

TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2018

14.30 - 15.30, CONT/TERR - Room: ASP 3E-2

16.00 - 18.30, BUDG/CONT/AFET/DEVE - Room: PHS 3C50

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Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 5B001

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PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENTATION OF ECA ON A SPECIAL REPORT ON RADICALISATION

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Rapporteur: [Dennis De Jong](#) (GUE/NGL)
CONT Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Shadow Rapporteurs: Fulvio Martusciello (EPP), Catherina Chinnici (S&D), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE)



CONT-TERR joint committee meeting, item 9 on TERR OJ. The presentation will take place on 19/06/2018 from **14.30 to 15.30**, meeting room: **(ASP) 3E-2** (Brussels). Presentation by Jan Gregor, ECA member responsible

ECA Special report 13/2018 (Discharge 2017): **Tackling radicalisation that leads to terrorism**: the Commission addressed the needs of Member States, but with some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation. EU support for Member States in their efforts to combat radicalisation is addressing their needs, but there are some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation, according to a new report from the European Court of Auditors. The Commission cannot demonstrate how effective EU-funded counter-radicalisation actions actually are, say the auditors, which means there is a risk of lessons not being learned for the future.

Member States are responsible for their own national security, including the fight against terrorism. They are in charge of designing and implementing measures to tackle radicalisation, where people embrace extremist ideologies and behaviour that could lead them to commit acts of terrorism. The majority of suspects involved in the recent terrorist attacks in Europe were European citizens who had been radicalised. The European Commission supports the Member States in their efforts and helps to ensure the exchange of good practice.

The ECA Special Report is available on the [TERR website](#).

JOINT BUDG/CONT/AFET/DEVE HEARING ON "ASSESSING THE FLOW OF EXTERNAL EU MIGRATION FUNDING, INCLUDING TRUST FUNDS"



CONT Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
CONT Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE)

On Tuesday 19 June 2018, the Committee on Budgetary Control will hold a joint hearing with the Committees on Budgets, Foreign Affairs and Development entitled "Assessing the flow of external EU migration funding, including trust funds".

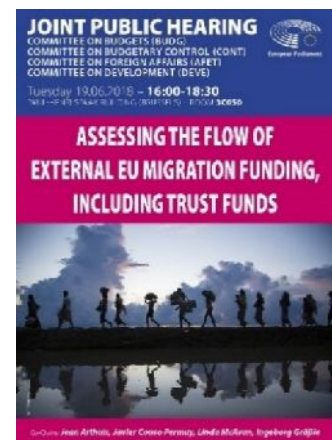
Following a similar event last month on EU-internal migration funding under Heading 3, the objective of the hearing is to track and assess the flow of current expenditure on the migration-related programmes and agencies under Heading 4 'Global Europe' of the EU budget throughout the budgetary cycle, from allocation to implementation, control and evaluation of effectiveness. The hearing will also cover the implementation of the trust funds involved in EU migration funding, with the objective of evaluating to what extent they bring added value to the EU budget. The joint hearing will be organised in two panels:

Panel I - Towards a new model of EU external migration funding: from emergency to a more structural response. This panel will look into the changes in the EU's institutional and political set-up, including the political design and rollout of new tools - migration compacts, Facility for Refugees in Turkey, trust funds, External Investment Plan.

Panel II - Reality check: is the EU response bearing fruits on the ground? This second panel will examine the situation on the ground with regard to the impact on the type of actions funded by the EU, through traditional or new types of funding instruments.

Speakers include Hassoumi Massoudou (Minister of Finance of Niger), as well as representatives of the EEAS (Deputy Secretary General Christian Leffler), think tanks and NGOs.

The joint hearing will take place on a BUDG Committee slot, item 21 on BUDG OJ, from **16.00 to 18.30** in meeting room **PHS 3C50** (Brussels). The draft programme can be found on the [BUDG website](#).



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PUBLIC MEETING

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 11 June 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, ES, CS, ET, HU, PL, BG (SK)* and RO

**Please note that BG is replaced with SK on the morning of 21 June. Also, note that the interpreters are on notice of strike, these work stoppages of one to two hours are possible in all parliamentary meetings. In concrete terms, if a meeting is affected by a walkout, an interpreter will contact the committee secretariat before the start of the meeting to inform the time and duration of the strike. The interpreters will stop and resume the works exactly at the scheduled time. No overshoot beyond the scheduled end time for the meeting will be granted. CONT Chair will announce at the beginning of each session if the meeting is affected.*

Webstreaming

The CONT meeting is webstreamed on the [Europarl website](#).

Please be aware that each time a speaker activates the microphone to make an intervention, the camera will be automatically directed to the speaker.

Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of coordinators' recommendations from the last CONT coordinators' meeting that took place on 15 May 2018 was circulated to the Members on 24 May 2018.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 19-20 March 2018, PV – PE620.946v01-00
- 26-27 March 2018, PV – PE621.025v01-00
- 9 April 2018, PV – PE620.993v01-00
- 16 April 2018, PV – PE622.142v01-00
- 25 April 2018, PV – PE621.058v01-00
- 14-15 May 2018, PV – PE622.108v01-00

4. WORKSHOP ON “HOW TO BETTER COMBAT FRAUD? FOLLOW-UP OF THE COMMISSION’S ANTI-CORRUPTION SHARING PROGRAMME”

CONT/8/13621



Co-Rapporteurs: [Julia Pitera](#) (EPP) and [Caterina Chinnici](#) (S&D)

Administrators: Jean-Jacques Gay (PolDep D),
Michal Czaplicki (CONT)

Shadow Rapporteur: Wolf Klinz (ALDE)

Since April 2015, the European Commission has organised 8 workshops on effective asset disclosure, whistle-blower protection, healthcare corruption, local public procurement, private sector corruption, political immunities, anti-corruption indicators and economic impact of corruption.

Firstly, the workshop will focus on the most important subjects and assess the outcome of the Commission workshops. It will also try to know what impact they had on improving effectiveness of competent national authorities in fighting corruption. How should the European Commission encourage Member States to fight against corruption? The main part of the workshop will be devoted to the question “what are the EU and Member States doing to tackle corruption and what are the key best practices to share at EU level?”

The programme of the workshop can be found on the [CONT website](#).

5. BRIEFING PAPER ON THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS FROM OUTSIDE THE EU

CONT/8/13624

Short presentation of the Briefing Paper by the ECA member responsible: *Iliana Ivanova*



Rapporteur: [Miguel Viegas](#) (GUE/NGL)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière (CONT)

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE)

Among the ECA's product range, a briefing paper is not an audit report as such but a review based both on publicly available information and certain data collected by the Court itself, presenting the underlying facts on a particular subject.

The overall objective of this briefing paper is to set out what the EU is doing to support the integration of migrants: firstly, by presenting the actions carried out by EU institutions and secondly, by providing an overview of the integration policies implemented by Member States. Illegal migration, border control or asylum processing are not addressed in this document.

The ECA particularly points out seven key high-level challenges faced by the EU collectively in integrating migrants:

- reducing delays in the start of integration process;
- guaranteeing equal rights and non-discrimination;
- sound and comprehensive assessment of needs and funding;
- commitment of Member States to implement the action plan for the integration of third country nationals;
- supporting all migrants across all relevant policy areas;
- effective monitoring of integration outcomes to measure progress and adapt policies if needed;
- effective coordination of funding at EU and national level.

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

6. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 12/2018 (2017 DISCHARGE): HIGH SPEED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

CONT/8/13627

Short presentation of the Special Report by the ECA member responsible: *Iliana Ivanova*



Rapporteur: [Andrey Novakov](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Christian Ehlers

Shadow Rapporteurs: Miroslav Poche (S&D), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

While nearly all Member States achieved the target for basic broadband coverage, this will most likely not be the case for the 2020 targets for fast (over 30 Megabits per second - Mbps) and ultra-fast (over 100 Mbps) broadband. Rural areas remain problematic in most Member States; 14 out of all 28 Member States had less than 50% fast broadband coverage in rural areas. Moreover, only 15% of all households

had subscribed to ultra-fast broadband by mid-2017.

The following are some of the most important issues raised by the report:

- Broadband strategies are key. All the Member States visited had prepared such strategies, but some were finalised late and targets were not always consistent with those set at EU level;
- Competition between providers is important for developing broadband infrastructure, but not all the Member States visited had put in place an appropriate legal and regulatory environment. Some areas, however, particularly away from cities, are not attractive to the private sector; without public support, there is a risk that these areas will continue to fall behind in terms of broadband access;
- Financing needs for broadband infrastructure in rural and suburban areas were not always properly addressed and European Investment Bank support did not focus on areas of greatest need. According to the European Commission, up to €250 billion will be required to achieve the Europe 2020 targets for broadband across all Member States. About half of this amount may be needed for rural areas.

