



# NOTULEN

Vergadering van woensdag 14 april 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 uur en 13.45 - 15.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur

en donderdag 15 april 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 uur

Brussel

De vergadering wordt op woensdag 14 april 2021 om 9.02 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Caterina Chinnici (tweede ondervoorzitter).

**14 april 2021, 9.00 - 9.30 uur**

**1. Aanneming van de agenda**

De agenda wordt aangenomen in de volgorde zoals blijkt uit deze notulen.

**2. Mededelingen van de voorzitter**

De voorzitter vestigt de aandacht van de leden op de informatie in CONT News.

**3. Goedkeuring van notulen van vergaderingen**

- 11 januari 2021 PV – PE689.497v01-00
- 25-26 januari 2021 PV – PE689.756v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

**\*\*\* Stemming \*\*\***

**4. Opening van de stemming op afstand: eerste stemronde**

## 5. Fraudebestrijdingsprogramma van de EU

CONT/9/01461

\*\*\*II 2018/0211(COD) 05330/1/2021 – C9-0108/2021  
T8-0068/2019

Rapporteur:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

PR – PE689.869v01-00

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Goedkeuring ontwerpaanbeveling voor de tweede lezing

**Besluit:** De ontwerpaanbeveling wordt goedgekeurd met 28 stemmen voor en 1 tegen bij 0 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemmingen)

## 6. Verslag over de tenuitvoerlegging van de EU-trustfondsen en de Faciliteit voor vluchtelingen in Turkije

CONT/9/02643

2020/2045(INI)

Rapporteur voor advies:

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

PA – PE680.939v03-00

AM – PE691.199v01-00

Bevoegd:

AFET, Milan Zver (PPE)

DEVE, György Hölvényi (PPE)

BUDG\* – Janusz Lewandowski (PPE)

Advies:

CONT, LIBE\*

- Goedkeuring ontwerpadvies

**Besluit:** Het ontwerpadvies wordt goedgekeurd met 24 stemmen voor en 2 tegen bij 2 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemmingen)

Er worden 29 amendementen ingediend, waarvan er 26 worden aangenomen en 3 verworpen.

\*\*\* *Einde stemming* \*\*\*

## 7. Verkiezing van de vierde ondervoorzitter

Bij acclamatie op afstand wordt de heer Petri Sarvamaa (PPE) vierde ondervoorzitter van de commissie CONT ter vervanging van de heer Tamas Deutsch.

14 april 2021, 9.30 - 10.30 uur

## 8. EU-trustfonds voor Afrika - Steun voor geïntegreerd grens- en migratiebeheer in Libië - Vermeend wanbeheer - Verzoekschrift 0655/2020

CONT/9/05714

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de Commissie

Sprekers: Caterina Chinnici, Maciej Popowski (Europese Commissie, DG NEAR), Tomáš Zdechovský, Maria Grapini, Joachim Kuhs, Michèle Rivasi.

De vergadering wordt om 10.02 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 10.31 uur voortgezet onder voorzitterschap van Caterina Chinnici (tweede ondervoorzitter).

**14 april 2021, 10.30 - 11.30 uur**

**9. Studie “Speciaal adviseurs van de Commissie (2014-2019)”**

CONT/9/05715

Rapporteur:

Lefteris Christoforou (PPE)

- Presentatie door de beleidsondersteunende afdeling D

Sprekers: Caterina Chinnici, Margarita Sanz (Blomeyer & Sanz), Christoph Demmke (Universiteit van Vaasa), Gertrud Ingestad (Europese Commissie, HR), Lefteris Christoforou, Maria Grapini, Joachim Kuhs, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Petri Sarvamaa.

De vergadering wordt om 11.46 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 13.59 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

**14 april 2021, 13.45 - 14.45 uur**

*Met gesloten deuren*

**10. Presentatie over de werkzaamheden van het OLAF in verband met COVID-19-fraudegerelateerde aangelegenheden**

CONT/9/05730

- Presentatie door de heer Ville Itälä, directeur-generaal OLAF

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ville Itälä (Europese Commissie, OLAF), Tomáš Zdechovský, Caterina Chinnici, Martina Dlabajová, Joachim Kuhs, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Michèle Rivasi, Petri Sarvamaa, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs.

