



**MEETING OF TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2016**

15.00 - 18.30

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016**

09.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (1A002)

## 1. AGENDA

The draft agenda (in EN) was emailed to Members on 17 March 2016 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

## 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

### Languages available

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## **TUESDAY 22 MARCH 20**

15.00 - 18.30

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**\*\*\* VOTING TIME \*\*\***

## **DISCHARGE 2014: AGENCIES (ITEMS 3 TO 35)**

- 3. REPORT ON DISCHARGE IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014: PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL**
- 4. ACER AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS**



<b>5. BEREC</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS</b>
<b>6. CDT</b>	<b>TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b>
<b>7. CEDEFOP</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b>
<b>8. CEPOL</b>	<b>EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE</b>
<b>9. EASA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY</b>
<b>10. EASO</b>	<b>EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE</b>
<b>11. EBA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY</b>
<b>12. ECDC</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL</b>
<b>13. ECHA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY</b>
<b>14. EEA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</b>
<b>15. EFCA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY</b>
<b>16. EFSA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY</b>
<b>17. EIGE</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY</b>
<b>18. EIOPA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY</b>
<b>19. EIT</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY</b>
<b>20. EMA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY</b>
<b>21. EMCDDA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION</b>
<b>22. EMSA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY</b>
<b>23. ENISA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY AGENCY</b>
<b>24. ERA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN RAILWAY AGENCY</b>
<b>25. ESMA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY</b>
<b>26. ETF</b>	<b>EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION</b>
<b>27. EU-LISA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE</b>
<b>28. EU-OSHA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK</b>
<b>29. EURATOM</b>	<b>EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY</b>
<b>30. EUROFOUND</b>	<b>EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>
<b>31. EUROJUST</b>	<b>THE EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT</b>
<b>32. EUROPOL</b>	<b>EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE</b>
<b>33. FRA</b>	<b>EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</b>
<b>34. FRONTEX</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b>
<b>35. GNSS</b>	<b>EUROPEAN GNSS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY (GSA)</b>



### Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Derek Vaughan](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Hrvoje Svetic

The 33 draft reports concerning the 2014 decentralised agencies discharge were presented by the Rapporteur, Mr Derek Vaughan, to the CONT Committee on 22 February 2016.

The amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- Increasing further collaboration between the agencies in order to achieve additional synergies, in particular related to procurement;
- Overall improvements in the prevention of fraud, fight against corruption and increased transparency in the EU institutions;
- Adoption and further development of the internal rules on whistle-blowing, codes of conduct and ethical principles;
- Budgetary management and planning accuracy;

The Rapporteur is in favour of granting the discharge to all decentralised agencies.

The amendments were sent to Members on 9 March 2016 in mixed language versions.

The language versions of the amendments, opinions and draft reports are published on the [CONT website](#).

The Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

The final voting lists will be sent to the CONT Members as soon as available.

### CONT Timetable:

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Consideration of draft reports	CONT	22/02/2016
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### DISCHARGE 2014: JOINT UNDERTAKINGS (ITEMS 36 TO 43)

<b>36. ARTEMIS</b>	<b>EMBEDDED COMPUTING SYSTEMS</b>
<b>37. CLEAN SKY</b>	<b>AERONAUTICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>38. ECSEL</b>	<b>ELECTRIC COMPONENTS &amp; SYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP</b>
<b>39. ENIAC</b>	<b>EUROPEAN NANO-ELECTRONICS INITIATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL -</b>
<b>40. FCH</b>	<b>FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN</b>
<b>41. IMI</b>	<b>INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE</b>
<b>42. ITER</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL FUSION ENERGY ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>43. SESAR</b>	<b>AIR NAVIGATION SAFETY</b>



### Adoption of draft reports

Rapporteur: [Marian-Jean Marinescu](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Michal Czaplicki

The Rapporteur, Marian-Jean Marinescu, presented the eight draft reports on the European Joint Undertakings to the CONT Committee on 22 February 2016. The amendments to the draft reports focus on, inter alia, the following topics:

- Issues identified in the three Joint Undertakings which received a qualified opinion of the Court of Auditors (ARTEMIS, ENIAC and ECSEL), as well as actions the Joint Undertakings took in order to resolve the identified issues;
- the role of the Court of Auditors in drafting the audit reports of the Joint Undertakings;
- the need of a clear split in budgetary management of financing coming from the 2007-2013 and the one coming from 2014-2020 to be done by the JUs;

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, the TRAN Committee provided an opinion on the SESAR Joint Undertaking 2013 discharge.

