

# CONT Balance Sheet of Activities during the 9<sup>th</sup> legislative term

September 2022 - July 2023



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**COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY CONTROL**

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union



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## **INTRODUCTION**

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY CONTROL**  
**BALANCE SHEET OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE 9<sup>th</sup> TERM**  
**4th year - from September 2022 to July 2023**

The fourth year of the 9th legislative term was finally a regular working year unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, a full return to in-person meetings with pre-pandemic levels of attendance is a work in progress.

The composition of the CONT Bureau changed in June 2023 with the election of **two new Vice-Chairs: Mr Sándor RONAI** (S&D, HU) was elected as **second Vice-Chair**, while the former second Vice-Chair, **Ms Caterina CHINNICI**, was elected **fourth Vice-Chair** following her change of political group and the departure of the former fourth Vice-Chair, Mr Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ.

There was again some fluctuation in Members, but the overall number remained unchanged at 30 CONT Members and 25 Substitutes.

In the period of reference, CONT held **22 ordinary meetings (amounting to 37 half-day meetings)** and **10 Coordinators' meetings** (in addition, several decisions were taken by written procedure). **17 items** were debated in **joint meetings**.

As usual, the CONT Committee took on a considerable workload:

Altogether, **58 discharge reports** were adopted. For the financial year **2021, discharge was granted to the Commission and all other institutions, bodies, agencies and Joint Undertakings**, with the **only, yet traditional, exception of the Council**.

CONT continued working on the **legislative procedure** for the revision of the **Financial Regulation** jointly with BUDG. The committee adopted **four own-initiative reports** and submitted **five opinions** on legislative files to other committees. **15 working documents and background documents** were prepared to accompany the **presentation of special reports by the Court of Auditors**.

For the **partial renewal of the Court of Auditors**, **four hearings** of designated Members were organised, resulting in positive votes for the Lithuanian and Estonian nominees. The Slovak nominee was rejected with an historic zero votes in favour, leading to the withdrawal of his nomination, while the Hungarian nominee was rejected in CONT with a tied vote, but received a positive vote in plenary.

**Six public hearings** and **two workshops** were held and **two studies** under the responsibility of the Policy Department were presented in the CONT Committee.

CONT also held an historic first committee meeting with its two sister committees in the **Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada** and organised an **interparliamentary committee meeting with national parliaments** on their scrutiny of EU and NGEU funding.

The annual **interinstitutional exchange of views with OLAF** took place in hybrid mode on the Council's premises.

CONT delegations went on **three fact-finding missions**: to visit **Europol** in The Hague in November 2022, to **Madrid** in February 2023 and to **Budapest** in May 2023.

The **CONT Secretariat is finally operating at full steam**, with nine assistants and ten of its eleven administrators in action, in addition to the head of unit. Together, we support our CONT Committee Members in their important work of controlling how the European Union's budget is spent and holding the Commission to account for it.

Evelyn Waldherr and all the colleagues in the CONT Secretariat

## **I. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

## COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

### 1. Bureau

Since the mid-term election in January 2022, the CONT Bureau is composed as follows:

- **Chair :**  
[Monika HOHLMEIER](#) (EPP, Germany) - since July 2019
- **1st Vice-Chair:**  
[Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ](#) (S&D, Spain) - since July 2019
- **2nd Vice-Chair:**  
[Caterina CHINNICI](#) (S&D, Italy) - from July 2019 until May 2023
- **3rd Vice-Chair:**  
[Gilles BOYER](#) (Renew Europe, France) - since January 2022
- **4th Vice-Chair:**  
[Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ](#) (EPP, Czechia) - from January 2022 until May 2023

Following the change of the political group of 2nd Vice-Chair, MEP Caterina CHINNICI, and the withdrawal from the CONT Committee of 4th Vice-Chair, MEP Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ, an election for the 2nd and the 4th Vice-Chairs was organised on [27 June 2023](#) with the following results:

- **2nd Vice-Chair:**  
[Sándor RÓNAI](#) (S&D, Hungary) - elected by acclamation
- **4th Vice-Chair:**  
[Caterina CHINNICI](#) (EPP, Italy) - elected by acclamation

### 2. Members

The committee was composed of 30 Full Members distributed by political groups as follows:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| EPP:        | 8 |
| S&D:        | 6 |
| Renew:      | 4 |
| Greens/EFA: | 3 |
| ECR:        | 3 |
| ID:         | 3 |
| Left:       | 2 |
| NI:         | 1 |

### 3. Coordinators

|                |                                                                         |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chair:</b>  | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)                                                  |
| <b>EPP</b>     | Petri SARVAMAA<br>Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ, deputy coordinator - until May 2023 |
| <b>S&amp;D</b> | Claudiu MANDA - until June 2023                                         |



|            |                                                                                                         |
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|            | Victor NEGRESCU - from June 2023                                                                        |
| Renew      | Olivier CHASTEL                                                                                         |
| Greens/EFA | Mikuláš PEKSA - until May 2023                                                                          |
|            | Viola VON-CRAMON TAUBADEL - Deputy Coordinator until May 2023 and since<br>then sole acting Coordinator |
| ID         | Joachim KUHS                                                                                            |
| ECR        | Ryszard CZARNECKI                                                                                       |
| Left       | Luke Ming FLANAGAN                                                                                      |

## **II. COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 TO JULY 2023**

## CONT MEETINGS

The Committee on Budgetary Control held **37 meetings** (including joint meetings detailed further below) and **10 Coordinators' meetings** from September 2022 until July 2023.

### CONT Committee meetings

- 5 September 2022 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 8 September 2022 AM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG & FEMM)
- 8 September 2022 PM (Brussels)
- 3 October 2022 PM (Strasbourg - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 6 October 2022 AM (Strasbourg)
- 13 October 2022 AM & PM (Brussels - joint meeting with COVI)
- 24 October 2022 PM (Brussels)
- 25 October 2022 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 7 November 2022 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG & ENVI)
- 7 November 2022 PM (Brussels)
- 8 November 2022 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 14 November 2022 PM (Brussels)
- 30 November 2022 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 30 November 2022 AM (Brussels - joint meeting with LIBE)
- 1 December 2022 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 5 December 2022 PM (Brussels)
- 23 January 2023 PM (Brussels)
- 24 January 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 30 January 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 31 January 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 9 February 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 9 February 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 28 February 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 1 March 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 22 March 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 23 March 2023 AM (Brussels - joint meeting with LIBE)
- 23 March 2023 AM (Brussels)
- 25 April 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 27 April 2023 AM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 24 May 2023 AM & PM (Brussels)
- 24 May 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 25 May 2023 AM (Brussels)
- 26 June 2023 PM (Brussels)
- 27 June 2023 AM & PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)
- 28 June 2023 AM (Brussels - joint meeting with CULT)
- 18 July 2023 AM (Brussels)
- 19 July 2023 PM (Brussels - joint meeting with BUDG)