**14 april 2021, 14.45 - 15.45 uur**

*Met gesloten deuren*

## 11. Coördinatorenvergadering

De vergadering wordt om 15.31 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.47 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

**14 april 2021, 16.45 - 17.45 uur**

\*\*\* *Stemming* \*\*\*

## 12. Opening van de stemming op afstand: tweede ronde - eindstemming

\*\*\* *Einde stemming* \*\*\*

*Gezamenlijke presentatie met de Subcommissie belastingaangelegenheden (FISC)*

## 13. Speciaal verslag 03/2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer: Uitwisseling van fiscale inlichtingen in de EU: de basis is solide, de uitvoering suboptimaal CONT/9/05725

Rapporteur:

Gilles Boyer (Renew)

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door de directeur van kamer IV van de ERK Ioanna Metaxopoulou, namens het rapporterende ERK-lid Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Paul Tang, Ioanna Metaxopoulou (ERK), Benjamin Angel (Europese Commissie, TAXUD), Gilles Boyer, Michal Wiezik, Luděk Niedermayer, Maria Grapini, Evelyn Regner, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs.

**14 april 2021, 17.45 - 18.45 uur**

*Gezamenlijke presentatie met de Commissie economische en monetaire zaken (ECON)*

## 14. Analyse nr. 6/2020 van de ERK: Risico's, uitdagingen en kansen in verband met de economische beleidsreactie van de EU op de COVID-19-crisis CONT/9/05472

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Presentatie van de analyse door de directeur van kamer IV van de ERK Ioanna Metaxopoulou, namens het rapporterende ERK-lid Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Irene Tinagli, Ioanna Metaxopoulou (ERK), Luc Tholonia (Europese Commissie, DG ECFIN), Angelika Winzig, Markus Ferber, Isabel García Muñoz, Margarida Marques, Ondřej Kovařík, Joachim Kuhs, Mikuláš Peksa, Sven Giegold.

De vergadering wordt om 18.43 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 9.06 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

### **15 april 2021, 9.00 - 10.00 uur**

#### **15. Verslag van de Commissie over de rechtsstaat 2020**

CONT/9/05603

2021/2025(INI) COM(2020)0580

Rapporteur voor advies:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PA – PE691.220v01-00

Bevoegd:

LIBE\* – Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D)

PR – PE689.878v01-00

- Behandeling ontwerpadvies

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Emmanuel Crabit (Europese Commissie, DG JUST), Petri Sarvamaa, Lara Wolters, Katalin Cseh, Joachim Kuhs, Daniel Freund.

### **15 april 2021, 10.00 - 12.00 uur**

#### ***Openbare hoorzitting***

#### **16. De doeltreffendheid en zichtbaarheid van het systeem voor vroegtijdige opsporing en uitsluiting (EDES)**

CONT/9/05732

Rapporteur:

Katalin Cseh (Renew)

- Zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Katalin Cseh, Christian Pennera (Europese Commissie, CAB), Victoria Gil Casado (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Nick Aiossa (Transparency International), Charlotte Arwidi (Europese Commissie, OLAF), Michele Simonato (EPPO), Leonardo Cervera Navas (EDPS), Caterina Chinnici, Katalin Cseh, Joachim Kuhs, Mikuláš Peksa.

#### **17. Rondvraag**

#### **18. Volgende vergaderingen**

- 26-27 mei 2021
- 14-15 juni 2021
- 12-13 juli 2021

De vergadering wordt om 12.06 uur gesloten.



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NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Michal Wiezik, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Martina Dlabajová, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Maria Grapini, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

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ID	Jean-François Jalkh

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention



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**2. Opinion on the Implementation report on the EU Trust Funds and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey – final vote (CONT/9/02643)**

2.1. Final vote

<b>24</b>	<b>+</b>
ECR	Joachim Stanislaw Brudziński, Vincenzo Sofo
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Michal Wiezik, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
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Verts/ALE	Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh

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The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee



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Luděk Niedermayer, Evelyn Regner, Paul Tang	Item 13
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Kameliya Velcheva, Asta Skripiene

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# NEWSLETTER

## COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021**

9.00 – 12.00 and 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

*Room: Altiero Spinelli 1G-3 and visioconference*

**THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2021**

9.00 – 12.00

*Room: József Antall 6Q2 and visioconference*

**14 April 2021, 9.00 – 9.30**

### 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda and meeting documents are available in the [meeting file](#).

### 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

#### Languages available

FR DE IT EN EL ES PT CS HU PL RO.

