



NOTULEN

- **Vergadering van woensdag 26 mei 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 uur, 13.45 - 16.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur**
 - **en donderdag 27 mei 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur**

Brussel

De vergadering wordt op woensdag 26 mei 2021 om 9.08 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

26 mei 2021, 9.00 - 9.15 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

- 22 en 23 februari 2021 PV – PE691.368v01-00
- 1 maart 2021 PV – PE689.802v01-00
- 22 en 23 maart 2021 PV – PE692.604v02-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

*** *Stemming* ***

4. Opening van de stemming op afstand: eerste ronde

5. Het 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)

AD – PE691.220v02-00

AM – PE691.430v02-00

Bevoegd:

LIBE* – Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D)

PR – PE689.878v01-00

AM – PE691.450v01-00

Advies:

BUDG, CONT*, JURI*, AFCO, PETI

- Goedkeuring ontwerpadvies

Besluit: Het ontwerpverslag wordt goedgekeurd: 24 stemmen voor en 5 tegen, bij 1 onthouding (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming en bijlage I)

6. Versterking van de transparantie en integriteit in de EU-instellingen door de oprichting van een onafhankelijk ethisch orgaan van de EU

CONT/9/03620

2020/2133(INI)

Rapporteur voor advies:

Mikuláš Peksa (Verts/ALE)

AD – PE661.960v02-00

AM – PE663.207v01-00

Bevoegd:

AFCO* – Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

PR – PE663.273v02-00

AM – PE681.036v01-00

Advies:

CONT, ECON, JURI*, PETI

- Goedkeuring ontwerpadvies

Besluit: Het ontwerpadvies wordt goedgekeurd: 24 stemmen voor en 4 tegen, bij 2 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming en bijlage I)

7. Het belangenconflict van de minister-president van de Tsjechische Republiek

CONT/9/06010

2021/2671(RSP)

Rapporteur:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Goedkeuring ontwerpresolutie

Besluit: Resolutie aangenomen met amendementen: 26 stemmen voor, bij
4 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming en bijlage I)

*** *Einde stemming* ***

26 mei 2021, 9.15 - 10.00 uur

**8. Controle van de financiële activiteiten van de Europese Investeringsbank -
jaarsverslag 2019**

CONT/9/04670
2020/2245(INI)

Rapporteur:

Bas Eickhout (Verts/ALE)

PR – PE692.685v01-00
AM – PE692.935v01-00

Bevoegd:

CONT

Advies:

DEVE

- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers (punt 8): Monika Hohlmeier, Bas Eickhout, Pierre Albouze (adjunct-secretaris-generaal, EIB) Merete Clausen (ECFIN), Angelika Winzig, Corina Cretu, Joachim Kuhs

26 mei 2021, 10.00 - 10.45 uur

**9. Bescherming van de financiële belangen van de EU - fraudebestrijding -
jaarsverslag 2019**

CONT/9/04672
2020/2246(INI)

Rapporteur:

Caterina Chinnici (S&D)

PR – PE692.684v01-00
AM – PE692.936v01-00

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Caterina Chinnici, Beatriz Sanz Redrado (OLAF), Charlotte Arwidi (OLAF), Andrea Bordoni (OLAF), Tomáš Zdechovský, Katalin Cseh, Joachim Kuhs, Mikuláš Peksa

26 mei 2021, 10.45 - 11.45 uur

10. Beheer van EU-fondsen onder gedeeld beheer in Malta

CONT/9/06070

Rapporteur:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de Commissie

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ernesto Bianchi (plaatsvervangend directeur-generaal van OLAF), Rafael Lopez Sanchez (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Christina Borchmann, (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Tomáš Zdechovský, Alex Agius Saliba, Joachim Kuhs

De vergadering wordt om 11.48 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 13.51 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

26 mei 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur

***** Stemming *****

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

Het precieze tijdstip van de opening en sluiting van de stemming, voorlopig gepland van 13.45 tot 14.45 uur, wordt door de voorzitter meegedeeld.