## Joint meetings

- Joint meetings with **BUDG**:
  1. Meeting in Brussels on 5 September 2022 on (CJ13) Vote on Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.
  2. Meeting in Strasbourg on 3 October 2022 on (CJ13) Implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation.
  3. Workshop in Brussels on 30 January 2023 on the role of the EU budget in international climate finance.
  4. Meeting in Brussels on 31 January 2023 on ECA Special Report 28/2022: Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) – SURE financing contributed to preserving jobs during the COVID-19 crisis, but its full impact is not known. Presentation of draft report.
  5. Meeting in Brussels on 9 February 2023 on (CJ13) Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast). Consideration of draft report.
  6. Meeting in Brussels on 1 March 2023 on (CJ13) Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast). Consideration of amendments.
  7. Meeting in Brussels on 27 April 2023 on (CJ13) Vote on Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast). Consideration of amendments.
  8. Meeting in Brussels on 27 April 2023 on (CJ13) ECA Special Report 05/2023: The EU's financial landscape – A patchwork construction requiring further simplification and accountability. Presentation of the special report.
  9. Meeting in Brussels on 27 April 2023 for the presentation of the external study The tools for tackling the breaches of the rule of law that constitute a risk to the EU budget – The Conditionality Regulation in context. Presentation of the study by the authors.
  10. Meeting in Brussels on 24 May 2023 on (CJ13) Implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation. Exchange of views.
  11. Public hearing in Brussels on 27 June 2023 on (CJ13) Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings.
  12. Meeting in Brussels on 19 July 2023 on (CJ13) ECA Special Report 16/2023: NGEU debt management at the Commission.
  13. Meeting in Brussels on 19 July 2023 on (CJ13) Reporting back to committee on the trilogue on Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast).
- Joint meeting with **ENVI** and **BUDG**:
  1. Meeting in Brussels on 7 November 2022 on ECA Special Report 09/2022: on Climate spending in the 2014-2020 budget - Not as high as reported. Presentation of the special report.
- Joint meeting with **FEMM** and **BUDG**:
  1. Meeting in Brussels on 8 September 2022 on Gender tracking methodology for the EU budget, in presence of Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Administration.
- Joint meeting with **CULT**:
  1. Meeting in Brussels on 28 June 2023 on ECA Special Report 11/2023 EU support for the digitalisation of schools and exchange of views with the Commission on the use of the EU emblem in the logo of the MFF programmes.
  2. Meeting in Brussels on 28 June 2023 on the use of the EU emblem in the logo of the MFF programmes. Exchange of views with the Commission.

- Joint meetings with **LIBE**:
  1. Joint Public Hearing with authorities of Member States in Brussels on 30 November 2022 on The financial support for the treatment and accompanying of Ukrainian refugees.
  2. Meeting in Brussels on 23 March 2023 on (CJ09) The Annual Report 2022 of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). Presentation by Laura Kövesi, the European Chief Prosecutor, giving account of the general activities of the EPPO to the European Parliament.
- Joint meetings with **COVI**:
  1. Meeting in Brussels on 13 October 2022 on ECA Special Report 19/2022: EU COVID19 vaccine procurement - Sufficient doses secured after initial challenges, but performance of the process not sufficiently assessed.
  2. Meeting on 24 January 2023 on ECA Special Report 18/2022: EU institutions and COVID-19 -Responded rapidly, challenges still ahead to make the best of the crisis-led innovation and flexibility.

### **Extraordinary meetings**

- 2022 Inter-institutional Exchange of views on OLAF on 26 October 2022 in the Council's premises in Brussels.
- Extraordinary CONT meeting in Luxembourg on 27 October 2022 with a presentation of the Adenauer building.
- Annual meeting with the Court of Auditors on 27 October 2022 in Luxembourg in European Court of Auditor's premises.
- Inter-parliamentary committee meeting on the role of national parliaments in overseeing the spending of EU funds and the NextGeneration EU plan on 26 June 2023 in Brussels.

### **Coordinators' meetings**

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • 5 September 2022 (also remote) | • 22 March 2023              |
| • 25 October 2022                | • 25 April 2023              |
| • 1 December 2022                | • 24 May 2023                |
| • 24 January 2023                | • 27 June 2023               |
| • 28 February 2023               | • 18 July 2023 (also remote) |

### **III. DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE**

## **REPORTS**

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted **58 discharge reports**, **4 reports for ECA nominations**, **4 INI reports** and kept working on **1 legislative procedure** jointly with BUDG from September 2022 until July 2023.

### Legislative procedures

| Report Procedure                                                                   | Rapporteur                                    | Title report                                                                            | Adoption in CONT |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>COM(2022)223 final</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>2022/0162(COD)</u></a> | Nils UŠAKOVS (S&D),<br>Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP) | BUDG/CONT<br><br>Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union. Recast. | 27/04/2023       |

**Nomination for membership of the ECA [\(link\)](#)**

| Report Procedure               | Rapporteur              | Title report                                                                                                                                                       | Adoption in CONT |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">2022/0807(NLE)</a> | Claudiu MANDA (S&D)     | Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - Lithuanian nominee                                                                                           | 06/10/2022       |
| <a href="#">2022/0808(NLE)</a> | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)  | Partial renewal of Members of the Court of Auditors – Estonian nominee                                                                                             | 08/11/2022       |
| <a href="#">2023/0802(NLE)</a> | Joachim KUHS (ID)       | Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - Slovak nominee<br><i>- nomination was rejected with 0 votes in favour -</i>                                  | 22/03/2023       |
| <a href="#">2023/0803(NLE)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR) | Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - Hungarian nominee<br><i>- nomination was rejected with 13 votes in favour, 13 against, and 0 abstentions</i> | 24/05/2023       |



## Discharge

| Report Procedure                                                                       | Rapporteur                | Title report                                                                                                             | Adoption in CONT |
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| <b>Discharge 2020: 2nd reports after postponement voted in February and March 2022</b> |                           |                                                                                                                          |                  |
| <a href="#">2021/2108(DEC)</a>                                                         | Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D) | 2020 Discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council<br><i>not granted</i>                            | 06/10/2022       |
| <a href="#">2021/2111(DEC)</a>                                                         | Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D) | 2020 Discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee                                        |                  |
| <a href="#">2021/2146(DEC)</a>                                                         | Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ (EPP)    | 2020 Discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)                                                         |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2903(RSP)</a>                                                         | Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ (EPP)    | Decision on the <u>closure of the accounts</u> of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2020 | 08/11/2022       |
| <b>Discharge 2021 (<a href="#">link</a>)</b>                                           |                           |                                                                                                                          |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2082(DEC)</a>                                                         | Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D) | 2021 Discharge: European Parliament                                                                                      | 28/02/2023       |
| <a href="#">2022/2083(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: Council and European Council<br><i>Postponed</i>                                                         |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2084(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: Court of Justice                                                                                         |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2085(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: European Court of Auditors                                                                               |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2086(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: European Economic and Social Committee                                                                   |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2087(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: Committee of the Regions                                                                                 |                  |
| <a href="#">2022/2088(DEC)</a>                                                         | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)    | 2021 Discharge: European Ombudsman                                                                                       |                  |