The rapporteur proposes to postpone three discharges – Artemis, ENIAC and ITER.

The amendments were sent to Members on 8 March 2016.

The final voting lists were sent to the CONT Members on Friday 18 March.

The draft reports, the Court of Auditors' reports and other relevant information (including annual reports, final accounts etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

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### DISCHARGE 2014: OTHER INSTITUTIONS (ITEMS 44 TO 50)

#### **44. COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL**

#### **45. COURT OF JUSTICE**

#### **46. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS**

#### **47. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

#### **48. COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

#### **49. EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN**

#### **50. EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR**



### Adoption of draft reports

Co-Rapporteurs: [Ryszard Czarnecki](#) (ECR)  
[Monica Macovei](#) (ECR)  
[Anders Primdahl Vistisen](#) (ECR)  
Administrators: Tereza Pinto de Rezende

The draft reports were presented in the Committee on 22 February and the presentation was followed by an exchange of views between the Members.

The following amendments were tabled:

- European Council and Council – 21 amendments;
- Court of Justice – 10 amendments;
- Court of Auditors – 18 amendments;
- Economic and Social Committee – 28 amendments;
- Committee of the Regions – 55 amendments;
- European Ombudsman – 28 amendments;
- European Data Protection Supervisor – 8 amendments.

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, opinions were delivered by the LIBE Committee to the EDPS discharge draft report and by the AFCO Committee to the European Council and Council discharge draft report.

The rapporteur proposes to postpone the discharge to the Council.

The original versions of the amendments were sent to Members on 7 March, the English versions were delivered on 16 March 2016 and other language versions are available on the [CONT website](#).

The final voting lists have been sent to the CONT Members on Friday 18 March.

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Consideration of draft reports	CONT	22/02/2016
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## **51. COOPERATION AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM WITH REGARD TO BULGARIA AND ROMANIA - LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

### **Exchange of views**

The Commission issued on 27 January 2016 its latest reports on steps taken by Bulgaria and Romania on judicial reform and fight against corruption and for the latter also on organised crime, in the context of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM).

The report on Bulgaria sets out progress made against the established benchmarks in the past twelve months, and points out further steps needed. In relation to Romania, the report shows continued progress towards the goals of the CVM and indicates where further steps are needed.

The CONT Members will have an exchange of views in the presence of William Sleath, Head of Unit of EC responsible for the CVM.

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016**

9.00 - 11.00

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**\*\*\* VOTING TIME \*\*\***

## **52. DISCHARGE 2014: EU GENERAL BUDGET - EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

## **53. DISCHARGE 2014: EUROPEAN COMMISSION ECA SPECIAL REPORTS**



### **Adoption of draft reports**

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

Administrators: Christian Ehlers & Philippe Godts

The rapporteur insists on adopting a more results driven approach for the discharge and asked the Commission to commit itself to a number of political priorities, in particular as to performance-related issues, revenue questions, the pressure on the budget, the revision of the code of conduct for Commissioners, the rules for expert groups and the possible renewal of tobacco agreements.

The English version of the 367 amendments tabled to the part I of the Commission discharge report was circulated to CONT Members on 16 March.

38 amendments to the part II of the report (concerning special reports of the ECA) were tabled and circulated on 9 March 2016.

All the linguistic versions will be available on the [website of CONT](#) committee as of 18 March. The voting list, including the rapporteur's recommendations will also be circulated as soon as possible.



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Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	23/03/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	APRIL II 2016

## 54. DISCHARGE 2014: EU GENERAL BUDGET - 8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH EDFs



### Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Claudia Schmidt](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Following the exchange of views with Commissioner Neven Mimica responsible for International Cooperation and Development and the Director General and Deputy Head of Operations of the European Investment Bank (EIB) for Operations outside the EU, Mr Luca Lazzaroli on 1 December 2015, CONT had a discussion on the draft report on 23 February 2016.

