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MEETING OF MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015

15:00 - 18:00

József Antall (6Q2)

1. AGENDA

The draft agenda was emailed to Members on 12 November 2015 and is in the file for this meeting.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

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Monday 16 November 2015

15.00 - 16.00 In camera

3. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF) SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (SC)

Administrator: Christian Ehlers

Following the decision of political coordinators on 10 November the Supervisory Committee (SC) of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is invited for an exchange of views on where the SC could best be situated administratively, bearing in mind its regulatory responsibilities.



Monday 16 November 2015

16.00 - 18.00 Public meeting

4. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU BUDGET: SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AS A MATTER OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE MEMBER STATES.

Rapporteur: Martina DLABAJOVÁ (ALDE)

Administrator: Philippe Godts

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The Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) of the European Parliament verifies how money from the EU budget (EUR 142,5 billion in 2014) has been spent. The greater part of the budget (+/- 80%) is managed by the European Commission and the Member States in shared management.

Each year the European Court of Auditors detects errors and irregularities affecting the European Union budget mainly in the common agricultural, rural development and cohesion policies. Those irregularities are very often the result of weaknesses in the management and control system of the Member States, the so called "first-level-checks". The European Commission also reports on those weaknesses in the annual activity reports of the Directors general.

Before starting officially the 2014 discharge procedure in November CONT held an exchange of views with the directors general of the Commission about the administrative weaknesses they discovered.

Against this background, the Committee on budgetary control invited Members of several national Parliaments to an inter-parliamentary exchange of views on specific issues relating to the management of EU funds by the authorities of the Member States, in particular in the common agricultural and cohesion policies

The cooperation between the national parliaments and the European Parliament is the key to a better protection of the European Union Budget. This is particularly true when the EU funds are managed by the Commission and the national, regional and local authorities. Our common task is to verify that EU funds are spent economically, effectively and efficiently.

The rapporteur for the 2014 Commission discharge looks forward to listening to contributions by national Parliaments on this important subject, with the view to taking them into account when drafting her discharge report.

NEXT MEETINGS

30 November 2015, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

1 December 2015, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

3 December 2015, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)

7 December 2015, 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)

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