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| <a href="#">2022/2089(DEC)</a> | Mikuláš PEKSA<br>(Greens)                  | 2021 Discharge: European Data Protection Supervisor                                                                                           | 28/02/2023 |
| <a href="#">2022/2090(DEC)</a> | Mikuláš PEKSA<br>(Greens)                  | 2021 Discharge: European External Action Service                                                                                              |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2091(DEC)</a> | Mikuláš PEKSA<br>(Greens)                  | 2021 Discharge: European Public Prosecutors Office                                                                                            |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2125(DEC)</a> | Joachim STANISŁAW BRUDZIŃSKI<br>(ECR)      | 2021 Discharge: Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking)                 |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2126(DEC)</a> | Joachim STANISŁAW BRUDZIŃSKI<br>(ECR)      | 2021 Discharge: Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking)                                     |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2127(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: ECSEL Joint Undertaking)                                 |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2128(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking                                                                         |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2129(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Fusion for Energy)                                  |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2130(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking)                       |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2131(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking) |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2132(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: SESAR Joint Undertaking)                       |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2133(DEC)</a> | Ryszard CZARNECKI<br>(ECR)                 | 2021 Discharge: Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (before 30 November 2021: Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking)                                       |            |
| <a href="#">2022/2081(DEC)</a> | Monika HOHLMEIER & Jeroen LENAERS<br>(EPP) | 2021 Discharge: European Commission                                                                                                           | 22/03/2023 |

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| <a href="#"><u>2022/2135(DEC)</u></a> | José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP) | 2021 Discharge: 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs                                         | 22/03/2023 |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2134(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL (Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: General Budget of the European Union Agencies                        |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2092(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)               |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2093(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)                          |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2094(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL (Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)        |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2095(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL (Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2096(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew)    | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)           |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2097(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL (Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)                         |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2098(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew)    | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)                              |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2099(DEC)</u></a> | Alin MITUȚA (Renew)         | 2021 Discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)                                     |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2100(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)            |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2101(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)                                     |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2102(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)                                    |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2103(DEC)</u></a> | Ilana CICUREL (Renew)       | 2021 Discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)                             |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2104(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)        | 2021 Discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)                                |            |

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| <a href="#"><u>2022/2105(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL<br>(Renew)   | 2021 Discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)                                                                                   | 22/03/2023 |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2106(DEC)</u></a> | Gilles BOYER<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)                                                                  |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2107(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)                                                                           |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2108(DEC)</u></a> | Alin MITUȚA<br>(Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: European Labour Authority (ELA)                                                                                                 |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2109(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Medicines Agency (EMA)                                                                                                 |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2110(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU<br>(Renew) | 2021 Discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)                                                                |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2111(DEC)</u></a> | Ilana CICUREL<br>(Renew)    | 2021 Discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)                                                                                          |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2112(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)                                                                                 |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2113(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL<br>(Renew)   | 2021 Discharge: European Railway Agency (ERA)                                                                                                   |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2114(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)                                                                                                     |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2115(DEC)</u></a> | Gilles BOYER<br>(Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)                                                                                |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2116(DEC)</u></a> | Alin MITUȚA<br>(Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)                                                                                              |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2117(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU<br>(Renew) | 2021 Discharge: European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2118(DEC)</u></a> | Alin MITUȚA<br>(Renew)      | 2021 Discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)                                                                         |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2119(DEC)</u></a> | Oliver CHASTEL<br>(Renew)   | 2021 Discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)                                            |            |

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| <a href="#"><u>2022/2120(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew) | 2021 Discharge: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST)       | 22/03/2023 |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2121(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew) | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2122(DEC)</u></a> | Katalin CSEH (Renew)     | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)           |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2123(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew) | 2021 Discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)              |            |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2124(DEC)</u></a> | Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew) | 2021 Discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)                |            |

### INI reports

| Report Procedure                      | Rapporteur                         | Title report                                                                                  | Adoption in CONT |
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| <a href="#"><u>2022/2152(INI)</u></a> | Sabrina PIGNEDOLI (NI)             | Protection of the European Union's financial interests – combating fraud – annual report 2021 | 05/12/2022       |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2153(INI)</u></a> | Angelika WINZIG (EPP)              | Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank – annual Report 2021      | 05/12/2022       |
| <a href="#"><u>2022/2021(INI)</u></a> | Andrey NOVAKOV (EPP)               | Large transport infrastructure projects in the EU                                             | 25/04/2023       |
| <a href="#"><u>2023/2046(INI)</u></a> | Viola von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Greens) | Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2022      | 24/05/2023       |

## OPINIONS

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted **5 opinions** from September 2022 until July 2023

| Procedure                           | Rapporteur for opinion                             | Title                                                                                                 | Adoption in CONT | Main Committee |
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| <a href="#">2022/2046(INI)</a>      | Petri SARVAMAA (EPP)                               | Upscaling the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework: a resilient EU budget fit for new challenges | 07/10/2022       | BUDG           |
| <a href="#">2022/0219(COD)</a>      | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)                             | European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act (EDIRPA)                       | 28/03/2023       | AFET/ITRE      |
| <b>Opinions in form of a letter</b> |                                                    |                                                                                                       |                  |                |
| <a href="#">2022/0212(BUD)</a>      | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)/<br>Olivier CHASTEL (Renew) | 2023 general budget: all sections                                                                     | 19/09/2022       | BUDG           |
| <a href="#">2022/2051(INL)</a>      | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)                             | Proposals of the European Parliament for the amendment of the Treaties                                | 31/01/2023       | AFCO           |
| <a href="#">2022/2184(BUD)</a>      | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)/<br>Jeroen LENAERS (EPP)    | Guidelines for the 2024 Budget - Section III                                                          | 20/02/2023       | BUDG           |

## **WORKING DOCUMENTS AND BACKGROUND NOTES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DISCHARGE**

In cooperation with the respective rapporteur the secretariat prepared [15 working documents and background notes](#) on the following ECA Special Reports and Reviews presented in CONT from September 2022 until July 2023

| Date of presentation       | Title                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CONT Rapporteur             | ECA Member        |
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| <b>Discharge 2021</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |                   |
| <a href="#">13/10/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 19/2022:<br>EU COVID-19 vaccine procurement - Sufficient doses secured after initial challenges, but performance of the process not sufficiently assessed                              | Petri SARVAMAA (EPP)        | Joëlle ELVINGER   |
| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 21/2022:<br>The Commission's assessment of national recovery and resilience plans - Overall appropriate but implementation risks remain                                                | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)      | Ivana MALETIĆ     |
| <a href="#">07/11/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 09/2022:<br>Climate spending in the 2014-2020 budget - Not as high as reported                                                                                                         | José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP) | Joëlle ELVINGER   |
| <a href="#">30/11/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 22/2022:<br>EU support to coal regions - Limited focus on socio-economic and energy transition                                                                                         | Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP) | Nikolaos MILIONIS |
| <b>Discharge 2022</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |                   |
| <a href="#">23/01/2023</a> | ECA Special report 25/2022:<br>Verification of Gross National Income for financing the EU budget - Risks in data compilation well covered overall, but scope for increased prioritisation of actions      | Olivier CHASTEL (Renew)     | Marek OPIOŁA      |
| <a href="#">24/01/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 18/2022:<br>EU institutions and COVID-19 -Responded rapidly, challenges still ahead to make the best of the crisis-led innovation and flexibility                                      | Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR)     | Marek OPIOŁA      |
| 31/01/2023                 | ECA Special Report 28/2022:<br>Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) – SURE financing contributed to preserving jobs during the COVID-19 crisis, but its full impact is not known | Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR)     | Iliana IVANOVA    |