#### [Webstreaming](#)

The meeting will be webstreamed and can be followed live via the [CONT webpage](#).

#### Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of recommendations of the Coordinators' meeting of 22 March 2021 was circulated to the Members on 26 March 2021.

*If no objections are received before the end of the meeting, these recommendations will be deemed approved.*

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

- 11 January 2021 PV – PE689.497v01-00
- 25-26 January 2021 PV – PE689.756v01-00



#### 4. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: FIRST ROUND

### \*\*\* REMOTE VOTING TIME \*\*\*

*Opening of the remote voting procedure: first voting session  
Voting procedure will be open from 9:30 to 10.30*

*All Members taking part in the vote (present either in committee meeting room or via remote participation) will vote via the application EP-Vote.*

#### 5. EU ANTI-FRAUD PROGRAMME

CONT/9/01461 - [2018/0211\(COD\)](#)



#### Adoption of draft recommendation for second reading

Rapporteur: [Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Tsvetelina Penkova (S&D), Alin Mituța (RE), Michèle Rivasi (Greens), Joachim Kuhs (ID), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)**

The purpose of the EU Anti-Fraud Programme is to assist Member States and the relevant Union bodies to help them better protect the Union's financial interests.

It continues the Hercule III programme that supports activities against fraud, corruption and any illegal activities, mainly in the field of customs, and combines it with the financing basis for the Anti-fraud Information System and the Irregularity Management System, which are two IT applications.

As the interinstitutional negotiations led to a compromise on 8 December 2020. In accordance with Rule 74(4) of the Parliament's Rules of Procedure, the provisional agreement was submitted as a whole to the CONT Committee for confirmation by way of a single vote on 11 January 2021.

On 16 March 2021, the Council formally adopted its first reading, which was announced in plenary part-session of 24-25 March. CONT has to vote a second time on the file in order to formally endorse the early second reading. This second vote will be on the recommendation for the plenary to accept the Council's first reading without amendments as the Parliament's second reading position. Following a positive vote in CONT, the vote in plenary on the EU's Anti-Fraud Programme Regulation will take place in April.



#### Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Adoption of report	Plenary	April 2021

#### 6. IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ON THE EU TRUST FUNDS AND THE FACILITY FOR REFUGEES IN TURKEY

CONT/9/02643 / CJ31/9/02641 - [2020/2045\(INI\)](#)



## Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur:

[Tomáš Zdechovský](#)

(EPP)[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI\\_SARVAMAA/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home)

Administrator:

Ana Maria Nogueira

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Corina Crețu (S&D), Olivier Chastel (Renew), Michèle Rivasi (Greens) and Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

Following the presentation of the draft opinion, Members tabled 55 amendments to the original text. Based on those, the Rapporteur proposed nine compromise amendments, which the Shadows supported.

The amendments concern, among others, the acknowledgment of the specific nature of the Union trust funds and demand to address challenging circumstances in a rapid and forceful manner, without precluding a qualitative scrutiny of the results on the ground.

Moreover, the Rapporteur emphasised the need to ensure that the implementation of the FRT and Union trust funds is consistent with the EU's policies and objectives and its values of democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

On the latter, the Rapporteur explicitly calls for the need to ensure equal access to education and training, health, protection and other basic needs, with particular attention to girls and young women.



The final voting list will be circulated on 12 April 2021.

The EN version of the draft opinion and amendments can be consulted on the [meeting documents](#) and on [CONT website](#).

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in main committees	AFET/DEVE/BUDG	TBC
Adoption of report	Plenary	TBC

**\*\*\* END OF REMOTE VOTING TIME\*\*\***

## 7. ELECTION OF THE FOURTH VICE-CHAIR

Following Mr Deutsch's resignation, the EPP proposed Mr Petri Sarvamaa as 4th Vice-Chair.

In line with Rule 213 of Rules of Procedure, the election can take place by acclamation, if a secret ballot is not requested.

14 April 2021, 9.30 – 10.30

**8. EU TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA – SUPPORT TO INTEGRATED BORDER AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN LIBYA – ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT - PETITION 0655/2020**  
CONT/9/05714



**Exchange of views with Mr Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General DG NEAR**

On 13 January 2021, the Chair of the Committee on Petitions, Mrs Dolors Montserrat sent to CONT for opinion the Petition No 0655/2020 by Giorgia Jana Pintus (Italian), on behalf of Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana (ARCI), Associazione per gli Studi Giuridici sull'Immigrazione (ASGI), and Global Legal Action Network (GLAN), on suspicion of misuse and mismanagement of EU funds by the Commission through the EUTFA's Support to Integrated border and migration management

programme in Libya.

