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15.00 - 18.00

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was e-mailed to Members on 4 April 2019 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.

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3. WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL INVESTMENTS AS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL OF COHESION POLICY

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Rapporteur: Martina Dlabajová (ALDE)

Administrator: Rita Calatozzolo (Policy Dept D) and Christian Ehlers (CONT)

The Integrated Territorial Investment - ITI - is a tool introduced in 2015 in the Common Provision Regulation for use during the European Structural and Investment Funds programming period 2014-2020. This tool aims to make it easier to run territorial strategies that need funding from different sources. It also promotes a more local form of policymaking.

The workshop intends to analyse and debate the functioning of the ITI from a budgetary control perspective, with particular attention to the need for simplification of rules, the reduction of regulation and the effectiveness of the investments involved. The speakers list includes representatives from the EU Institutions - Commission and Court of Auditors - and from the academic world,

as well as national operators involved in the day by day programming and implementation of the ITI in the Czech Republic and Italy.

See separate draft programme available in the **CONT** website.

4. EU Member States' national declarations

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Exchange of views with Commission representatives and ECA Member, Eva Lindström

Rapporteur: <u>Ingeborg Gräßle</u> (EPP)

Administrator: Rudolfs Verdins (Policy Dept D) and Philippe Godts

The provisions of the Financial Regulation require Member States' bodies entrusted with the management of EU funds to provide the Commission annually with a management declaration, and foresee that Member States may also provide in addition "declarations signed at the appropriate level", or National declarations.

National declarations are a public accountability instrument, they strengthen the provision of assurance in the management of EU funds, and demonstrate the political commitment towards sound financial management. Currently there is no

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legal obligation for Member States to provide national declarations. The exchange of views with Ms Eva Lindström, Member of the European Court of Auditors, and Mr Olivier Waelbroeck, Director of "Central Financial Service" (DG BUDG), aims to explore ways to further promote the National declarations.

A bibliography prepared by EPRS on national Member States declarations is available on the **CONT** website.

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6. NEXT MEETING

Monday, 15 April 2019, 19.00 - 22.00 (Strasbourg)

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