***** Einde stemming *****

12. Workshop “Ploffraude: definitie, effecten, preventie en oplossingen”

CONT/9/05844

Corapporteurs:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, James Sweeney (OLAF), Jack Malan (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services (CSES)), Ivan Bosch-Chen (CSES), Momchil Sabev (Europese Commissie DG TAXUD), Katalin Cseh, Marie Lamensch (Vrije Universiteit Brussel en Université Catholique de Louvain), Georgios Kougias (EOM)

De vergadering wordt om 16.05 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.48 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

26 mei 2021, 16.45 - 18.15 uur

Gezamenlijk agendapunt met de Begrotingscommissie (BUDG)

**13. Verordening inzake conditionaliteit met betrekking tot de rechtsstaat
CONT/9/05904**

Corapporteurs:

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de Commissie

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Johan Van Overtveldt, Gert-Jan Koopman (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Petri Sarvamaa, Eider Gardiazabal, Janusz Lewandowski, Lara Wolters, Moritz Körner, Jan Olbrycht, Katalin Garseh, Joachim Kuhs, Alexandra Geese, Daniel Freund, Terry Reintke, Bogdan Rzońca, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Ioannis Lagos, Pierre Karleskind, Fabienne Keller, Mislav Kolakušić, Isabel Garcia Muñoz, Sandor Ronai, Margarida Marques, Jens Geier, Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Eider Gardiazabal

De vergadering wordt om 18.18 uur geschorst.

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26 mei 2021, 18.15 - 18.45 uur

Met gesloten deuren

14. Coördinatorenvergadering

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De vergadering wordt om 13.51 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

27 mei 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur

**15. Openbare hoorzitting over het gebruik van bepalingen van de GB-verordening in
EU-fondsen — uitgaven, theorie en voorbeelden van zaken
CONT/9/05846**

Rapporteur:

Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

- Zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Daniel Freund, Adriana Sukova (Europese Commissie, DG EMPL), Franck Sébert (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Maria Ntziouni (OLAF), Kim L. Scheppele (Princeton School of Public and International Affairs), Andrey Novakov, Pierre Karleskind, Ryszard Czarnecki, Joachim Kuhs, Jana Stahnová (Transparency International Tsjechische Republiek), Ákos Hadházy (parlementslid in Hongarije), Axel Badrichani (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO)

De vergadering wordt om 16.25 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.55 uur hervat.

27 mei 2021, 16.45 - 17.45 uur

Gezamenlijke presentatie met de Commissie interne markt en consumentenbescherming (IMCO)

16. Speciaal verslag nr. 4/2021 van de ERK: “Douanecontroles: onvoldoende harmonisatie schaadt de financiële belangen van de EU”

CONT/9/05848

Rapporteur:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

DT – PE692.872v01-00

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Jan Gregor, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Anna Cavazzini, Jan Gregor (ERK), Olivier Chastel, Gerassimos Thomas (Europese Commissie, DG TAXUD), Andreas Schwab, Michal Wiezik, Maria Grapini, Karen Melchior, Joachim Kuhs, Virginie Joron, Anna Cavazzini

27 mei 2021, 17.45 - 18.45 uur

17. Studie over de vijftig grootste begunstigden van het GLB en het Cohesiefonds in elke EU-lidstaat

CONT/9/05099

Rapporteur:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Presentatie door de beleidsondersteunende afdeling D

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Willem Pieter De Groen (CEPS), Christina Borchmann (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Franck Sebert (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO),

Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDGET), Maria Grapini

18. Rondvraag

19. Volgende vergaderingen

- 14 en 15 juni 2021 12 en 13 juli 2021

De vergadering wordt om 19.10 uur gesloten.