The petition is based on a complaint submitted by the organisations to the European Court of Auditors on 27 April 2020. Following the request from the PETI Chair, Coordinators decided to request an explanation from the Commission on the use of the funds. On 26 February 2021, the Commission sent a reply letter to the CONT Chair, indicating that "the Commission was not aware of any issues and mismanagement of EU funds under the EU Trust Fund for Africa" and that "there were no finding or result concerning the alleged misuse/mismanagement".

In line with a decision of the CONT Coordinators, CONT Members will have an opportunity to exchange views with the Commission on the allegations made in the petitions.

14 April 2021, 10.30 – 11.30

**9. STUDY ON SPECIAL ADVISERS TO THE COMMISSION (2014-2019)**  
CONT/9/05715



**Presentation by Policy Department D**

Rapporteur:

[Lefteris Christoforou](#)

(EPP) [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI\\_SARVAMAA/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home)

Administrator:

Alix Deslanerie (Pol Dep)

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Maria Grapini (S&D)**

The [study](#) proposes an overview of the selection of Special Advisers to the European Commission, specifically during the period 2014-2019: the procedure followed, the number of contracts, safeguards, contractual terms, budgetary implications, transparency and the communication with the European Parliament. A review of literature, good practices and criteria for assessing the Commission's framework is provided. The study makes recommendations on how to further strengthen this framework.



An exchange of views with Members, including the Rapporteur Lefteris Christoforou (EPP) and the Commission

Directorate-General for Human resources will take place after the presentation of the study.

*The meeting will be suspended until 13:45*

**14 April 2021, 13.45 – 14.45**

*In camera*

## 10. PRESENTATION ON OLAF'S ACTIVITIES INTO COVID-19 FRAUD-RELATED MATTERS

CONT/9/05730



### Presentation by OLAF Director-General, Mr. Ville Itälä

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has warned against fraudsters offering COVID-19 vaccines. In a press release of 15 February 2021, OLAF has recommended governments to be on their guard against offers to provide them with COVID-19 vaccines. These offers are very often fake, and should be reported.

The OLAF press release followed the early warning notification launched by Europol, in December 2020, by which the Agency - building on the detected falsified influenza vaccine in Mexico - had warned on the risk that counterfeit vaccines might circulate on illicit markets, or even be introduced to the legal markets, as occurs regularly with other counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

The OLAF Director-General has asked the floor to inform the European Parliament about the actions carried out to counter frauds detected into COVID-19 protection products. OLAF works with several partners (law enforcement agencies in the Member states, customs authorities etc), it receives, collects, analyses and shares information with trusted entities in the Union and across the world. The OLAF Director-General will inform the European Parliament about the ongoing inquiries into these matters.



The nature of the information which will be shared imposes the strictest confidentiality for the sake of not compromising the investigative scenarios. The legal principle of presumption of innocence limits the scope of the presentation. The need to prevent any possible misunderstanding amongst European citizens on the absolute reliability of the rolling out of the procedures for Covid19 vaccines requires CONT Members not to disclose the content of the in camera presentation.

**14 April 2021, 14.45 – 15.45**

## 11. COORDINATORS' MEETING

Meeting held *in camera* with the remote participation tool Interactio



Coordinators present in Brussels can attend the meeting in room: **ANTALL 6Q2**.

*The meeting will be suspended until 16:45*

**14 April 2021, 16.45 – 17.45**

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

## 12. OPENING OF REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: SECOND ROUND - FINAL VOTE ON ITEM 6 OF THE AGENDA

***Voting procedure will be open from 16.45 to 17.30***

***All Members taking part in the vote (either present in committee meeting room or via remote participation) will vote via the application EP-Vote.***

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**\*\*\* END OF REMOTE VOTING TIME\*\*\***

## JOINT PRESENTATION WITH SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX MATTERS (FISC)

### 13. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 03/2021: EXCHANGING TAX INFORMATION IN THE EU: SOLID FOUNDATION, CRACKS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION

CONT/9/05725



**Presentation of the special report by ECA Director of Chamber IV, Ms Ioanna Metaxopoulou on behalf of reporting ECA Member Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

Rapporteur:

[Gilles Boyer](#)

(RENEW) [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI\\_SARVAMAA/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Michal Wiezik (EPP), Maria Grapini (S&D)**

The Special Report looks into the effectiveness of the system for exchange of tax-related information in the Union, while also including the use of such information. It covers the period between 2014 and 2019.