The Rapporteur Ms Schmidt highlighted the following set of actions as being important to be implemented or closely monitored namely:

- (i) the implementation of the renewed development agenda by 2030 with a higher level of ambition in the strategy and priorities alongside an enhanced coordination among donors for the various aid instruments for the purpose of efficiency and effectiveness;
- (ii) a better combination of short and long term actions such as the swift design of a comprehensive crisis response on migration using with more flexibility EDF resources;
- (iii) the need for reinforcing the supervision of operations and the management assurance process especially when it comes to the accountability of Heads of Union delegations for their management, oversight and reporting duties;
- (iv) further monitoring of the levels of previous outstanding EDFs commitments ("Reste à Liquider");
- (v) an enhanced scrutiny by the Parliament on the use of EDFs funding in the perspective of the post 2020 Cotonou agreement.

Separate chapters are also dedicated to budget support presenting significant fiduciary risks, to the cooperation with international organisations particularly when pooling of funds are at stake, the evaluation of various Union's support to ACP countries on timber producing countries, for renewable energy in East Africa, for the fight against torture and the abolition of death penalty and the Union support to Haiti.

33 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

In addition to the amendments tabled, the Committee on Development (DEVE) delivered an opinion on this CONT draft report.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

The voting list will be sent to Members as soon as possible.





**CONT Timetable:**

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Consideration of draft report	CONT	23/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	23/03/2016
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## 55. DISCHARGE 2014: EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



### Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Ryszard Czarnecki](#) (ECR)

Administrator: Olivier Sautière

Following the exchange of views with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms Federica Mogherini, on 21 January 2016, the draft report was presented in the CONT Committee on 22 February 2016.

The Rapporteur Mr Czarnecki mentioned the following range of issues of the discharge report in relation to the effectiveness of the EEAS:

- (i) the existing imbalances between nationalities where progress can be observed but further improvements are still expected;
- (ii) the Heads of delegation duties for which the Rapporteur considered that the Head of delegations should give equal importance to the management of operations and the management of political issues;
- (iii) the integration of EU special representatives within the EEAS structure; and
- (iv) the whistleblowing procedures that should be applied in all the areas of foreign policies.

21 amendments were tabled to the draft report.

In addition to the amendments tabled, the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) delivered an opinion on this CONT report.

The draft report and the amendments are available in all languages on the [CONT website](#).

The voting list will be sent to Members as soon as possible.

**CONT Timetable:**

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Consideration of draft report	CONT	23/02/2016
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## 56. FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND FOLLOW UP OF THE CRIM RESOLUTION



### Consideration of amendments

Rapporteur: [Julia Pitera](#) (EPP)  
Administrator: Tereza Pinto De Rezende  
Main Committee: LIBE

The opinion received 46 amendments that will be considered by Members.

The amendments consider a vast range of issues among which the urgency of tackling VAT fraud, particularly the cross-border VAT carousel fraud, within a fully functioning EPPO. Also Members ask for the creation of a common definition at EU level of organised crime, the establishment of a proper instrument for the exchange of banking information and show concern with the professionalism of smugglers. The EU should give more attention to the fighting against corruption in public procurement and to the existing tax havens, and continue encouraging transparency procedures to face corruption and fraudulent activities. Some compromise amendments are possibly envisaged.

The opinion will be voted in CONT on 20 April to integrate the report in LIBE to be adopted in May.

#### CONT Timetable:

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Consideration of draft opinion	CONT	23/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Consideration of amendments	CONT	23/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	20/04/2016

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016**

11h00 - 12h30

**(IN CAMERA)**

## 57. COORDINATOR'S MEETING



**Meeting held in camera**



## WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016

15.00 - 16.30

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### 58. RECENT DECISIONS AS REGARDS MIGRATION/REFUGEE FUNDS AND THE CONTROL OF THE EXPENDITURES



#### Exchange of views in the presence of the Member of the European Commission responsible for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, *Dimitri Avramopoulos*

Administrator: Philippe Godts

On 1 October 2015 CONT Chair invited Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship to exchange views with CONT Members regarding the financing of the relocation and resettlement schemes.