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

5. The Commission's 2020 Rule of law report - CONT/9/05603

5.1. Final vote

24	+
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Michal Wiezik, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind, Ramona Strugariu
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi

5	-
ECR	Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Ryszard Czarnecki, Vincenzo Sofo
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Lucia Vuolo

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ID	Joachim Kuhs

6. Strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU institutions by setting up an independent EU ethics body - CONT/9/03620

6.1. Final vote on *Opinion*

24	+
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Michal Wiezik, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind, Ramona Strugariu
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi

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ECR	Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Ryszard Czarnecki, Vincenzo Sofo
ID	Joachim Kuhs

2	0
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Lucia Vuolo

**7. The conflict of interest of the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic -
CONT/9/06010**

7.1. Final vote *Motion for a Resolution*

26	+
ECR	Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Ryszard Czarnecki, Vincenzo Sofo
ID	Joachim Kuhs
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Michal Wiezik, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi

4	0
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Lucia Vuolo
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind

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<p>Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Petri Sarvamaa, Caterina Chinnici*</p>
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<p>Ryszard Czarnecki, Daniel Freund, Pierre Karleskind, Vincenzo Sofo, Tomáš Zdechovský, Olivier Chastel*, Corina Crețu*, Joachim Kuhs*, José Manuel Fernandes*, Lara Wolters*, Sabrina Pignedoli*, Angelika Winzig*, Michal Wiezik*</p>
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<p>Katalin Cseh, Andrey Novakov, Elżbieta Rafalska, Ramona Strugariu, Hannes Heide*, Mikuláš Peksa*, Sándor Rónai*, Bas Eickhout*, Maria Grapini, Jan Olbrycht*, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial*</p>

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Alex Agius Saliba	Item 10
Johan Van Overtveldt, Janusz Lewandowski*, Moritz Korner, Alexandra Geese*, Bogdan Rzońca*, Terry Reintke*, Fabienne Keller*, Ioannis Lagos*, Margarida Marques*, Jens Geier*, Dimitrios Papadimoulis*, Mislav Kolakušić*	Item 13
Anna Cavazzini, Karen Melchior*, Virginie Joron*, Andreas Schwab*	Item 16

(*) remote participation

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Deputy Secretary General, EIB	Pierre Albouze
ECA	Jan Gregor
EPP0	Georgios Kougiias

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Final VL Draft opinion to INI LIBE Report on the Commission’s 2020 Rule of Law Report

13	Amendments adopted
CA 1, CA 2, CA 3, CA 4, CA 5, CA 6, CA 7, 35, CA 8, CA 9, CA 10, 60, 62	
5	Amendments rejected
18, 20, 58, 46, 52	
55	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 59, 1, 3, 10, 51, 54, 55, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21 Part 1, 21 Part 2, 30, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 56, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 61, 11, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 57	

Final Voting List - Opinion of CONT for AFCO on an IEB

17	Amendments adopted
CA 1, CA 2, CA 3, 8 Part 2, CA 4, 12 Part 2, CA 5, 18, CA 6, 19 Part 2, CA 7, 22 Part 2, 28, CA 8, CA 9, 34 Part 1, CA 10	
2	Amendments rejected
27, 34 Part 3	
38	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Part 1, 8 Part 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 Part 1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 Part 1, 19 Part 3, 21, 20, 22 Part 1, 23, 25, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 Part 2, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39	

Final VL MfR PM-CZ

39	Amendments adopted
CA 1, CA 2, CA 3, CA 4, 34, 27, CA 5, CA 6, CA 7, 42, CA 8, CA 9, CA 10, 55, 62, 64, 68, CA 11, CA 12, CA 13, 86, 79, CA 14, CA 15, 83, 82, 87, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, CA 16, 11, 14, 15, 17	
2	Amendments rejected
63, 10	
62	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)

18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 51, 52, 75, 24, 25, 26, 32, 40, 48, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 65, 13, 23, 38, 39, 44,
45, 46, 47, 50, 41, 53, 54, 43, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 67, 61, 49, 69, 70, 71, 72, 66, 73, 77, 76, 78, 80, 81, 85,
74, 84, 8, 9, 16, 12



COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 26 May 2021

18.15 - 18.45

Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting

(meeting room SPINELLI 3E2)

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Present

Coordinators: EPP: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ
S&D: --
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
ID: Joachim KUHS
Verts: Mikuláš PEKSA
ECR: ---
The Left: --

Items for decision

1. *Lessons learned from the 2019 discharge procedure and the way forward (KB)*

Decision:

Coordinators asked the Secretariat to draft a list of criteria, which should constitute a basis for the chair to declare amendments inadmissible.

The list will be discussed at the Coordinator's meeting in July.

2. *Draft timetable - Discharge 2020 (KB)*

Decision:

Coordinators approved the discharge 2020 calendar. Following information from ECA that the 2020 Annual Report might be delayed a revised discharge 2020 calendar will be presented to coordinators for final approval.

3. *Screening of recently published ECA reports*

ECA has recently published the following reports:

Report	Title	Date of publication	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
SR 7/2021	EU space programmes GALILEO and COPERNICUS: services launched, but the uptake needs a further boost (<i>GB</i>)	21 April 2021	Joint presentation with ITRE
ECA Review 03/2021	Financial contributions from non-EU countries to the EU and Member States (<i>HS</i>)	27 April 2021	Joint presentation with BUDG and AFET
SR 06/2021	Financial instruments in cohesion policy at closure of the 2007-2013 period: verification work yielded good results overall, but some errors remained (<i>DR</i>)	29 April 2021	Presentation in CONT
ECA Review 04/2021	"EU actions and existing challenges on electronic waste"	20 May 2021	No presentation in CONT, propose to

	(KB)		ENVI to present it
SR 10/2021	Gender mainstreaming in the EU budget (HS)	26 May 2021	Joint presentation with BUDG and FEMM.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat with the following modifications:

- Concerning the ECA Review 04/2021 on "EU actions and existing challenges on electronic waste" it was decided to ask the ENVI Committee to invite members of CONT to their meeting if they decide to have a presentation of the review.

- Concerning the SR 10/2021 it was decided to give the rapporteurship to Ms Katalin Cseh from Renew because she is the CONT representative in the Gender Mainstreaming Network.

Coordinators agreed that Ms Pignedoli (NI) should at an appropriate time be given the rapporteurship for a SR/Review.

4. Update on proposals for expertise as of 30 April 2021 (KB)

Decision:

Coordinators:

1. took note of the state of play on expertise from Policy Department D.
2. approved that the additional proposal for either a study or a workshop on the issue of assessing vulnerabilities and addressing risks of irregularities and fraud associated to agriculture and rural development funds/cohesion and structural funds will be launched in 2021 under the new title: "Identifying patterns of fraud with EU funds under shared management, similarities and differences between member states", where the focus will be on structural and cohesion policies.
3. decided that proposals for expertise requests shall be sent to the secretariat by 25 June with a view to deciding on these proposals at the Coordinators meeting in July.

5. CONT opinion to BUDG on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022 (FG)

Decision:

Coordinators decided that CONT shall provide an opinion to BUDG for the draft budgetary resolution in the form of a letter.

6. Appointment of members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee (DR)

Decision:

Coordinators decided:

1. to approve the draft call for the expression of interest for the appointment of members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee and
2. to ask the Conference of Presidents for a mandate that the CONT Chair and two Vice-Chairs (from different political groups) represent the European Parliament in the selection committee.

7. CONT planning of meetings for 2nd half of 2021 (KV)

Decision:

Coordinators approved the draft planning of meetings for 2nd half of 2021.

Items for information

8. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 14-15 June 2021 (TBC)

9. Any other business

Coordinators raised the following issues:

- to have a discussion about the discharge helpdesk;
 - to restart the negotiations with Council in order to reach an agreement concerning discharge;
 - to put the issue of the Danube delta project on the agenda of an upcoming CONT meeting;
- These items will be put on the agenda for the next Coordinators meeting.