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| <a href="#">09/02/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 23/2022:<br>Synergies between Horizon 2020 and European Structural and Investment Funds - Not yet used to full potential                                                                    | Michal WIEZIK (Renew)  | Ivana MALETIĆ            |
| <a href="#">22/03/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 07/2023<br>Design of the Commission's control system for the RRF - Assurance and accountability gap remains at EU level in the new delivery model, despite extensive work being planned     | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP) | Tony MURPHY              |
| <a href="#">25/04/2023</a> | ECA special report 27/2022:<br>EU support to cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries - Valuable support, but implementation started very late and problems with coordination need to be addressed | Ilana CICUREL (Renew)  | Bettina JAKOBSEN         |
| 27/04/2023                 | ECA Special Report 05/2023:<br>The EU's financial landscape – A patchwork construction requiring further simplification and accountability                                                                     | Maria GRAPINI (S&D)    | François-Roger CAZALA    |
| <a href="#">24/05/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 06/2023:<br>Conflict of interest in EU cohesion and agricultural spending - Framework in place but gaps in transparency and detection measures                                              | Maria GRAPINI (S&D)    | Pietro RUSSO             |
| <a href="#">28/06/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 11/2023:<br>EU support for the digitalisation of schools. Significant investments, but a lack of strategic focus in the use of EU financing by member states                                | Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens) | Pietro RUSSO             |
| 18/07/2023                 | ECA Review 04/2023:<br>Digitalising the management of EU funds                                                                                                                                                 | Victor NEGRESCU (S&D)  | Laima Liucija ANDRIKIENĖ |
| 19/07/2023                 | ECA Special Report 16/2023:<br>NGEU debt management at the Commission - An encouraging start, but further alignment with best practice needed                                                                  | Carlos COELHO (EPP)    | Jorg Kristijan PETROVIĆ  |



## **IV. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **1. EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, HEARINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

## ***EXCHANGES OF VIEWS***

**From September 2022 until July 2023 the Committee on Budgetary Control held:**

- **16 hearings / exchanges of views with Commissioners and 56 with Representatives from the Commission**
- **39 exchanges of views with Representatives from the Court of Auditors - including 15 presentations of ECA special reports and 1 review**
- **3 exchanges of views with the Secretary General and other Representatives from the European Parliament**
- **1 meeting with national parliaments**
- **2 exchanges of views with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union**
- **7 exchanges of views with Representatives from OLAF and 2 exchanges of views with representatives from the Supervisory Committee of OLAF**
- **3 exchanges of views with the European Chief Prosecutor and other EPPO representatives**
- **14 exchanges of views with Representatives from Other Institutions, Agencies, Joint Undertakings**
- **1 extraordinary exchange of views with Members of sister committees of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada.**

| Date                       | Subject                                                                                           | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <a href="#">05/09/2022</a> | 2020 Discharge:<br>European Border and Coast Guard Agency                                         | Olivier ONIDI, Deputy Director-General<br>DG HOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">05/09/2022</a> | Preparation for the CONT mission to Cyprus (mission has been cancelled)<br>(19-21 September 2022) | Marie-Hélène BOULANGER, Head of Unit, Union citizenship rights and free movement, DG JUST, European Commission<br><br>Christina BORCHMANN, Director AGRI C - CAP Strategic Plans I, DG AGRI, European Commission<br><br>Rafael LOPEZ SANCHEZ, Head of Unit DAC 4, DG REGIO, European Commission<br><br>Katerina WOLFOVA, Head of Unit, South and Central Europe (I), DG HOME, European Commission<br><br>Antigoni PAPAGIANNI, Deputy Head of Unit, Shared Management and Recovery and Resilience Facility III - Operations and Investigations, European Anti-Fraud Office |
| <a href="#">08/09/2022</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG and FEMM</i><br>Gender tracking methodology for the EU budget                  | Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">08/09/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General Budget of the EU - Commission                                          | Marc LEMAÎTRE, Director-General, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, DG REGIO, European Commission<br><br>Wolfgang BURTSCHER, Director-General, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, DG AGRI, European Commission<br><br>Gert Jan KOOPMAN, Director-General, Directorate General for Budget, DG BUDG, European Commission<br><br>Timo PESONEN, Director-General, Directorate General for Defence Industry                                                                                                                            |