The Single Market is one of Europe's greatest achievements, designed to allow people, goods, services and capital to move freely. A healthy Single Market needs a fair, efficient and growth-friendly tax system. Effective, fair and sustainable tax systems ensure growth, poverty reduction and good governance: they strengthen trust in democratic policy making by ensuring that fraudsters do not have any competitive tax advantage over honest taxpayers. In the Union international context, effectiveness cannot be achieved without exchange of information between competent authorities and jurisdictions.

The exchange of information is essential to achieving fair taxation and enhancing the fight against tax fraud, tax evasion, aggressive tax planning, harmful tax practices and money laundering: all these malpractices have an impact on national and the EU budgets.

Moreover, to step up the effectiveness of the tax system has a central role in shaping both a strong economy and a fair society, while defending the social contract and the rule of law. Transparency and confidentiality of the data exchanged, bank secrecy, legal and beneficial ownership information and accountancy record requirements are foundations of a sound financial management of resources.

ECA addresses recommendations to both Commission and Member States on the scope of the exchange of information and on the quality of the data exchanged; the Court invites the Commission to enhance monitoring and guidance and indicates the need to establish a reliable common framework for measuring the benefits of the system.



It is proposed that the presentation of the ECA report proceeds as follows:

- Ms Ioanna METAXOPOULOU, on behalf of reporting ECA Member Ildikó GÁLL-PELC, will present the Special Report;
- The CONT Rapporteur, Mr Gilles BOYER, will make observations and raise questions to the ECA's and Commission's representatives;
- The two CONT Shadow Rapporteurs, other CONT Members and Members of FISC will share their remarks and put questions;
- Ms Ioanna METAXOPOULOU and Mr Benjamin ANGEL (Director in DG TAXUD) will reply to the questions put;
- Catch-the-eye for follow-up questions from Members and replies from ECA and Commission;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur;
- Concluding remarks by the Chairs (FISC and CONT)

The ECA report is available on all EU languages on the [ECA website](#) and also on the [meeting documents](#).

**14 April 2021, 17.45 – 18.45**

## **JOINT PRESENTATION WITH COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS (ECON)**

### **14. ECA REVIEW 06/2020: RISKS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EU'S ECONOMIC POLICY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

CONT/9/05472



**Presentation of the review by ECA Director of Chamber IV, Ms Ioanna Metaxopoulou on behalf of reporting ECA Member Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

Rapporteur:

[Isabel García Muñoz](#)

[S&D\)https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI\\_SARVAMAA/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home)

Administrator:

Benoît Lefort

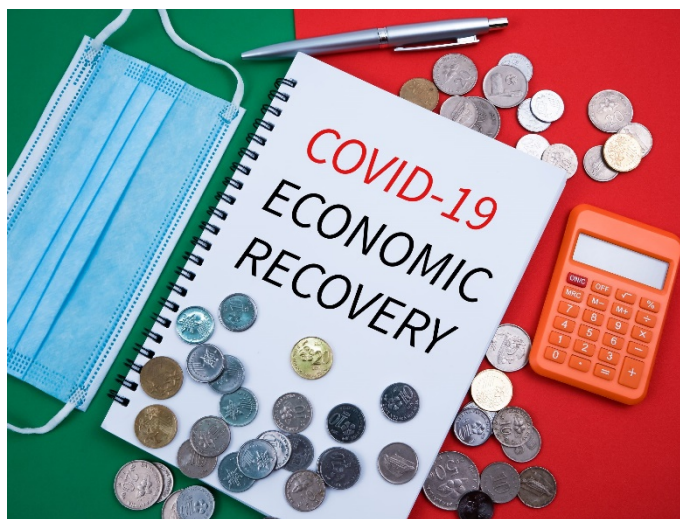
Shadow Rapporteur: **Martina Dlabajová (RENEW)**

The review provides an integrated picture of the measures taken at Member States level by June and EU level by August 2020 to limit and counter the economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The analysis in this review is based mainly on public information, enhanced by the results of a survey of Member States fiscal authorities, by interviews with Commission staff and reference to ECA's previous reports. The ECA did not carry out audit work, therefore the findings are analytical rather than evaluative and the Court did not make recommendations.

