



**MEETING OF MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016**

15:00 - 18:30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (1A002)

## 1. AGENDA

The draft agenda (in EN) was emailed to Members on 12 January 2016 and is in the [file for this meeting](#).

## 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

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### PUBLIC MEETING

## 3. DISCHARGE 2014: EU GENERAL BUDGET - EUROPEAN COMMISSION



**Exchange of views with the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Budget and Human Resources, Kristalina Georgieva, in the presence of the Members of the European Court of auditors responsible, Lazaros S. Lazarou and Kevin Cardiff.**

Rapporteur: [Martina Dlabajová](#) (ALDE)

Administrators: Christian Ehlers and Philippe Godts

The exchange of views will give the opportunity to CONT Members to discuss with the Vice president of the Commission on the main topics addressed during the hearings with the Members and the Secretary- General of the Commission as to the Commission discharge (performance and compliance dimensions) and on Human resources issues.

The documents of particular relevance for the exchange of views as regards the 2014 Commission discharge are:

- The ECA's 2014 Annual Report -Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9.
- The Commission's follow-up report COM (2015)505 final and SWD (2015) 194 and 195.
- The Annual Activity Report of DG BUDG for 2014.

These documents are available on the [CONT website](#).

For this meeting Members submitted written questions. In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions were sent to the Commission on 14 January 2016 and emailed to Members on the same day. The replies from the Commission are expected by 21 January 2016.

It is proposed that today's hearing with the Commissioner shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, who will present the findings of the respective chapters of the Annual Report 2013,
- Commissioner in charge will reply to this introduction,
- CONT Rapporteur,
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court,
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

#### **CONT Timetable:**

Event	Body	Date
Consideration draft report	CONT	23/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	22/03/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	April II (Brussels)

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

## **4. DISCHARGE 2014: EU GENERAL BUDGET - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**



**Exchange of views with the Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament with responsibility for the budget, David-Maria Sassoli and Rainer Wieland, the Secretary-General, Klaus Welle and the Internal Auditor of the European Parliament, Robert Galvin, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Baudilio Tomé Muguruza**

Rapporteur: [Markus Pieper](#) (PPE)

Administrator: Mauro de Oliveira

#### **Relevant documents**

Members will find the relevant documents for the European Parliament discharge such as the report on budgetary and financial management, the annual accounts of the political groups, the report on compliance with payment time limits, the report on contracts awarded, Director-Generals' Annual Activity Reports and the replies and follow-up to last year's discharge resolution on the CONT 2014 budget discharge [CONT 2014 budget discharge website](#).

#### **Written questions**

Following the established procedure for the adoption of the EP discharge questionnaire, Members were asked to submit questions related to the 2014 budget implementation to their Coordinators by 31 October 2015. The Rapporteur together with the Shadow Rapporteurs consolidated and finalised the questionnaire and submitted it to the Secretary-General on 25 November 2015.

The Secretary-General's written replies were received and made available to Members on 19 January 2016.

### ***Structure of the hearing***

It is proposed that the discussion will take the following structure:

- statement by the Court of Auditors,
- short presentation by the Vice-President(s), responsible for budgetary affairs,
- brief presentation by the Secretary-General of the answers to the written questions mentioned,
- presentation by the Internal Auditor of the European Parliament of his 2014 annual report,
- statement and oral questions by the Rapporteur,
- Q&A session with other Members,
- closing remarks by the Rapporteur.

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## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **NEXT MEETING**

- **28 January 2016, 9.00-12.30 (Brussels)**

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