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| <a href="#">03/10/2022</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>Implementation of the Rule of Law conditionality regulation                                                    | Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">13/10/2022</a> | <i>Joint with COVI</i><br>ECA Special Report 19/2022:<br>EU COVID-19 vaccine procurement                                                 | Joëlle ELVINGER, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Wolfgang PHILIPP, Acting Deputy Head of HERA, European Commission<br><br>John ROWAN, Deputy Head of Unit Medical Countermeasures, HERA, European Commission<br><br>Jeroen LETTENS, Head of Unit, R3 Finance, Budget and Controls, DG SANTE, European Commission<br><br>Giacomo MATTINO, Head of Unit F3 – Food, Retail and Health, DG GROW, European Commission |
| <a href="#">13/10/2022</a> | European Court of Auditors' Annual Report 2021                                                                                           | Tony MURPHY, European Court of Auditors Reporting member<br><br>Johannes HAHN, Commissioner responsible for Budget and Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">13/10/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission<br><br>Presentation of the Integrated Financial Accountability Reporting (IFAR) | Johannes HAHN, Commissioner responsible for Budget and administration<br><br>Manfred KRAFF, Director General of the European Commission's Internal Audit Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <a href="#">13/10/2022</a> | Protection of the European Union's financial interests - combating fraud (PIF) - annual report 2021 | Johannes HAHN, Commissioner responsible for Budget and administration<br>Ernesto BIANCHI, Director Investigations and Strategy, European Anti-Fraud Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">24/10/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General Budget of the EU - Other Institutions Hearing                            | Marek OPIOLA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Agostino Valerio PLACCO, Director general of Administration, Court of Justice<br>Zacharias KOLIAS, Secretary-General, European Court of Auditors<br>Olivier RAMSAYER, Administrative Director, European Public Prosecutor's Office<br>Gianluca BRUNETTI, Secretary-General, European Economic and Social Committee<br>Petr BLÍŽKOVSKÝ, Secretary-General, Committee of Regions<br>Marie-Pierre DARCY, Director Finance and Budget, European Ombudsman<br>Leonardo CERVERA NAVAS, Director, European Data Protection Supervisor |
| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission                                            | Céline GAUER, Director-General, Recovery & Resilience Task Force, SG RECOVER, European Commission<br>Maarten VERWEY, Director-General of Economic and Financial Affairs and accounting officer for the RRF, DG ECFIN, European Commission<br>Mariusz POMIENSKI, Director, Chamber V, European Court of Auditors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                                    | Marek OPIOLA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Ilze JUHANSONE, Secretary-General, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 21/2022:<br>The Commission's assessment of national recovery and resilience plans                                 | Ivana MALETIC, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Franck CONRAD, Head of Unit in the SecGen, SG RECOVER, European Commission<br><br>Géraldine MAHIEU, Director, Investment, growth and structural reforms, DG ECFIN, European Commission |
| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                                                                     | Tony MURPHY, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Commissioner for Trade, Executive Vice-President responsible for an Economy that Works for People<br><br>Paolo GENTILONI, Commissioner for Economy                   |
| <a href="#">25/10/2022</a> | 2020 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - European Parliament Hearing                                                            | Klaus WELLE, Secretary-General, European Parliament                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 27/10/2022                 | Extraordinary CONT meeting in Luxembourg<br><br>Presentation of the Adenauer building                                                | Leena Maria LINNUS, Director General, Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics, European Parliament                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">07/11/2022</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG and ENVI</i><br>ECA Special Report 09/2022:<br>Climate spending in the 2014-2020 budget - Not as high as reported | Joëlle ELVINGER, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Federico BARBUTO, Policy Officer, Budget Performance & Policy Mainstreaming, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                            |

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| <a href="#">08/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - European External Action Service Hearing                             | Marek OPIOŁA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Josep BORRELL FONTELLES, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European External Action Service<br><br>Stefano SANNINO, Secretary-General, European External Action Service<br><br>Gianmarco DI VITA, Director General for Budget and Administration, European External Action Service |
| <a href="#">08/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                                                   | Nikolaos MILIONIS, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Frans TIMMERMANS, Commissioner responsible for European Green Deal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">08/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                                                   | Joëlle ELVINGER, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Stella KYRIAKIDES, Commissioner responsible for Health and Food Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">08/11/2022</a> | <i>INI report</i><br>Protection of the European Union's financial interests - combating fraud - annual report 2021 | James SWEENEY, Director, Anti-Fraud Knowledge Centre, European Anti-Fraud Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">14/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                                                   | Mihails KOZLOVS, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Thierry BRETON, Commissioner for Internal Market                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">14/11/2022</a> | Report of the European Court of Auditors on the performance of the EU budget - Status at the end of 2021           | François-Roger CAZALA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>María Rosa ALDEA BUSQUETS, Deputy Director-General, Accounting Officer of the Commission, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">30/11/2022</a> | ECA Special Report 22/2022:<br>EU support to coal regions                                                          | Nikolaos MILIONIS, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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|                            |                                               | <p>Frederic VERSINI, Head of Unit, Assurance and supervision, DG ENER, European Commission</p> <p>Nicola DE MICHELIS, Director, Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV, DG REGIO, European Commission</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">30/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>Joint Undertakings Hearing | <p>Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member</p> <p>Jan PANEK, Director, Nuclear energy, safety and ITER, DG ENER, European Commission</p> <p>Jean-Marc FILHOL, Director Ad-Interim, Fusion for Energy Joint Undertaking</p> <p>Anders DAM JENSEN, Executive Director, European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking</p> <p>Hugh LAVERTY, Executive Director Ad-Interim, Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking</p>                             |
| <a href="#">30/11/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>Agencies Hearing           | <p>Mihails KOZLOVS, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member</p> <p>Hans BRUYNINCKX, Executive Director, European Environment Agency, EU Agencies Network</p> <p>Luca TAGLIARETTI, Executive Director, European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice</p> <p>Nina GREGORI, Executive Director, European Union Agency for Asylum</p> <p>Emer COOKE, Executive Director, European Medicines Agency</p> |

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| <a href="#">01/12/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - EDF (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th) Hearing | Baudilio TOMÉ MUGURUZA,<br>European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Jutta URPILAINEN, Commissioner responsible for International Partnerships                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">01/12/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                    | Helga BERGER European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Elisa FERREIRA, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms<br><br>Marc LEMAÎTRE, Director-General, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, DG REGIO, European Commission                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">01/12/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                    | Viorel ȘTEFAN, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI, Commissioner for Agriculture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">01/12/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - European Parliament Hearing           | Marek OPIOŁA European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Pedro SILVA PEREIRA, Vice-President in charge of Budget, European Parliament<br><br>Klaus WELLE, Secretary-General, European Parliament<br><br>Francis CLERGEAUD, Internal Auditor European Parliament<br><br>Pascal SCHONARD, Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations, European Parliament |
| <a href="#">05/12/2022</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission Hearing                    | Tony MURPHY European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Jan GREGOR European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>Marek OPIOŁA European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br><br>François-Roger CAZALA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member                                                                                                                                 |

