



MEETING OF THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016

9.00 - 12.30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (3G-2)

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, ES, FI, CS, HU, LT, PL, SK, SL, BG, RO

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PUBLIC MEETING

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

3. DISCHARGE 2014: EU GENERAL BUDGET - EUROPEAN COMMISSION

4. 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.

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft reports	CONT	23/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	04/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	07/04/2016
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	APRIL II 2016

5. 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 was sent to Members on Monday 21 March.

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Consideration of draft report	CONT	23/02/2016
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6. 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 was sent to Members on Monday 21 March.

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7. DISCHARGE 2014: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: [Markus Pieper](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Mauro de Oliveira

The draft report was presented by Mr Pieper and discussed in the CONT meeting of 29 February 2016.

220 amendments were received and emailed to Members on 16 March in a mixed language version.

The final voting list will be circulated as soon as available.

The Court of Auditor's report and other background documents (including DG's annual activity reports, final accounts, etc.) can be found on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable:

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft reports	CONT	29/02/2016
Deadline for amendments	CONT	11/03/2016
Adoption in CONT	CONT	07/04/2016
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***** END OF ELECTRONIC VOTING *****

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(IN CAMERA)

8. COORDINATOR'S MEETING



Meeting held in camera



9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETINGS

- 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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