The ECA concluded that the early measures taken by the EU and its Member States to counter the economic impact of COVID-19 helped save jobs and businesses. However, the auditors also saw the risk that the pandemic's uneven impact on Member States and their differing capacities to support their economies may widen the economic gap between them. The auditors also viewed the EU financial response to the crisis as an opportunity to promote EU priorities and to reflect on long-term improvements to strengthen economic coordination between Member States. At the same time, the auditors noted risks and challenges relating to the implementation and the coordination of these measures.

It is proposed that the presentation of the ECA review proceeds as follows:

- Introduction by the ECA Director of Chamber IV, Ms Ioanna METAXOPOULOU, who will present the findings and recommendations of the review on behalf of reporting ECA Member Ildikó GALL-PELCZ;
- The CONT Rapporteur, Isabel GARCIA MUNOZ, will make observations and raise questions to the ECA's and Commission's representatives;
- Other Members of CONT and ECON will share their observations and ask questions;
- ECA and Commission representatives will reply to the questions of the Members;
- Catch-the-eye for follow-up questions from Members and replies from ECA and Commission;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur
- Concluding remarks by the Chairs (CONT and ECON)



The ECA review is available on all EU languages on the [ECA website](#) and also on the [meeting documents](#).

**15 April 2021, 9.00 – 10.00**

## 15. THE COMMISSION'S 2020 RULE OF LAW REPORT

CONT/9/05603 - 2021/2025(INI) - [COM\(2020\)0580](#)



### Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur:

[Isabel García Muñoz](#)

(S&D)[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI\\_SARVAMAA/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home)

Administrator:

Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteur: **Petri Sarvamaa (EPP)**

In September 2020, the Commission released its first annual Rule of Law Report as a basis on which to build the new cycle of the rule of law mechanism. This annual report includes four areas of assessment, namely the justice



system, the anti-corruption framework, media pluralism, and other institutional checks and balances which are key interdependent pillars for ensuring the rule of law, the fight against fraud and the protection of the financial interests of the Union.

The Rapporteur highlights that the rule of law is an essential precondition for compliance with the principle of sound financial management and for the protection of the Union's financial interests. She also reminds that Regulation 2020/2092 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget is in force since 1 January 2021 and is not subject to the adoption of any guidelines or judicial interpretation as a precondition for its application.



Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	23 April at 14.00
Vote	CONT	26-27 May
Vote in main committees	LIBE	3 June
Adoption of report	Plenary	June II

**15 April 2021, 10.00 – 12.00**

## 16. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VISIBILITY OF EDES (EARLY DETECTION AND EXCLUSION SYSTEM)

CONT/9/05732



**Public hearing - see programme below**

Rapporteur:

[Katalin Cseh](#)

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Administrator:

Ana Maria Nogueira

Shadow Rapporteur: **Petri Sarvamaa (EPP)**

The early-detection and exclusion system (EDES) is a mechanism set up in 2016 by the European Commission. Its purpose is to reinforce the protection of the Union's financial interests and to ensure sound financial management. Since the revision of 2018, the Financial Regulation contains detailed provisions on the functioning of EDES (Articles 135 to 145).

# PUBLIC HEARING

## COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY CONTROL (CONT)

15 April 2021 – 10:00-12:00

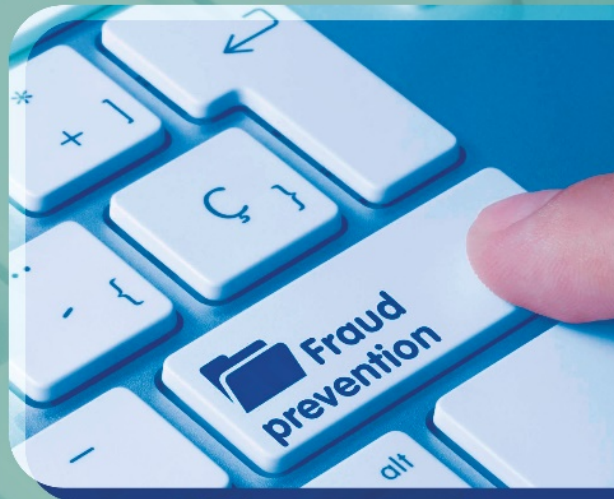
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REMOTE PARTICIPATION



# Effectiveness and visibility of EDES

## (Early Detection and Exclusion System)



RAPPOREUR: Katalin CSEH

The public hearing will be webstreamed and can be followed live via the CONT webpage: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/cont/home/highlights>

EDES system applies to EU operations under direct and indirect management. It does not apply to shared management. For the latter, the Member States report cases of fraud and irregularities in a separate database, the Irregularity Management System (IMS). EDES deals with economic operators. Natural persons are in its focus only if they are recipients of EU funding or contractual partners, while managers are not personally concerned by an exclusion; their misconduct may lead however to the exclusion of the economic operator they work for.