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021

9.00 – 12.00 and 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: Altiero Spinelli 3E2 and visioconference

THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021

13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: Altiero Spinelli 3E2 and visioconference

26 May 2021, 9.00 – 9.15

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 14 April 2021 was circulated to the Members on 21 April 2021.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

- 22-23 February 2021
- 1 March 2021
- 22-23 March 2021

PV – PE691.368v01-00
PV – PE689.802v01-00
PV – PE692.604v01-00

4. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: FIRST ROUND

*** REMOTE VOTING TIME ***

Opening of the remote voting procedure: first voting session

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 9:30 to 10:30, will be announced by the Chair.

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. THE COMMISSION'S 2020 RULE OF LAW REPORT

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



Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Isabel García Muñoz](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Petri Sarvamaa (EPP), Katalina Cseh (Renew), Daniel Freund (Greens) and Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

The draft opinion from the CONT Committee to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on the Commission's 2020 Rule of Law Report was considered in CONT meeting of 14-15 April. The Members of the Committee tabled 62 amendments and the Rapporteur has suggested 10 Compromise Amendments to the Shadow Rapporteurs, which are put to the vote. Notably, the draft opinion 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. The draft opinion also stresses that, while the Commission's annual Rule of Law report is a separate tool from the Regulation on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget, which has been in force since 1 January 2021, it urges the Commission to strengthen the synergy between the annual reports and the Regulation.



Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Adoption of opinion	Plenary	June 11 2021

6. STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS BY SETTING UP AN INDEPENDENT EU ETHICS BODY

CONT/9/03620 - [2020/2133\(INI\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion

Rapporteur: [Mikuláš Peksa](#) (Verts/ALE)
Administrator: Hans Stander

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Isabel García Muñoz (S&D), Gilles Boyer (Renew) and Luke Flanagan (The Left)**

The CONT Committee will vote on the draft opinion to the Committee for Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) on strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU Institutions by setting up an independent ethics body. The amendments tabled by the Members of the Committee (39 in total) presented diverging views on the feasibility and added value of an independent ethics body. The Rapporteur has proposed 10 compromise amendments that have been discussed in a shadows' meeting, and to which all political groups have contributed. The resulting compromise amendments have been included in the voting list and are subject to the vote.



7. RESOLUTION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC CONT/9/06070



Adoption of motion for a resolution

Rapporteur: [Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)
Administrator: Diego Rasetti

The publication by the EU Commission of the final audit report on the functioning of the management and control systems in place to avoid conflicts of interest in Czechia confirmed the concerns voiced many times in recent years by Parliament: as Prime Minister, Mr Babiš exercised influence on the allocation of EU subsidies to Agrofert Group, the agro-chemical conglomerate that he founded. The audit report confirms that the impartial and objective exercise of Mr Babiš' functions as Prime Minister, as Chairman of the ESIF Council, and as Minister for Finance and Deputy Prime Minister for Economy was compromised.

The draft Motion insists that a conflict of interest at the highest level of government of a Member State, cannot be tolerated and must be fully addressed, reiterating the solutions already proposed in previous resolutions and debates.

While the Commission ensures that the EU budget is protected by the recent measures suspending disbursements and via the on-going audit activities, the draft Motion observes that in a context of systemic deficiencies and weaknesses of the regulatory framework preventing a full identification of final recipients and beneficial owners of EU funds, even the effectiveness of the monitoring and controlling activities is at a stake.

Moreover, no action or proposal is brought forward by the Czech government to solve a situation that undermines the Union's values and the sound management of resources, and questions the compliance with the Rule of Law.

Considering the development of oligarchic structures in the Czech Republic, and their influence on media and

on the justice system, the draft Motion calls for the Commission's thorough assessment of such situation with a view to launching the appropriate actions in a timely manner, keeping in mind that Czech citizens and taxpayers should not pay or suffer any consequences deriving from the conflict of interest of their Prime Minister.