The Court recommended:

- The Commission should request all Member States, based on current progress against the three EU 2020 targets, to highlight those areas where these targets may not be achieved by 2020 and to include, where possible, remedial action;
- All Member States should, as part of preparations for the post 2020 programme period, develop revised plans to show how they intend to meet those relevant high level targets for broadband after 2020 whether the Gigabit Society targets for 2025 or others;
- The Commission should, for the post 2020 programme period, develop common, consistent output and result indicators for use in Member States' operational programmes enabling progress against relevant high level objectives to be tracked while taking account of the need to limit the number of indicators;
- All Member States should review the mandate of their National Regulatory Authorities in accordance with the revised EU regulatory framework for telecoms, with a view to ensuring that they are able to impose their recommendations and remedies (including penalties for non-compliance) on operators;
- The Commission should clarify for Member States the application of the State aid guidelines with regard to the 100 Mbps and the Gigabit society targets;
- The Commission should support the Member States in incentivizing the set-up of wholesale open access networks in white and grey areas through developing an adequate legal framework, guidance and guidelines.
- This type of network should facilitate an adequate competitive environment, leading to better service provision for users;

- The Commission should disseminate best practices, issue guidance and guidelines to incentivize the aggregation of smaller projects, where appropriate, by authorities in Member States, with a view to achieving economies of scale. This should make such projects commercially more viable and thus ease access to financing;
- The EIB should focus its support through the EFSI and CEBF on small and medium size projects in white and grey areas in line with the aim of supporting riskier projects. In addition, the output and result indicators at project completion should include, when relevant, the number of premises covered and connected in white and grey areas, and an indication of the broadband speeds achievable.

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.

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PUBLIC MEETING

7. WORKSHOP: HAS THE SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY INITIATIVE PROVIDED MORE EFFICIENCY FOR EUROPEAN AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – IS SESAR DELIVERING RESULTS?

CONT/8/13628



Co-rapporteurs: [Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP) and [Marian-Jean Marinescu](#) (EPP)

Administrators: Rudolfs Verdins (PolDep D),
Michal Czaplicki (CONT)

Shadow Rapporteur: Martina Dlabajová (ALDE)

Safe and efficient air transport requires well-coordinated air traffic management (ATM). The Single European Sky initiative (SES) was established with an aim to improve the efficiency of the fractured ATM system in Europe.

SES in its current form includes regulatory instruments to minimize the negative effects of fragmented ATM services in Europe. SES regulatory framework also provides for financial support to the coordinated development of new ATM technologies to increase the capacity of the European ATM system. The SESAR project, which is the SES's technological pillar, has successfully promoted coordination and is gradually releasing technological improvements. However, it has fallen behind its initial schedule and has become significantly more costly than anticipated.

The workshop will focus on the cost-efficiency of the EU funding allocated to ATM harmonization and technological development. The discussions will be held between the European Court of Auditors, the European Commission, Eurocontrol, the coordinating Joint Undertaking (SESAR), EASA, and most relevant stakeholders.

The draft programme of the workshop can be found on the [CONT website](#).



THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2018

09.00 - 12.00

PUBLIC MEETING

Languages available:

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***** ELECTRONIC VOTING *****

8. FIGHTING CUSTOMS FRAUD AND PROTECTING EU OWN RESOURCES

CONT/8/13424



Rapporteur on behalf of CONT: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
CONT Administrator: Tereza Pinto de Rezende

CONT coordinators agreed to table an Oral Question with resolution on the above mentioned topic. No consensus was reached on the final text of the resolution, therefore a deadline for amendments was opened. Seven amendments were tabled and one compromise was supported by the majority of the political groups.

After adoption in committee, the resolution will be tabled on behalf of CONT in view of winding up the plenary debate on the oral question.

The draft motion for a resolution and the amendments are available on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Adoption	CONT	21 June 2018
Adoption	Plenary	July 2018 (tbc)

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

9. INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF) AS REGARDS COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OLAF INVESTIGATIONS

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Consideration of working document

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Christian Ehlers

Shadow Rapporteurs: Arndt Kohn (S&D); Wolf Klinz (ALDE)

The Chair will present her working document in preparation of the revision of the OLAF Regulation.

The European Commission proposes to amend Regulation (EU, Euratom) 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). The amendment seeks to ensure that OLAF is equipped to work closely with the

EPPO to detect and investigate fraud across the EU. The proposed changes will also clarify OLAF's tools for the conduct of administrative investigations with a view to ensuring their effectiveness. This concerns in particular checks and inspections, access to bank account information, as well as the tools to fight VAT fraud.

The working document will be published on the [CONT website](#) when it becomes available.

10. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 6/2018 (2017 DISCHARGE): FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS – THE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM ENSURED BUT BETTER TARGETING OF EU FUNDS WOULD AID WORKER MOBILITY

CONT/8/12352



Full Presentation of the Special Report by the ECA member responsible: *George Pufan*

Rapporteur: [Georgi Pirinski](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Tereza Pinto de Rezende

Shadow Rapporteurs: José Ignacio Salafranca (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL)

The free movement of workers is one of the four fundamental freedoms of the Union. In 2018 the EU will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding regulation on the free movement of workers. It entails the abolition across Member States of any discrimination based on nationality as regards employment, remuneration and other conditions of work and employment. In 2015, 11.3 million EU-28 movers of working age were living in an EU Member State other than their country of citizenship. This equates to 3.7 % of the total working age population across the EU.