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| <a href="#">23/01/2023</a> | ECA Special report 25/2022:<br>Verification of Gross National Income for financing the EU budget - Risks in data compilation well covered overall, but scope for increased prioritisation of actions                                | Marek OPIOŁA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Frantisek BERNADIC, Director, Macroeconomic statistics, DG ESTAT, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">24/01/2023</a> | <i>Joint with COVI</i><br>ECA Special Report 18/2022:<br>EU institutions and COVID-19 - Responded rapidly, challenges still ahead to make the best of the crisis-led innovation and flexibility                                     | Marek OPIOŁA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>William SHAPCOTT, Director-General, Organisational development and services, Council of the European Union<br>Christian ROQUES, Deputy Director-General - Operations, DG HR, European Commission<br>Caroline PELLERIN, Head of Cabinet, European Court of Justice |
| <a href="#">24/01/2023</a> | Presentation of DG REGIO's Open Data Platform and DG ECFIN's Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard                                                                                                                                     | Peter BERKOWITZ, Director, Policy, DG REGIO, European Commission<br>John WALSH, Team Leader, Evaluation and European Semester, DG REGIO, European Commission<br>David LOPES, Team Leader, Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), European Commission                                                                          |
| <a href="#">31/01/2023</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>ECA Special Report 28/2022:<br>Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) – SURE financing contributed to preserving jobs during the COVID-19 crisis, but its full impact is not known | Iliana IVANOVA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Massimo SUARDI, Director, Economies of the Member States, DG ECFIN, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">09/02/2023</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>General budget of the EU - Commission                                                                                                                                                                            | Rosa ALDEA BUSQUETS, Deputy Director-General, Accounting Officer of the Commission, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <a href="#">09/02/2023</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast)                                         | Victoria GIL CASADO, Head of Unit, Financial rules 2 and Programme management, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">09/02/2023</a> | Preparation for the CONT mission to Spain<br>(20-22 February 2023)                                                                       | Céline GAUER, Director-General, Recovery & Resilience Task Force, SG RECOVER, European Commission<br>Declan COSTELLO, Deputy Director General, Coordination of economic policies of Member States, DG ECFIN, European Commission<br>Joanna KRZEMINSKA-VAMVAKA, Director, Expenditure - Operations and Investigations, European Anti-Fraud Office<br>Ivana MALETIĆ, European Court of Auditors Member |
| <a href="#">09/02/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 23/2022:<br>Synergies between Horizon 2020 and European Structural and Investment Funds                               | Ivana MALETIĆ, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Anna PANAGOPOULOU, Director, ERA & Innovation, DG RTD, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">28/02/2023</a> | 2021 Discharge:<br>Presentation of the Council recommendations by the Swedish Presidency                                                 | Anders WAHLBERG, Financial Counsellor, Deputy Head EU and International Economic Policy, Ministry of Finance, Sweden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">28/02/2023</a> | <i>INI report</i><br>Large Transport Infrastructure Projects in the EU - implementation of projects & monitoring and control of EU funds | Annemie TURTELBOOM, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Eddy LIEGEOIS, Head of Unit, Transport Network, DG MOVE, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">28/02/2023</a> | <i>Opinion to AFET/ITRE</i><br>Establishing the European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act                   | Malwina NOWAKOWSKA-KETTERLE, Deputy Head of Unit, Defence Industrial Policy, DG DEFIS, European Commission)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <a href="#">22/03/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 07/2023:<br>The Design of the Commission's control system for the RRF - Assurance and accountability gap remains at EU level in the new delivery model, despite extensive work being planned | Tony MURPHY, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Céline GAUER, Director-General, Recovery & Resilience Task Force, SG RECOVER, European Commission<br>Bernadette FREDERICK, Director, Resources, DG ECFIN, European Commission                                                 |
| <a href="#">23/03/2023</a> | <i>Joint with LIBE</i><br>The Annual Report 2022 of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)                                                                                                              | Laura KÖVESI, European Chief Prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor's Office                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">23/03/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 02/2023:<br>Adapting cohesion policy rules to respond to COVID-19 – Funds used more flexibly, but reflection needed on cohesion policy as a crisis response tool                             | Iliana IVANOVA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Peter BERKOWITZ, Director, Policy, DG REGIO, European Commission                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">23/03/2023</a> | Preventing EU funds from ending up with individuals or companies tied to the EU-Russia sanctions lists                                                                                                          | David O'SULLIVAN, EU Sanctions Envoy, DG FISMA, European Commission<br>Victoria GIL CASADO, Head of Unit, Financial rules 2 and Programme management, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                                                        |
| 25/04/2023                 | <i>In camera</i><br>The impact of discriminatory measures against companies in Hungary                                                                                                                          | <i>Undisclosed speakers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 25/04/2023                 | <i>In camera</i><br>Preparation for the CONT mission to Hungary (15 – 17 May 2023)                                                                                                                              | Céline GAUER, Director-General, Recovery & Resilience Task Force, SG RECOVER, European Commission<br>Joanna KRZEMINSKA-VAMVAKA, Director, Expenditure - Operations and Investigations, European Anti-Fraud Office<br>Sofia ALVES, Director, Administrative Capacity Building & Programmes |

| Date                       | Subject                                                                                                                                                              | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                            |                                                                                                                                                                      | Implementation, DG REGIO, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">25/04/2023</a> | <i>INI report</i><br>Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank - Annual Report 2022                                                        | Mikołaj DOWGIELEWICZ, Director General and Permanent Representative, European Investment Bank                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">25/04/2023</a> | Reporting back after CONT mission to Spain<br>(20-22 February 2023)                                                                                                  | Declan COSTELLO, Deputy Director General, Coordination of economic policies of Member States, DG ECFIN, European Commission                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">25/04/2023</a> | <i>Joint with AFET</i><br>ECA Special Report 27/2022:<br>EU support to cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries                                          | Bettina JAKOBSEN, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Moray GILLAND, Head of Unit, Macro-regions, Transnational / Interregional / External Cooperation, Enlargement, DG REGIO, European Commission                        |
| <a href="#">27/04/2023</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>ECA Special Report 05/2023:<br>The EU's financial landscape – A patchwork construction requiring further simplification and accountability | François-Roger CAZALA, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Eric Von BRESKA, Director, Revenue and Multiannual financial framework, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                           |
| <a href="#">24/05/2023</a> | ECA Special Report 06/2023:<br>Conflict of interest in EU cohesion and agricultural spending                                                                         | Pietro RUSSO, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Michael ERHART, Head of Unit, Financial rules 1, DG BUDG, European Commission                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">24/05/2023</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>Implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation                                                                                | Johannes HAHN, Commissioner responsible for Budget and administration                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">25/05/2023</a> | Exchange of views with the parliamentary committees on budget and on anti-corruption policies of the Ukrainian Parliament Verkhovna Rada                             | Roksolana PIDLASA, Chair of Committee on Budget, Verkhovna Rada<br>Anastasiia RADINA, Chair of the Committee on Anti-Corruption policy, Verkhovna Rada<br>Ivan KRULKO, First Deputy Chair of the Committee on Budget, Verkhovna Rada |