Additionally, given Mr Babiš' still active participation in negotiations on EU budget and programmes, the draft Motion invites the Council to take all the necessary measures to address the conflicts of interest confirmed by the Commission's audit findings.

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

26 May 2021, 9.15 – 10.00

8. CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CONT/9/04670 - [2020/2245\(INI\)](#)

Consideration of draft report



Rapporteur:
Administrator:

[Bas Eickhout](#) (Verts/ALE)
Diego Rasetti

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Angelika Winzig (EPP), Corina Crețu (S&D), Alin Mituța (Renew) and Luke Flanagan (The Left)**

The European Investment Bank is the biggest multilateral financial institution in the world and a major actor in the implementation of several Union's policies. The draft report looks into the 2019 annual records of EIB's funding activities, the main priorities of its investment policy and the sustainability of its business

model.

The Rapporteur, in particular, reviews the role of the EIB in financing the European Green Deal, its transformation from "an EU bank supporting climate" into "the EU climate bank", while also looking into the recently adopted policies (e.g. the new Energy Lending Policy) and how they have been made operational.

Furthermore, the draft report focuses on EIB's actions in implementing the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) and on the EIB's operations outside the EU, and indicates the stakeholders' engagement as the cornerstone of sustainable and inclusive development.

Against an overall positive assessment, the Rapporteur reiterates the importance of ethics, integrity, transparency, and accountability. Moreover, Mr Eickhout's remarks point at the revolving-doors and post-employment policies, the persistent lack of diversity and gender balance at management level. The draft report

includes calls for transparency, for disclosure of beneficiaries and beneficial owners, and for the full alignment with Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing regulations. As already underlined in the 2019 discharge to the EU budget, a stronger external scrutiny of EIB by the ECA is essential: the revision of the current Tripartite Agreement between Commission, the EIB and the ECA should include the EIB operations financed by EIB's share capital. Finally, the Rapporteur urges the revision of the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement (FAFA), the adoption of the new EIB Group Anti-Fraud Policy (AFP), and a new EIB Environmental and Social Principles and Standards Framework.



Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Deadline Amendments	CONT	27 May 2021, 14.00
Adoption	CONT	14-15 June 2021
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	July 2021 (week 27)

26 May 2021, 10.00 – 10.45

9. PROTECTION OF THE EU'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS - COMBATting FRAUD - ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CONT/9/04672 - [2020/2246\(INI\)](#)



Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur: [Caterina Chinnici](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Giulia Bastianello

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Monika Hohlmeier (EPP), Katalin Cseh (Renew), Mikuláš Peksa (Green/ALE) and Luke Flanagan (The Left)**

As in previous years, the CONT Committee draws up an own initiative report on Protection of the European Union's financial interests - combating fraud, this year related to 2019.

The PIF report 2019 (COM(2020)0363), the 31st annual report on the Protection of the European Union's financial interests from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council (under Article 325 of the TFEU), was presented by Commissioner Hahn in the CONT meeting of 28 October 2020.

In her draft report, the Rapporteur Ms Caterina Chinnici notes the detected fraudulent and non-fraudulent irregularities, as well as achievements made such as the transposition into national law of the measures provided for in the PIF Directive, the appointment of the European Chief Public Prosecutor, the adoption of the New Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy, and of the Whistleblowing Directive in 2019. The Rapporteur highlights what still needs to be addressed in the fight against fraud, calling for more coordination, and for ensuring quality of the data collected and of anti-fraud measures at EU and national level.



