

MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2018

15.00 - 18.30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 4B001, Brussels

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 28 November 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

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 20 November 2018 was circulated to the Members on 29 November 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. CONT MISSION TO SLOVAKIA (17-19 DECEMBER 2018)

CONT/8/15071



Exchange of views in preparation for the committee mission

Head of mission: [Ingeborg Gräßle](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Michal Czaplicki/Philippe Godts/Evelyn Waldherr

The committee decided to send a delegation to Slovakia which will take place from 17 to 19 December 2018.

This will be a follow up of the joint CONT-LIBE mission which took place in March 2018 following the murder of the investigative journalist Jan Kuciak. This time the delegation will focus on EU farm funds in Slovakia and the way they are distributed. The delegation will travel to the region of Kosice in Eastern Slovakia which was described in the articles of the late Mr Kuciak. A number of official meetings with the Slovak authorities as well as meetings with investigative journalists and NGOs are included in the program. The delegation will meet with the Slovak farmers and local activists. At the end of the program, the Chair will hold a press conference.

The exchange of views will take place in the presence of representatives from the Commission services involved.

Members will find the latest version of the programme on the [CONT website](#).

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

CONT/8/14083



Discharge hearing *Günther Oettinger*, Commissioner responsible for Budget and Human Resources, in the presence of *Lazaros S. Lazarou*, *Jan Gregor* and *Mihails Kozlovs* Members of the European Court of Auditors

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

Administrators: Philippe Godts and Christian Ehlers

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

Committee on Budgetary Control

The exchange of views will give the opportunity to CONT Members to discuss with the Commissioner on the main topics addressed during the hearings with the Members and the Secretary- General of the Commission as to the Commission discharge (performance and compliance dimensions) and on Human resources issues.

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, 3, 4 and 10.
- The Commission's follow-up report COM (2018) 545 final
- The Annual Activity Report of DG BUDG for 2017.

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

For this meeting Members submitted written questions. In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions were sent to the Commission on 22 November 2018 and emailed to Members on the same day. The replies from the Commission are expected by 29 November 2018 and will be circulated to members as soon as received.

It is proposed that today's hearing with the Commissioner shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the Members of the European Court of Auditors, who will present the findings of the respective chapters of the Annual Report 2017;
- Commissioner in charge will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteur;
- other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court;
- closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

CONT Timetable:

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Consideration of draft reports	CONT	21-22 January 2019
Deadline for amendments	CONT	30 January 2019, 14.00
Adoption in CONT	CONT	20-21 February
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	March II

5. 2017 DISCHARGE TO THE AGENCIES

CONT/8/15072



Discharge hearing with the representatives of agencies, in the presence of ECA Member *Rimantas Šadžius*

Rapporteur: [Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Cécile Bourgault

Shadow Rapporteurs: Karin Kadenbach (S&D), Ryszard Czarnecki (except for EUROPOL, EUROJUST and EFSA: Monica Macovei (ECR), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Bart Staes (Greens/EFA), Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL), Marco Valli (EFDD), Barbara Kappel (ENF)

From the 32 decentralized EU agencies, which are subject to discharge, the Rapporteur selected the below agencies to be invited to the hearing:

- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)
- European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
- European Institute of Innovation and technology (EIT)

Other agency representatives are also welcome to attend the hearing if they so wish.

The written questions by the Rapporteur, the Shadow Rapporteurs and other Members, addressed to the Agencies' Network as well as to the individual agencies, were submitted to the agencies on 18 October 2018.

The replies were sent to CONT Members on 12 November 2018. They are published on the [CONT website](#).

It is proposed that the hearing shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA), Rimantas Šadžius, who will present the findings of the Annual Report 2017;
- Executive Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Andrea Ammon, will reply to this introduction on behalf of the Agencies' Network;
- The CONT Rapporteur, Petri Sarvamaa, will present his introduction on key issues in the 2017 agencies' discharge and put questions to the Agencies' Network, individual agencies and the Court;
- The Chair, Shadow Rapporteurs and other Members will question the agencies' network, individual agencies and the Court;
- Closing remarks by the ECDC Executive Director;
- Closing remarks by ECA;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

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6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETINGS

- 13 December 2018, 9.00 – 11.45 (Strasbourg)
- 7 January 2019, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 21 January 2019, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 22 January 2019, , 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 28 January 2019, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 29 January 2019, , 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)

PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)

Access CONT committee meeting documents on [eMeeting](#) or any CONT committee information on [eCommittee](#)

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Workshop on "EU Member States declaration" - 2019

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

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

Proceedings of the Workshop on "[The revision of OLAF Regulation in light of the future cooperation with EPPO](#)"

Proceedings of the Workshop on "[How to better combat fraud? Follow up of the Commission's anticorruption sharing programme](#)"

Study "Ex Ante Conditionality in ESI funds state of play and their potential impact on the Financial Implementation of the Funds" - not online yet

BUDG

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

Study "[EU funds for migration, asylum and integration policies](#)"

Study "[Potential revenue from the extension of charging fees by EU Agencies](#)"

Study "[Financial Implementation of European Structural and Investment Funds](#)"

Forthcoming publications

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Study "Good examples of aligning the budget with the 'performance based budgeting' principles in 3 most progressive Member States" - 2019

Study "Transparency of funding for NGOs financed from the EU Budget (update)" - **January 2019**

Study "Key performance indicators for convergence in regional development - how reliable are they to ensure targeted and result-oriented spending?" - **March 2019**

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