In his reply dated 19 November 2015 the Commissioner forwarded CONT Members with Information as provided in the justification for the Amending letter 2 to General Budget 2016 and in the Communication of 14 October 2015 (COM2015/510) "Managing the refugee crisis State of Play of the Implementation of the Priority Actions under the European Agenda on Migration"

It is important for the Members of the CONT Committee to have an exchange of views and be directly informed by the Commissioner about the financial implementation of the recent decisions in this field.

## WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016

16.30 - 18.30

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### 59. PROTOCOL TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT TRADE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THE WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL, IN SO FAR AS THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL WHICH FALL UNDER TITLE V OF PART III OF THE TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ARE CONCERNED



#### Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Ingeborg Gräble](#) (EPP)  
Administrator: Philippe Godts  
Main Committee: LIBE

In her draft opinion the rapporteur is in favour of the ratification of the FCTC Protocol and expresses views regarding the tobacco agreements with the "big four".

The English version of the report will be circulated to CONT Members as soon as possible. All the linguistic versions will be available on [CONT website](#).



**CONT Timetable:**

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Consideration of draft opinion	CONT	23/03/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	15/04/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	24/05/2016

## 60. THE ACTIVITIES, IMPACT AND ADDED VALUE OF THE EUROPEAN GLOBALIZATION ADJUSTMENT FUND BETWEEN 2007 AND 2014



### Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Marco Valli](#) (EFDD)  
Administrator: Hrvoje Svetic  
Main Committee: EMPL

The CONT committee is giving an opinion to the EMPL committee on the activities, impact and added value of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) between 2007 and 2014;

The EGF was established in 2006 to show EU solidarity towards workers affected by mass redundancies as a result of globalisation, and amended in 2009 to enable it also to help workers made redundant as a result of the global financial and economic crisis. The EGF should facilitate the reintegration into employment of those workers by providing financial contributions for time limited and coordinated packages of personalised services. Such packages include active labour market measures such as training, aid for self-employment, coaching and outplacement. The rules governing the EGF were amended first by Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 and, since January 2014, by Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.

The Rapporteur noted that in some cases not all workers formerly employed by the suppliers of an affected enterprise were included in the EGF support. He pointed out that all measures under the EGF regulation may also be applied under the European Social Fund (ESF), as well as that certain Member States prefer to deploy the ESF rather than the EGF due to the higher co-financing rate of the ESF, its quicker implementation, the lack of EGF pre-financing and the EGF's lengthy approval procedure. Moreover, the quality and availability of reintegration data was found to be adversely affected by a variety of different factors, and the Member State authorities generally did not distinguish between active labour market measures such as training and aid for self-employment and the income support for paid workers.

The Rapporteur stressed that it has been difficult to clearly evaluate the success of the instrument and its real contribution as single instrument to the reintegration of workers, and considered that the EGF should be able to provide its financial contribution rapidly in order to maximise its impact and to allow the affected workers to benefit from the funded measures at the earliest after having been made redundant.

**CONT Timetable:**

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Consideration of the draft opinion	CONT	23/03/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/04/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	20/04/2016
Adoption in EMPL	EMPL	26/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	JULY 2016



## **61. AMENDING REGULATION (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013, AS REGARDS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF)**



**Exchange of views with the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Budget and Human Resources, *Kristalina Georgieva*,**

Administrator: Christian Ehlers

The proposal, pursuant to Article 325 of the Treaty, aims at remedying a punctual weakness in the OLAF regulation and is therefore limited in scope: The proposal aims that the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF-SC) be provided by the Commission and that the appropriations for the Supervisory Committee and its secretariat be entered into the section of the general budget of the European Union relating to the Commission.

Given the limited scope of the proposal and given the fact that the proposal corresponds to long standing demands made by Parliament and the OLAF-SC itself, the Council and the Parliament envisage a swift adoption of the proposal.

## **62. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **63. NEXT MEETINGS**

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

- **7 April 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)**
- **20 April 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30 (Brussels)**
- **21 April 2016, 9.00 - 12.30 (Brussels)**

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