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|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Anna PURTOVA, Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Investment Projects, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Liubov SHPAK, Chair of the Subcommittee on Evaluation of Draft Laws Impact on Budget Indicators and Compliance with Budget Legislation, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Yaroslav YURCHYSHYN, First Deputy Chair of the Committee on Anti-Corruption policy, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Olena MOSHENETS, Deputy Chair of the Committee on Anti-Corruption policy, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Viktoria SIUMAR, Chair of the Subcommittee on Counteracting Corruption of State and Municipal Governments, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Volodymyr TSABAL, Committee on Budget Secretary, Verkhovna Rada</p> <p>Rostyslav TISTYK, Chair of the subcommittee of the committee on budget, Verkhovna Rada</p> |
| <a href="#">26/06/2023</a> | Inter-parliamentary committee meeting on the role of national parliaments in overseeing the spending of EU funds and the NextGeneration EU plan | <p>Christian LEYSEN, Member of the Chamber, Belgian House of Representatives</p> <p>Vojtěch MUNZAR, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Czech Republic</p> <p>Hugo CARNEIRO, Budget and Finance Committee, Assembly of the Republic Portugal</p> <p>Duarte ALVES, Assembly of Republic Portugal</p> <p>Marko PAVIĆ, Member of Croatian Parliament</p> <p>Christiana EROTKRITOU, Member of the House of Representatives, Cyprus</p> <p>Anca Dana DRAGU, Member of the Romanian Senate</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                            |                                                            | <p>Zoltán VAJDA, Chair of the committee on Budgets, National Assembly, Hungary</p> <p>Attila BARCZA, Member of National Assembly, Hungary</p> <p>Marcin PORZUCEK, Member of Sejm, Poland</p> <p>Antonio NICITA, Member of the Italian Senate</p> <p>Cinzia PELLEGRINO, Member of the Italian Senate</p> <p>Jaroslav BŽOCH, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Czech Republic</p> <p>Ylenia LUCASELLI, Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies</p> <p>Jorge MENDES, Member of the Assembly of the Republic, Portugal</p> <p>Vytautas GAPŠYS, member of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>Didier MARIE, Member of the French Senate</p> <p>Sándor F. KOVÁCS, Member of the National Assembly, Hungary</p> <p>Filipe MELO, member of the Assembly of the Republic, Portugal</p> <p>Luigi MARATTIN Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies</p> <p>Sean CANNEY, Member of the House of Representatives, Ireland</p> <p>Barry COWEN, member of the House of Representatives, Ireland</p> |
| <a href="#">27/06/2023</a> | The OLAF Annual Report 2022                                | Ville ITÄLÄ, Director-General, European Anti-Fraud Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">27/06/2023</a> | The OLAF Supervisory Committee Annual Activity Report 2022 | <p>Dušan STERLE, Chair, OLAF Supervisory Committee</p> <p>Ville ITÄLÄ, Director-General, European Anti-Fraud Office</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| <a href="#">27/06/2023</a> | Annual Activity Report 2022 of the Controller of procedural guarantees (OLAF)                                                                                           | Julia LAFFRANQUE, Controller of procedural guarantees, Secretariat of the OLAF Supervisory Committee                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">28/06/2023</a> | <i>Joint with CULT</i><br>ECA Special Report 11/2023:<br>EU support for the digitalisation of schools                                                                   | Pietro RUSSO, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Georgi DIMITROV, Head of Unit, C4 Digital Education, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission             |
| <a href="#">28/06/2023</a> | <i>Joint with CULT</i><br>The use of the EU emblem in the logo of the MFF programmes                                                                                    | Lene NAESAGER, Director, Strategy & Corporate Communication DG COMM, European Commission                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">18/07/2023</a> | <i>INI report</i><br>Possibilities to increase the reliability of audits and controls by national authorities in shared management                                      | Lothar KUHL, Head of Unit, Coordination, Relations with the ECA and OLAF, DG EMPL/DG REGIO, European Commission<br>Annemie TURTELBOOM, European Court of Auditors Member                  |
| <a href="#">18/07/2023</a> | ECA Review No 04/2023:<br>Digitalising the management of EU funds                                                                                                       | Laima Liucija ANDRIKIENĖ, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Rosa ALDEA BUSQUETS, Deputy Director-General, Accounting Officer of the Commission, DG BUDG, European Commission |
| <a href="#">19/07/2023</a> | <i>Joint with BUDG</i><br>ECA Special Report 16/2023:<br>NGEU debt management at the Commission - An encouraging start, but further alignment with best practice needed | Jorg Kristijan PETROVIČ, European Court of Auditors Reporting Member<br>Niall BOHAN, Director, Asset, debt and financial risk management, DG BUDG, European Commission                    |

## **HEARINGS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NOMINATION AS MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS**

The Committee on Budgetary Control held **4** hearings for the [nomination as Members of the European Court of Auditors](#) from September 2022 until July 2023

| Date                       | Candidate                           | Nominating country |
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| <a href="#">06/10/2022</a> | Laima ANDRIKIENE                    | Lithuania          |
| <a href="#">08/11/2022</a> | Keit PENTUS-ROSIMANNUS              | Estonia            |
| <a href="#">22/03/2023</a> | Martin KLUS - <i>rejected</i>       | Slovakia           |
| <a href="#">27/05/2023</a> | Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ - <i>rejected</i> | Hungary            |

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Committee on Budgetary Control held 6 public hearings from September 2022 until July 2023.

| Date                       | Hearing Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Experts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <a href="#">30/11/2022</a> | <p><i>Joint with LIBE</i></p> <p><a href="#">Joint Public Hearing with authorities of Member States on the financial support for the treatment and accompanying of Ukrainian refugees</a></p>                                                                         | <p>Rafał TRZASKOWSKI, Mayor, Municipality of Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>Flavia BOGHIU, Vice-Mayor, Municipality of Brasov, Romania</p> <p>Uwe ZIMMERMANN, Deputy General-Manager, Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund - German Association of Towns and Municipalities , Germany</p> <p>Catherine WOOLLARD, Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles</p> <p>Peter MICHIELS, Director-General. Brussels Economy and Employment, Belgium</p> <p>Adriana POROWSKA, President, Kamiliańska Misja Pomocy Społecznej - Camillian Mission for Social Assistance, Poland</p>                                                      |
| <a href="#">05/12/2022</a> | <p><a href="#">Public Hearing on Instruments and tools at EU level and developed at Member States' level to prevent and tackle fraud and financial and economic crimes, with a view to identifying good practices in the protection of EU financial interests</a></p> | <p>Victoria GIL CASADO, Head of Unit, Financial rules 2 and Programme management, DG BUDG, European Commission</p> <p>Mylène MAUSSIRE, Deputy Head of Unit, Knowledge management, DG BUDG, European Commission</p> <p>Franck SÉBERT, Director, Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion, DG REGIO, European Commission</p> <p>Athanasios MARASLIS, Head of Unit, IT Strategy and solutions, DG EMPL, European Commission</p> <p>Krzysztof IWANSKI, Reusable Solutions, DIGIT, European Commission</p> <p>Alberto NASTASIA, Guardia di Finanza, Italy</p> <p>Radosław ANTOSZEK, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy, Poland</p> |

| Date                              | Hearing Title                                                                                                                                           | Experts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <a href="#"><u>23/01/2023</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Public Hearing on cohesion policy investments and Next Generation EU recovery fund: state of play of the monitoring and controls</u></a> | <p>Thu NGUYEN, Senior Policy Fellow, Jacques Delors Centre</p> <p>Jorge NUNEZ FERRER, Senior Research Fellow, Center for European Policies Studies (CEPS)</p> <p>Stef BLOK, European Court of Auditors Member</p> <p>Normunds POPENS, Deputy Director-General for Implementation and International Relations, DG REGIO, European Commission</p> <p>Geraldine MAHIEU, Director, Investment, growth and structural reforms, DG ECFIN, European Commission</p> |
| <a href="#"><u>25/04/2023</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Public Hearing on situation of discriminatory measures against companies in Hungary</u></a>                                              | <p>Jozsef MARTIN, Executive Director, Transparency International, Hungary</p> <p>Hubert GAMBS, Deputy Director-General - SME Coordinator, DG GROW, European Commission</p> <p>Karl SOUKUP, Director, State aid: General Scrutiny and Enforcement, DG COMP, European Commission</p> <p>Florian GEYER, Head of Unit, Rule of Law, DG JUST, European Commission</p>                                                                                            |

