

JOINT HEARING

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2015

15.00 - 18.30 joint hearing

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1. AGENDA

The [draft agenda](#) (in EN) was emailed to Members on 28 April 2015 and is in the [file for this meeting](#).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

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3. JOINT HEARING OF CONT AND BUDG ON "CONTROL CHALLENGES IN THE EU'S OWN RESOURCES SYSTEM"

Administrator:

Olivier Sautiere (CONT)

Holger Benzing (BUDG)



Inés Ayala Sender(S&D)
Co-Rapporteur



Janusz Lewandowski (PPE)
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The purpose of this joint hearing, organized at the request of CONT and BUDG committees, is to allow a thorough discussion at the European Parliament level on key-issues related to the control aspects of the GNI and VAT own resources, to take stock of the current financing of the EU budget as well as to provide for an outlook on the work of the High level Group on Own resources.

Furthermore, in the light of Article 325 TFEU stipulating that the Commission and Member States have to protect the financial interests of the EU, this joint hearing should highlight both good practices, areas of weakness and specific risk factors still to be addressed bearing in mind that focus should be maintained on what can still be learned and carried out in the domain of revenue in particular on GNI, VAT and budget losses due to the underground economy.

The joint hearing will start with the opening remarks by the Co-Chairs Ms Gräßle and Mr Arthuis, followed by an introduction by the Co-Rapporteurs Ms Ayala Sender and Mr Lewandowski. Five participants are invited to present their views on these issues in the following three panels:

First panel: 'State of Play of the current financing of the EU budget'

- Mr Stephan Lehner, Director DG BUDG;

Second panel: *'Key-issues related to the control of the GNI and VAT own resources - what kind of challenges?'*

- Ms Silke Stapel-Weber, Director Eurostat,
- Mr Milan Martin Cvikl, Member of the European Court of Auditors,
- Ms Jannetje Bussink, DG TAXUD Head of sector;

Third panel: *'Conclusive remarks'*

- Mr Ivailo Kalfin, former Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Prime-Minister of Bulgaria and Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Member of the High Level Group on Own Resources.

The closing remarks will be made by the Co-Rapporteurs.

Please find attached the draft programme.