



**ISSUE N°17**

**MEETING OF MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015**

19.00 - 21.00 public meeting

Room: Louise Weiss N 1.3

## **1. AGENDA**

The [draft agenda](#) (in EN) was emailed to Members on 20 October 2015 and is on the [CONT website](#).

## **2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

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### **3. FOLLOW-UP ON THE DISCHARGE IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR INTERNATIONAL THERMONUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL REACTOR (ITER) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013**



**Exchange of views with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Climate Action & Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete**

Rapporteur: [Anders Primdahl Vistisen](#) (ECR)

Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

Fusion for Energy (F4E) is the European Union's Joint Undertaking concerning the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) and the development of fusion energy. The organisation was created under the Euratom Treaty by a decision of the Council of the European Union. It was established on 19 April 2007 for a period of 35 years and is located in Barcelona.

F4E is responsible for providing Europe's contribution to ITER, which aims to demonstrate fusion as a viable and sustainable source of energy. ITER brings together seven parties – the EU, Russia, Japan, China, India, South Korea and the United States.

F4E also supports fusion research and development initiatives through the Broader Approach Agreement, signed with Japan – a fusion energy partnership which will last for 10 years.

The 2013 F4E discharge report drew attention, inter alia, to the risks to which the ITER-F4E JU was exposed, such as the risk of increase in relation to the contribution to the construction phase of the ITER project as well as the potential budget shortfall above the previously approved figure.

On 1 July 2015 the European Commission decided to transfer the activities linked to F4E from Directorate General RTD to Directorate General ENER. Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete who is responsible for DG ENER will have an exchange with CONT Members on the plans his services have to develop and manage F4E.

### **4. TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS**



**Consideration of draft opinion**

Rapporteur for the opinion: [Tamás Deutsch](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Main committee: AFCD

In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur Mr Deutsch calls for an overall improvement in the prevention of, and the fight against, corruption in the public sector through better public access to documents and more stringent rules on conflicts of interest and transparency registers, with a view to developing a coherent global approach to these issues.



Similarly, he highlights both the need to develop a common and effective culture of integrity for all EU institutions and agencies based on improved ethical framework and also considers necessary to define clear cooling-off periods for post-EU employment or for situations whereby civil servants move from the public to the private sector.

As for transparency of lobbying activities, the Rapporteur considers that further steps need to be taken to tackle ethical issues relating to the political role of lobbies, their practices and their influence.

Finally, the Rapporteur requests the Commission to deepen its analysis of the corruption mechanisms in its biennial report while continuing the development of effective responses to this complex phenomenon.

The draft opinion is available on [eMeeting website](#).

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| Deadline for amendments | CONT | 28/10/2015 |
| Adoption of the opinion | CONT | 01/12/2015 |

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**9 November 2015, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)**

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