Among other, the ECA found:

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- The Commission provides EU workers with information on their rights through several channels, but there are opportunities to improve awareness of them;
- There are long standing obstacles to moving to and working in another country (such as the recognition of professional diplomas). Such obstacles persist despite the fact that the Commission and Member States have taken several actions to address them;
- Member States are at different levels with regard to data on skills and labour imbalances at both regional and national levels. The Commission is continuing to work with Member States to improve such data;
- The EU supports labour mobility through the ESF for Member States identifying that as a need. However, labour mobility has not been defined as a distinct investment priority and monitoring of such activity was lacking during the approval process for the current ESF programme period. Therefore, the extent to which the ESF is used for this purpose is unknown;
- The main source of known funding to support labour mobility is the Commission's Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme with 165 million euro for 2014 to 2020. The EaSI-EURES has similar policy objectives to those of the ESF with regards to labour mobility, meaning the required complementarity of both EU funds is challenging.

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.

11., 12., 13. CONT MISSIONS FOLLOW-UP

CONT/8/12100 (GREECE)

CONT/8/13635 (SLOVAKIA)

CONT/8/12535 (LATVIA AND LITHUANIA)



Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)

Administrators: Michal Czaplicki (Greece and Slovakia) and Christian Ehlers (Latvia and Lithuania)

Mission to Greece (13-15 February)

A delegation of five Budgetary Control Committee MEPs visited Greece on February 13-15 2018, following up on a visit undertaken in September 2015. Led by the Committee Chair Inge Gräßle (EPP, DE), the delegation inspected EU-funded projects and met with national authorities to discuss project management issues.

The mission focused on a selection of the 181 priority projects Greece has been implementing using EU funds. Having visited project sites in 2015, the follow-up delegation kept track of the achieved progress. The co-financed budget of the priority list, established at the end of 2011, amounted to EUR 11.5 billion.

The second topic of the visit was the monitoring of EU funds for refugees. CONT has already inspected these expenses during the delegations to Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. This time, MEPs visited the Moria and Karetepe refugee camps on the island of Lesbos and met with Mr Ioannis Mouzalas, Greek Minister for Migration Policy.

The Members underlined the need for continuation of the monitoring process and indicated that CONT should revisit Greece in 2020 or 2021.

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

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Mission to Slovakia (8-9 March)

Following the *ad hoc* delegation of the joint LIBE-CONT Committees to Slovakia (7-9 March 2018) and the parliamentary debate that followed, the Budgetary Control Committee decided to focus on the specificities of the Slovak Land Fund which particularities give possibilities to irregularities and aberrations regarding payment to EU farmers according to the Common Agricultural Policy. Juraj Kožuch, Director of the Slovak Land Fund, has been invited to Brussels to present, to the whole Committee, the Slovak Land Fund and to answer questions regarding the death of journalist Ján Kuciak, and to other cases which are of interest of Members and OLAF.

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

Mission to Latvia and Lithuania (3-6 April)

From 3 to 6 April a CONT Delegation paid a visit to Latvia and Lithuania. The objectives of the mission were twofold:

- to verify the use of structural funds in Latvia; and
- to verify the progress made in dismantling the Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant in Lithuania.

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

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12.00 - 12.30

IN CAMERA

14. COORDINATORS MEETING

Meeting held in camera



15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. NEXT MEETINGS

- 25 June 2018, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 11 July 2018, 09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
- 12 July 2018, 09.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CONT Hearing “State aid & EU funding - are they compatible” - **25 June 2018 – JAN 6Q2**

CONT Hearing “Performance and visibility of EU funded projects in the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy with a special focus on the cross-border cooperation between Western Balkan Countries” - **11 July 2018 - Room TBC**

CONT Workshop on “How can we better communicate the results of the EU budgetary control process to citizens? Addressing the challenges of populist discourse on EU spending” - **11 October 2018 – TBC**

POLICY DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS:

Recent publications

CONT

In-Depth Analysis “[State Aid and EU funding: are they compatible?](#)”

Study “[Ensuring high quality job creation from EU funding programmes: how can the best practice of Horizon 2020 be better integrated into other programmes \(ESF, Youth Guarantee, Globalisation Fund\)?](#)”

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Study “[Oversight and Management of the EU Trust Funds](#)”

BUDG

In-Depth Analysis “[The EU spending on fight against climate change](#)”

Forthcoming publications

BUDG

- Study “Potential revenue from the extension of charging fees by EU Agencies” - **TBC**

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- Study “Public procurement in EU: few winners for main large-scale infrastructure projects; Overview on the criteria selection, the monitoring and the control system” - **11 October 2018, TBC**

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