Moreover, Ms Chinnici notes, among other things, the role of OLAF and the more structured cooperation with the ECA, the importance of establishing National Anti-Fraud Strategies, and lastly invites to explore new avenues with regard to the analysis and further improvement of the Commission's PIF report.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Deadline Amendments	CONT	27 May 2021, 14.00
Adoption	CONT	14-15 June 2021
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	July 2021 (week 27)

26 May 2021, 10.45 – 11.45

10. ADMINISTRATION OF EU FUNDS IN SHARED MANAGEMENT IN MALTA

CONT/9/06070



Exchange of views with Commission representatives

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

Administrator: Kaare Barslev

Following the murder of the investigative journalist, Daphne Caruana Galizia, on 16 October 2017, media reports have given the impression that there are risks of weaknesses in the administration in Malta. Given these circumstances, the CONT Committee has taken the initiative to ask questions concerning the administration of EU funds in shared management and if they are handled correctly. The CONT Committee has invited representatives from DG AGRI, DG REGIO and OLAF to give the Committee information in relation to these issues.

The meeting will be suspended until 13:45

26 May 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

11. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: SECOND ROUND - FINAL VOTE

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

Opening of the remote voting procedure: second voting session- final vote

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 13:45 to 14:45, will be announced by the Chair.

12. WORKSHOP ON 'MISSING TRADER FRAUD: DEFINITION, EFFECTS, PREVENTION AND SOLUTIONS'

CONT/9/05844



Presentation by the Co-rapporteurs Monika Hohlmeier (EPP) and Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

Administrator: Alexandra Pouwels (PolDep D)

See separate programme: [here](#)

The workshop “Missing Trader Fraud: Definition, effects, prevention and solutions” will focus on the missing trader intra-community fraud and carousel fraud. Missing trader fraud is the biggest kind of VAT fraud within the EU. This kind of fraud has been estimated to cost the Union EUR 60 billion on an annual basis. The exact amount lost is difficult to calculate as sufficient data is lacking and the fraud schemes are very complex. The speakers of the workshop will discuss the scale of the problem, possible solutions, and give recommendations for improvement of the VAT system.



The meeting will be suspended until 16:45

26 May 2021, 16.45 – 18.15

JOINT MEETING WITH COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS (BUDG)

13. RULE OF LAW CONDITIONALITY REGULATION

CONT/9/05904



Exchange of views with Commission representatives

Rapporteur: [Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)

Administrator:

Benoit Lefort

On 26 May 2021, the Committees on Budgets and on Budgetary Control will jointly have an exchange of views with the European Commission on the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation and the development of guidelines for its application. In its Resolution of 25 March 2021, the Parliament stressed that the Regulation entered into force on 1 January 2021 and that its application could not be subject to the adoption of guidelines. However, if the Commission deems such guidelines necessary, the Parliament has requested to be consulted prior to their adoption by the Commission. The Regulation was challenged by Poland and Hungary in front of the European Court of Justice on 11 March 2021.

26 May 2021, 18.15 – 18.45

14. COORDINATORS' MEETING

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



Coordinators present in Brussels can attend the meeting in room: **Altiero Spinelli 3E2**

27 May 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

15. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE USE OF CPR PROVISIONS IN EU FUNDS - SPENDING, THEORY AND CASE EXAMPLES

CONT/9/05846

Public hearing - see programme below



Rapporteur: [Daniel Freund](#) (Verts/ALE)

Administrator: Hans Stander

The CONT Committee organises a Public Hearing on the use of the provisions in the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) that are set out to protect the financial interests of the Union. These provisions allow the Commission, for example, to suspend funds in case of serious deficiencies in a Member State's management and control system of an operational programme. The hearing is divided into two panels. The first panel is titled "Untapped potential of CPR (new and old)?" and

brings together experts from the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office and Academia:

- Ms Adriana Sukova, Deputy Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL).
- Mr Franck Sébert, Director Audit, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO).
- Ms Maria Ntziouni, Adviser for Operations and Investigation, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).
- Ms Kim L. Scheppele, Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs.

