



MEETING OF MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016

15.00 - 18.30

Room: József Antall (4Q1)

1. AGENDA

The draft agenda (in EN) was emailed to Members on 30 March 2016 and is in the [file for the meeting](#).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman draws attention to the following points:

Languages available

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, DA, ES, FI, CS, HU, LT, PL, SK, SL, BG, RO

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PUBLIC MEETING

3. 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 Gräßle](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Philippe Godts

Main Committee: LIBE

In her draft opinion, the rapporteur welcomes the Council proposal for the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products and is of the opinion that the Parliament should give its consent.



Regarding the tobacco agreements concluded by the EU with the big four companies, the rapporteur regrets that the management of the tobacco agreements by the Commission is not transparent, may create situations of conflict of interest and is not subject to a proper democratic control. She recalls the Parliament's views expressed on 9 March 2016 that "all elements covered in the agreement with PMI will be covered by the new legal framework made up of the Tobacco Products Directive and the Protocol" and concluded "that the agreement with PMI should not be renewed, extended or renegotiated". In addition, the rapporteur calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of pursuing the expiration of the other three agreements with tobacco manufacturers upon the entry into force of the FCTC Protocol.

Finally, the rapporteur considers that in accordance with the FCTC Protocol the provisions of the Tobacco Products Directive on traceability will apply to all tobacco companies in the 28 EU Member States and believes that there is a need for a general track-and-trace system, due diligence ('know your customer') and other efficient measures to be applied to raw cut tobacco, filters and papers used by the tobacco industry, as an additional tool to combat contraband and counterfeit products. She urges the Commission to create a world standard system on tracking and tracing and to ensure that no monopoly is created.

The English version of the report was circulated to CONT Members on 21 March. All the linguistic versions will be available on [CONT website](#) after 7 April.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft opinion	CONT	04/04/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	25/04/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	24/05/2016

4. 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 States



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.

The English version of the report was circulated to CONT Members on 9 March 2016. All the linguistic versions will be available on [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft opinion	CONT	04/04/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	06/04/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	20/04/2016
Adoption in EMPL	EMPL	26/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	JULY 2016

5. 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:

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



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PUBLIC MEETING

***** VOTING TIME *****

DISCHARGE 2014: AGENCIES (ITEMS 6 TO 38)

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| 6. | 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 |
| 7. ACER | AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS |
| 8. BEREC | OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS |
| 9. CDT | TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION |
| 10. CEDEFOP | EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING |
| 11. CEPOL | EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE |
| 12. EASA | EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY |
| 13. EASO | EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE |
| 14. EBA | EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY |
| 15. ECDC | EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL |
| 16. ECHA | EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY |
| 17. EEA | EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY |
| 18. EFCA | EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY |
| 19. EFSA | EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY |
| 20. EIGE | EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY |
| 21. EIOPA | EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY |
| 22. EIT | EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY |
| 23. EMA | EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY |
| 24. EMCDDA | EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION |
| 25. EMSA | EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY |
| 26. ENISA | EUROPEAN NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY AGENCY |
| 27. ERA | EUROPEAN RAILWAY AGENCY |
| 28. ESMA | EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY |
| 29. ETF | EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION |
| 30. EU-LISA | EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE |



31. EU-OSHA	EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK
32. EURATOM	EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY
33. EUROFOUND	EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS
34. EUROJUST	THE EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT
35. EUROPOL	EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE
36. FRA	EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
37. FRONTEX	EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
38. GNSS	EUROPEAN GNSS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY (GSA)



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 were sent to the CONT Members on Wednesday 30 March.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft reports	CONT	22/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	04/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	APRIL II 2016



DISCHARGE 2014: JOINT UNDERTAKINGS (ITEMS 39 TO 46)

39. ARTEMIS	EMBEDDED COMPUTING SYSTEMS
40. CLEAN SKY	AERONAUTICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
41. ECSEL	ELECTRIC COMPONENTS & SYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP
42. ENIAC	EUROPEAN NANO-ELECTRONICS INITIATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL -
43. FCH	FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN
44. IMI	INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE
45. ITER	INTERNATIONAL FUSION ENERGY ORGANIZATION
46. SESAR	AIR NAVIGATION SAFETY



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;
- a need for more information concerning in-kind contributions of the Joint Undertakings;

In addition to the amendments tabled to the draft reports, the TRAN Committee provided an opinion on the SESAR Joint Undertaking 2014 discharge.

The amendments were sent to Members on 8 March 2016.

The final voting list was sent to the CONT Members on 18 March 2016.

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](#).

The rapporteur proposes to postpone three discharge reports (ARTEMIS, ENIAC and F4E/ITER).

The reasons behind the postponements of ARTEMIS and ENIAC are the qualified opinions of the Court based on the lack of information necessary to calculate either a weighted error rate or a residual error rate following the ex post audits by NFAs. The rapporteur invites the Court and the JUs to collect additional and necessary documents and information, from the national audit bodies of the Member States and/or the national competent departments, in accordance with the provisions of Article 287(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The reason for postponing the discharge of F4E/ITER JU is the delay of implementation of the project and the lack of publication of the new action plan presented to the ITER Council in November 2015.

The rapporteur proposes to grant the discharge of ECSEL JU even though the Court issued a qualified opinion, as he believes that the reasons behind the qualified opinion are linked to the projects inherited by ECSEL from Artemis and ENIAC and are not linked to the current activities of the JU itself.



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Consideration of draft reports	CONT	22/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	04/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	April II 2016

DISCHARGE 2014: OTHER INSTITUTIONS (ITEMS 47 TO 53)

47. COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL

48. COURT OF JUSTICE

49. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS

50. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

51. COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

52. EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN

53. 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 AFCD 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 Tuesday 22 March.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft reports	CONT	22/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	04/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	APRIL II 2016

54. INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (IAS) EVALUATION AND ON ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) FOUNDATION, EUROPEAN FINANCIAL REPORTING ADVISORY GROUP (EFRAG) AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST OVERSIGHT BOARD (PIOB)



Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Ryszard Czarnecki](#)(ECR)
 Administrator: Olivier Sautière
 Main Committee: ECON

The rapporteur Mr Czarnecki stated that harmonizing international accounting and reporting standards towards more comparability and transparency of financial information is a major objective to be pursued.

However he considered that the complexity of these standards required a thorough impact assessment and that the European influence in the setting-up and endorsement process of global accounting standards should be ensured.

He also pointed out that lessons learnt from the implementation of the International Accounting Standards (IAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) should be used as benchmark for EU Member States for the modernisation of their accounting systems, the development of European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS) and this, to the benefit of public accountability.

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

Deadline for amendments was 11 March 2016. 19 amendments were tabled. The draft opinion and the amendments are available on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft opinion	CONT	29/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	11/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	04/04/2016

***** END OF ELECTRONIC VOTING *****



55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

56. 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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