

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

08.30 - 10.00

Room: Louise Weiss (LOW) N1.3, Strasbourg

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 12 October 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 and RO.

Webstreaming

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Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of coordinators' recommendations from the last CONT coordinators' meeting that took place on 10 October 2018 was circulated to the Members on 19 October 2018.

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

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PUBLIC MEETING

3. DISCHARGE 2017: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Discharge Hearing with *Phil Hogan*, Commissioner responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development in the presence of ECA Member *Nikolaos Milionis*

Rapporteur: [Inés Ayala Sender](#) (S&D)

Administrators: Christian Ehlers and Philippe Godts

Shadow Rapporteurs: Ingeborg Gräßle (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Bart Staes (Verts/ALE), Luke Ming Flanagan (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD), Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

The transactions subject to audit by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in chapter 7 "Natural Resources" of its Annual Report 2016 represent EUR 56, 5 Billion:

- European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF): market related expenditure and direct payments: EUR 41.7 Billion;
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD): EUR 11.1 Billion;
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and others EUR 0.4. Billion.

The ECA estimates the level of error for "Natural Resources" as a whole to be 2.4% (direct support: below 2%; rural development and market support: above 2 %).

The documents of particular relevance for the exchange of views as regards the 2017 Commission discharge are:

- The ECA's 2017 Annual Report, Chapters 1, 2 and 7.
- The Commission's follow-up report COM (2018) 545 final
- The respective Annual Activity Report of the Director General.

These documents are available on the [CONT website](#).

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 15 October 2018 and emailed to Members on the same day. Questions concern in particular the situation in Slovakia, the annual activity report of the Director General, the reliability of the data communicated by the Member States, Special reports of the of the Court, Greening, fair CAP and the follow-up of the last discharge resolution. The answers from the Commission were received on 22 October 2018 and emailed to Members on the same day.

It is proposed that the hearing with the Commissioner Hogan shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, who will present the findings of the respective chapters of the Annual Report 2017;
- Commissioner Hogan will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteur will put questions to the Commissioner and the Court;
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETINGS

-) 8 November 2018, 09.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)
-) 15 November 2018, 08.30 – 10.00 (Strasbourg)
-) 19 November 2018, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)
-) 20 November 2018, 09.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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In-Depth Analysis “[The effectiveness and visibility of EU funding in the Western Balkan countries with a special focus on the cross-border cooperation](#).”

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Forthcoming publications

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- Study “Ex Ante Conditionality in ESI funds state of play and their potential impact on the Financial Implementation of the Funds” - **20 November 2018**

- Study “EU-funded large-scale infrastructure: deficient project preparation and procurement processes?” - **26 November 2018**

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