| Date                              | Hearing Title                                                                                                                                             | Experts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <a href="#"><u>24/05/2023</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Public hearing on the application of the rules on conflicts of interests in the management of EU funds in the Member States</u></a>        | <p>Michael ERHART, Head of Unit, Financial rules 1, DG BUDG, European Commission</p> <p>Gregorio MORENO LOPEZ, Director-General, Directorate-General for Economy, Finance and Employment of the Region of Madrid, Spain</p> <p>Uwe LINGEN, Head of the Unit for investive and other funding, measures, Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry of Bavaria. Germany</p> <p>Gabrielle STOLLE, Head of Department for Subsidy Law, Budget Law, EU State Aid Law, Legal Service of the Paying Agency Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry of Bavaria. Germany</p> <p>Silviu POPA, Secretary General, National Integrity Agency, Romania</p> <p>Marie BOURJOU, Director, Assurance and Audit, DG AGRI, European Commission</p> <p>Lothar KUHLE, Head of Unit, Coordination, Relations with the ECA and OLAF, DG EMPL/DG REGIO, European Commission</p> |
| <a href="#"><u>27/06/2023</u></a> | <p><i>Joint with BUDG</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Public hearing on Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings</u></a></p> | <p>Christophe GALAND, Acting Director in charge of Expenditures, DG BUDG, European Commission</p> <p>Marta SILVA MENDES, Head of Unit in charge of European Schools, Agencies &amp; External Organisations. DG HR, European Commission</p> <p>Fausto PARENTE, Chair of the EU Agencies Network</p> <p>Irene MANDL, Head of Unit Information and EURES, European Labour Authority</p> <p>Emmanuel MAURAGE, Head of Resources, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)</p> <p>Juhan LEPESSEAR, Executive Director, EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)</p> <p>Olivier RAMSAYER, Administrative Director, European Public Prosecutor's Office</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## WORKSHOPS

The Committee on Budgetary Control held **2** workshops from September 2022 until July 2023

| Date                       | Workshop Title                                                                                                    | Rapporteur                                            | Speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <a href="#">30/01/2023</a> | <i>In association with BUDG</i><br><br><a href="#">The role of the EU budget in international climate finance</a> | Monika Hohlmeier (EPP) and Johan van Overtveldt (ECR) | Sebastian BLOCK, Research Affiliate, Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, Project Director, Environmental Performance Index<br><br>Inge JONCKHEERE, Forests and Climate Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization<br><br>Margit SCHRATZENSTALLER, Senior Economist, Austrian Institute of Economic Research<br><br>Christophe GALAND, Acting Director, Expenditure, DG BUDG, European Commission<br><br>Sebastian PAQUOT, Acting Head of Unit, Climate Finance, DG CLIMA, European Commission |
| <a href="#">27/06/2023</a> | <a href="#">Sponsorships of EU Presidencies: stocktaking and perspectives</a>                                     | Lara Wolters (S&D)                                    | Rosita HICKEY, Director of inquiries, European Ombudsman<br><br>Alice KRUTILOVA, Director of the Czech EU Presidency Department, Government's Office<br><br>Shari HINDS, Policy Officer on EU Political integrity, Transparency International EU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## **2. ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE COURT OF AUDITORS AND MISSIONS**

## ***ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE COURT OF AUDITORS***

The Committee on Budgetary Control had an extraordinary committee meeting on **27 October 2022**, in the premises of the European Court of Auditors, in Luxembourg.

| Location   | ECA Members present                                                                                                                  | CONT Members present                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Luxembourg | Tony MURPHY<br>Mihails KOZLOVS<br>Lazaros S. LAZAROU<br>Nikolaos MILIONIS<br>Helga BERGER<br>Eva LINDSTRÖM<br>Baudilio TOMÉ MUGURUZA | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)<br>Caterina CHINNICI (S&D)<br>Olivier CHASTEL (Renew)<br>Michal WIEZIK (Renew)<br>Mikuláš PEKSA (Greens)<br>Michèle RIVASI (Greens)<br>Viola VON CRAMON (Greens)<br>Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR) |



## MISSIONS

The Committee on Budgetary Control conducted **3** missions from September 2022 until July 2023

| Date          | Destination                                               | CONT Members                                                                                                                                                            | Accompanying Members                                                                                                                                     |
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| 17/11/2022    | <a href="#">CONT delegation to Europol The Hague (NL)</a> | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)<br>(Leader of the mission)<br>Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D)<br>Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ (EPP)                                                                | Balázs HIDVÉGHÍ (NI)                                                                                                                                     |
| 20-22/02/2023 | <a href="#">CONT delegation to Madrid (ES)</a>            | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)<br>(Leader of the mission)<br>Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D)<br>Caterina CHINNICI (S&D)<br>José MANUEL FERNANDES (EPP)<br>Jorge BUXADÉ VILLALBA (ECR) | Isabel BENJUMEA BENJUMEA (EPP)<br>Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D)<br>Eva Maria POPTCHEVA (Renew)<br>Susana SOLÍS PÉREZ (Renew)<br>Ernest URTASUN (Greens) |
| 15-17/05/2023 | CONT delegation to Budapest (HU)                          | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)<br>(Leader of the mission)<br>Petri SARVAMAA (EPP)<br>Lara WOLTERS, (S&D)<br>Daniel FREUND, (Greens)                                             | Sándor RÓNAI (S&D)<br>Katalin CSEH (Renew)                                                                                                               |

**V. EXTERNAL STUDIES - PROVIDED BY THE POLICY  
DEPARTMENT D ON BUDGETARY AFFAIRS**

## EXTERNAL STUDIES

The Committee on Budgetary Control requested **2** external studies from September 2022 until July 2023

| Date of presentation to CONT | Title of the Study                                                                                                                                                             | Rapporteur                                            | Experts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <a href="#">27/04/2023</a>   | <p><i>Joint with BUDG</i></p> <p>The tools for tackling the breaches of the rule of law that constitute a risk to the EU budget – The Conditionality Regulation in context</p> | Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D) & Petri SARVAMAA (EPP) | <p>Tamás KISS-GALFÁLVI, Researcher and Head of Project Development, Centre for European Policy Studies</p> <p>Eulalia RUBIO, Senior Research Fellow, Economic affairs, Jacques Delors Centre</p> <p>Tomás RUIZ DE LA OSSA, Research Assistant, Economic Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies</p> <p>Thu NGUYEN, Senior Policy Fellow, Jacques Delors Centre</p> |
| <a href="#">25/05/2023</a>   | The use of Contract Agents in decentralised EU Agencies                                                                                                                        | Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP)                                | <p>Thierry VAN SCHOUBROECK, Global lead client service Partner for the EU's Decentralized Agencies Expert, Deloitte Belgium</p> <p>Danny JANSSEN, Head of Corporate Support at European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority, Chair of the EU Agencies Network</p>                                                                                                |



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