Workshop on "Has the Single European Sky initiative provided more efficiency for European Air traffic Management - is SESAR delivering results" - **26 April 2018 - Room TBC**

**CONT** Workshop on "Efficient use of EU funding in the Baltic Sea: State of play in the combat against eutrophication" - **15 May 2018 - Room TBC**

Joint Hearing **BUDG/CONT/LIBE** - Assessing the flow of EU Migration funding within the Union - **16 May 2018 - Room TBC**

**CONT** Workshop on "How to better combat the fraud? Follow up of the Commission's anti-corruption sharing programme" - **20 June 2018 am - Room TBC**

### POLICY DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

#### Recent publications

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Study - Transitional Allowances for former EU office holders - too few conditions?

Study "10 years cooperation and verification Mechanism (Bulgaria and Romania) - Analyse of the Reports: evaluation and achievements"

#### Forthcoming publications:

#### CONT/BUDG

Study "Oversight and Management of the EU Trust Funds" - **Study Presentation 20 March 2018 in CONT, 21 March in BUDG**

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- Study "Potential revenue from the extension of charging fees by EU Agencies" - **April 2018 - TBC**

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