

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2018

09.00 - 10.00

Room: Louise Weiss (N1.3), Strasbourg

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 26 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, EL, ES, FI, CS, ET, HU, LT, PL, BG and RO.

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PUBLIC MEETING

*** ELECTRONIC VOTING ***

3. THE STATE OF THE DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

CONT/8/13350 - [2018/2094\(INI\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion to AFCO

Rapporteur: [Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL)

In the context of the AFCO own initiative report on the 'State of the debate on the Future of Europe' aiming at assessing institutional and political evolutions that have followed the adoption of Parliaments resolutions on 'Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon treaty' and on 'Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union', Mr Sarvamaa presented his draft opinion on Wednesday 10 October recalling some key considerations and putting forward possible ways of improvement to the governance structure, accountability and democratic control of the EU.

CONT Members tabled 50 amendments. The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in AFCO is scheduled for the 27 November 2018.

4. PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING HORIZON EUROPE – THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, LAYING DOWN ITS RULES FOR PARTICIPATION AND DISSEMINATION

CONT/8/13991 - [2018/0224\(COD\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion to ITRE

Rapporteur: [Martina Dlabajová](#) (ALDE)

Administrator: Charlotte Kutzenberger

Shadow Rapporteurs: Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

In connection with the proposal for the next MFF, the Commission suggests Horizon Europe 2021 to 2027 which will help deliver on the Union's strategic priorities and support the development and implementation of Union policies.

It maximises the impact of future European Union research and innovation (R&I), which is crucial in a rapidly globalising world. The programme will boost the Union's competitiveness, including that of its industries and build on the success of its predecessor. Horizon Europe continues to support the whole R&I cycle in an integrated manner.

The Rapporteur's amendments underline the on-going importance of an in-depth analysis of approaches available in the fight against fraud, the need of transparent procedures for any appointments and public procurement, the protection of the financial interests of the Union and conformity with the Financial Regulation.

This opinion is presented in form of amendments according to rule 53, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat received 40 amendments, which were sent to Members on 25 October 2018.

The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). The adoption in ITRE is scheduled for the 21 November 2018.

5. PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON ESTABLISHING THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE – THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

CONT/8/13984 - [2018/0225](#)(COD)



Adoption of draft opinion to ITRE

Rapporteur: [Martina Dlabajová](#) (ALDE)
Administrator: Charlotte Kutzenberger

Shadow Rapporteurs: Andrey Novakov (EPP), Inés Ayala Sender (S&D), Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

In connection to the upcoming MFF, the Commission proposes a decision on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. This legal act defines operational objectives and the activities, which are specific to parts of Horizon Europe and sets out specific implementation and programming provisions.

The Rapporteur's amendments stress the importance of a transparent recruitment process, the necessity of a code of conduct to address the issue of conflict of interest avoidance and the importance of conformity with the Financial Regulation.

This opinion is presented in form of amendments according to rule 53, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat received 71 amendments, which were sent to Members on 25 October 2018.

The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in ITRE is scheduled for the 21 November 2018.

6. EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND PLUS (ESF+)

CONT/8/13487 - [2018/0206\(COD\)](#)

Adoption of draft opinion to EMPL



Rapporteur : [Georgi Pirinski](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Shadow Rapporteurs : Patricija Šulin (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

On 29 May 2018, the European Commission adopted its proposal for the new European Social Fund+ (ESF+), merging the existing European Social Fund (ESF) with the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD), the Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EaSI) and the EU Health Programme.

The Commission justifies its proposal with the aim to “streamline and simplify the funding landscape and create additional opportunities for synergies through integrated funding approaches”. This aim in principle is welcomed by the Rapporteur, Mr Pirinski. However, the lack of specific objectives and priorities for the ESF+ strand under shared management could create uncertainty regarding programming, monitoring and evaluation of support under this strand.

The Rapporteur underlines that there are no clear mechanisms spelling out in what way complementarity and synergies between the three strands are to be achieved. Therefore, Mr Pirinski proposes 73 amendments to improve the proposal.

There were 67 further amendments submitted by CONT Members. Some of the amendments aim at more scrutiny and control, others refer to social inclusion, gender equality or problem of immigration and integration. Mr Pirinski’s further amendments aims for more clarity in the structure of the text, especially in the part regarding funding.

The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in EMPL is scheduled for the 27 November 2018.

7. EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION ADJUSTMENT FUND (EGF)

CONT/8/13467 - [2018/0202\(COD\)](#)

Adoption of draft opinion to EMPL



Rapporteur: [Gilles Pargneaux](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow rapporteurs: Patricija Šulin (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL)

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims at providing support to people losing their jobs as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, i.e. when a large company shuts down or production is moved outside the EU, or as a result of the global economic and financial crisis.

On 10 October 2018, the Rapporteur presented his draft opinion in which he puts the focus inter alia on the necessity to have an optimal cooperation between Member States and the Commission in the treatment of applications for a financial contribution from the EGF, on the intervention criteria, eligible measures and information and communication on the EGF.

CONT Members tabled 61 amendments. The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in EMPL is scheduled for the 27 November 2018.

8. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL (INTERREG) SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND EXTERNAL FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

CONT/8/13975 - [2018/0199\(COD\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion to REGI

Rapporteur: [Arndt Kohn](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Andrey Novakov (EPP), Martina Dlabajová (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL)

The European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) (Interreg), is one of the very few frameworks contributing to the construction of a common European space and European integration, in which national, regional and local players from different Member States are systematically called upon to carry out joint measures, exchange practices and strategies in all its forms (cross-border, transnational, interregional and opening to neighbouring countries).

On 10 October 2018, the Rapporteur presented amendments mainly emphasizing the monitoring aspect, namely the monitoring committee, the indicators and the evaluation aspects of the European Territorial Cooperation.

CONT Members tabled 41 amendments. The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in REGI is scheduled for the 3 December 2018.



9. JUSTICE PROGRAMME

CONT/8/13693 - [2018/0208\(COD\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion to JURI and LIBE

Rapporteur: [Dennis De Jong](#) (GUE/NGL)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Shadow Rapporteurs: Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Caterina Chinnici (S&D), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE)

As part of the future 2021-2027 MFF, the Commission proposes creating a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund that would comprise the Rights and Values Programme (bringing together the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and the Europe for Citizens Programme) and the Justice Programme.

During the CONT presentation on 10 October 2018, the Rapporteur highlighted in his draft opinion mainly (i) the need to ensure European added value and sound financial management in the implementation of this programme, (ii) the coordination of this programme whenever necessary with the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regard the rule of law in Member States and, (iii) modalities related to the programming, the reporting and evaluation of the programme.

CONT Members tabled 40 amendments. The draft opinion and amendments are available on the [CONT website](#). Adoption in JURI and LIBE is scheduled for the 4 February 2019.

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETINGS

- 19 November 2018, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 20 November 2018, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 26 November 2018, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 27 November 2018, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

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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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