The system aims to exclude companies and private individuals from public procurement in case they pose a risk to the

protection of the EU's financial interests. However, so far, this system lists only a few names of companies and individuals, which might indicate that the system does not function properly or that there is not enough information available. Therefore, the purpose of the hearing is to understand how the system works and to hear the experts' point of view on the visibility of EDES and its effectiveness in the protection of the EU financial interests.

The CONT Committee is conscious of the extraordinary times Europe is going through. However, it is also aware that crises create opportunities for many integrity violations and could intensify fraud and corruption. The Union needs to strengthen the effectiveness, coherence and coordination of existing strategies and systems for managing fraud and corruption risks in EU-funded projects.

### PROGRAMME

#### Public remote hearing on

## “The effectiveness and visibility of EDES - Early Detection and Exclusion System”

15 April 2021 (10.00-12.00)

### Brussels, Room: József Antall (JAN) 6Q2

10:00 - 10:05	Opening remarks and introduction by the Chair, Ms Hohlmeier
10:05 - 10:10	Opening remarks by the Rapporteur, Ms Katalin Cseh
10:10 - 10:45	<p>First panel: <b>Rules of EDES and implementation challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compétences et spécificités de l’instance EDES (ex Article 143 RF 2018) : <i>Mr Christian Pennera, Chair of the EDES Panel</i></li><li>• The role of DG BUDG in enhancing the protection of the Union’s financial interests: <i>Ms Victoria Gil Casado, Head of Unit, BUDG.D3 Financial rules 2 and Programme management, European Commission, DG BUDG</i></li><li>• <i>Mr Nick Aiossa - Transparency International Brussels</i></li></ul>
10:45 - 11:05	Questions, replies, debate
11:05 - 11:40	<p>Second panel: <b>Effectiveness of EDES - how other EU institutions can better contribute to the EDES database</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The role of OLAF in EDES: <i>Ms Beatriz Sanz Redrado, Director for Anti-Fraud Knowledge Centre, OLAF</i></li><li>• Perspectives and challenges of the EPPO contribution to the EDES: <i>Mr Michele Simonato, Policy Officer, EPPO</i></li><li>• The perspective of data protection – <i>representative of the EDPS [tbc]</i></li></ul>
11:40 - 11:55	Questions, replies, debate
11:55 - 12:00	Closing remarks by Ms Cseh and the Chair

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 18. NEXT MEETINGS

- 26-27 May 2021 (Brussels)
- 14-15 June 2021 (Brussels)
- 12-13 July 2021 (Brussels)

### PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)

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## NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

### Recent Publications

#### [Publications Catalogue 2019 - 2021](#)

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Proceedings of the workshop "[Use of big data and AI in fighting corruption and misuse of public funds - good practice, ways forward and how to integrate new technology into contemporary control framework](#)"

Study "[MEP's pension rights before and after the Members Statute in 2009](#)"

Study "[Special advisers to the Commission \(2014 - 2019\)](#)"

Briefing "[Gender and geographical balance in the governance structures of Horizon 2020](#)"

Briefing "[Horizon 2020: Geographical balance of beneficiaries](#)"

At a Glance "[Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors](#)" (update)

Documentation workshop "[Open spaces at EU institutions versus traditional work spaces: justification, evolution, evaluation and results](#)"

Briefing "[Open Plan Offices - The new ways of working. The advantages and disadvantages of open office space](#)"

Briefing "[Gender equality in the college of the European Court of Auditors](#)"

#### BUDG

In-depth Analysis "[Implementation of the EU Trust Funds and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey](#)" Update - March 2021

In-depth Analysis "[Reform of the EU own resources](#)"

Briefing "[EU Gender budgeting: where do we stand?](#)"

Study "[Pilot projects and preparatory actions \(PP/PA\) in the EU budget 2014-2019](#)"

Briefing "[Next Generation EU - Where are assigned revenue? Which impact in 2021?](#)"

Study "[How EU funds tackle economic divide in the European Union](#)" (Available in [DE](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#), [RO](#))

Study "[Documenting climate mainstreaming in the EU budget - making the system more transparent, stringent and comprehensive](#)"

Briefing "[Assigned revenue in the Recovery Plan - The frog that wishes to be as big as the ox?](#)"

Study "[A Just Transition Fund - How the EU budget can best assist in the necessary transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy](#)" (Available in [DE](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#))

### Forthcoming Publications

#### CONT

- Study "Impact of Organised Crime on the EU's Financial Interests"

- Briefing "The Early-detection and exclusion system"

- Study "The largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and cohesion funds"

## **BUDG**

- Study "New EU own resources: possibilities and limitations of steering effects and sectoral policy co-benefits"
- Study "Locations of the EU decentralised agencies"
- Study "The Management Boards of the Decentralised Agencies"
- Study "The "cost of non-EU – agencies", focusing on the health and safety cluster of the EU decentralised agencies"

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## **COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Wednesday, 14 April 2021**

**14.45 – 15.45**

**Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting**

**(meeting room ANTALL 6Q2)**

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#### **Items for decision**

## 1. Contribution for the structured dialogue with the Commission

**Decision:** Coordinators endorsed the elements in the list in *Annex I* as the contribution from CONT to the CCC for the structured dialogue with the Commission.

## 2. Public hearings for the second semester 2021

The Secretariat had proposed the following hearings for the second half of 2021 based on the proposals from groups:

1. Digitalising the oversight of European money flows including a more effective control, particularly in the area of shared management (EPP)
2. Capacity for proper expenditure controls of the increased budget of the MFF and NGEU? (S&D and Renew) - ideally jointly with BUDG

**Decision:**

Coordinators approved the proposals presented by the Secretariat. With regard to the EPP proposal on the corruption scandal in Slovakia it was decided to put this issue on the agenda of an upcoming CONT meeting.

## 3. Screening of recently published ECA reports

ECA had recently published the following reports:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Secretariat's/Chair's proposal</b>
SR 4/2021	Customs controls: insufficient harmonisation hampers EU financial interests	30 March 2021	Joint presentation with FISC.
SR 5/2021	Infrastructure for charging electric vehicles: more charging stations but uneven deployment makes travel across the EU complicated	13 April 2021	No presentation in CONT. Propose to TRAN to present it.

**Decision:** Coordinators approved the proposals by the Secretariat.

## 4. Letter on behalf of CONT Committee to the Commission concerning the use of EU funds in Belarus

**Decision:** Coordinators decided to task the Secretariat with providing a revised draft letter on basis of the draft from the Greens.

Coordinators are asked to come with any comments to the draft at the latest on 20 April. If no comments are received the revised letter will be deemed approved.

## **5. Allegations concerning corruption in Malta**

**Decision:** Coordinators discussed the situation concerning alleged corruption in Malta and possible links to EU funds and policies and decided to put the item on the agenda of an upcoming CONT meeting.

## **6. Appointment of a standing rapporteur on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)**

**Decision:** Coordinators approved that the S&D group takes the rapporteurship for the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement for a price of two points for one year.

## **7. Rapporteurs for 2 new INI reports**

**Decision:** Coordinators decided that:  
S&D (by Ms Grapini) will take the rapporteurship for the legislative INI on the digitalisation of the European reporting, monitoring and audit.  
EPP (by Mr Sarvamaa) will take the rapporteurship for the INI on the creation of guidelines for the application of the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget.

## **8. Proposal to use Sharepoint for Coordinators note as of next Coordinators meeting on 26-27 May 2021**

**Decision:** Coordinators endorsed the proposal to use Sharepoint for documents related to Coordinators meetings.

### **Items for information**

## **9. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting**



- 26-27 May 2021 (TBC)

### **10. Any other business**

- a. Coordinators decided to task the Chair with sending a letter to Director General Galina from DG SANTE after the meeting with her concerning the APA contracts for vaccines. Coordinators are asked to come with any comments to the draft at the latest on 20 April. If no comments are received the letter will be deemed approved.
- b. Coordinators decided to task the Chair with sending a letter to the Commission again asking about information about how much funds Agrofert has received in support from the EU budget.