The second panel, titled 'Management and control systems in Hungary a case for CPR suspension?' looks into concrete examples of the use of the abovementioned provisions and is composed of experts from the Commission and civil society:

- Mr Axel Badrichani, Head of Unit, Audit I, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO).
- Ms Gabriella Nagy, Head of public funds programs, Transparency International Hungary.
- Mr Akos Hadhazy, Independent Member of Parliament in Hungary.

Public remote hearing on

“The use of CPR provisions in EU funds. Spending, theory and case examples”

27 May 2021 (13.45-15.45)

Brussels,

Altiero Spinelli, room 3E2, and remote participation

13:45 - 13:50	Opening remarks and introduction by the Chair, Ms Hohlmeier
13:50 - 13:55	Opening remarks by the Rapporteur, Mr Freund
13:55 - 14:35	<p>First panel: Untapped potential of CPR (new and old)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Adriana Sukova, Deputy Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)</i> • <i>Ms Maria Ntziouni, Adviser for Operations and Investigation, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)</i> • <i>Ms Kim L. Scheppele, Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs</i> • <i>Mr Franck Sébert, Director Audit, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)</i>
14:35 - 14:50	Questions, replies, debate
14:50 - 15:25	<p>Second panel: Management and control systems in the EU Member States; cases for CPR suspension?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Jana Stahnová, project manager, Transparency International Czech Republic (tbc)</i> • <i>Mr Ákos Hadházy, Member Of Parliament in Hungary</i> • <i>Mr Axel Badrichani, Head of Unit, Audit I, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)</i>
15:25 - 15:40	Questions, replies, debate
14:40 - 15:45	Closing remarks by Mr Freund and the Chair

The meeting will be suspended until 16:45

27 May 2021, 16.45 – 17.45

JOINT PRESENTATION WITH COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNAL MARKET AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (IMCO)

16. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 04/2021: CUSTOMS CONTROLS: INSUFFICIENT HARMONISATION HAMPERS EU FINANCIAL INTEREST

CONT/9/05848



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Jan Gregor

Rapporteur: [Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)
Administrator: Ana Maria Nogueira

Shadow Rapporteur: **Michal Wiezik (EPP)**

The Customs Union is important for EU trade, and customs duties on imports are a significant source of EU revenue. In 2019, the Member States made available EUR 21.4 billion of customs duties to the EU budget, representing 13 % of the total EU budget revenue. China, the USA and Russia were the main countries exporting to the EU. Furniture, sports equipment, toys and clothing topped the list of most imported goods.

The EU has exclusive competence to make laws in the area of customs, while Member States are responsible for putting them into practice, so as to apply customs control in a similar way. This uniform application of customs controls (the Union Customs Code - UCC) by Member States is pivotal in preventing fraudulent importers from targeting border entry points with a lower level of controls. In light of the UCC, the Commission adopted a new regulatory framework, consisting of the Financial Risks Criteria and Standards Implementing decision (FRC decision) and a corresponding guideline.

The Special Report looks into the way this new regulatory framework is being implemented by the Member

States and monitored by the Commission. The audit visits took place between October 2019 and January 2020, after the deadline set in the FRC decision for Member States to ensure that the requisite of using the criteria in the automated risk analysis was in place.

The audit concluded that the framework is not leading to a uniform application of customs controls, shortcomings were in both the content of the framework as well as its application in practice. For instance, Member States did not systematically share information on risky importers with one another.

The ECA recommends the Commission (in cooperation with the Member States) to enhance the uniform application of customs controls by, among others, improving the quality of risks signals, and addressing gaps in the handling of declarations across Member States.

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

- Opening remarks by CONT and IMCO Chairs;
- Mr Jan Gregor reporting ECA Member, will present the Special Report;
- Mr Olivier Chastel, the CONT Rapporteur, will make observations and raise questions to the ECA's and Commission's representatives;
- Mr Gerassimos Thomas, TAXUD Director-General, will present the Commission's point of view;
- CONT and IMCO Members will share their remarks and put questions;
- Mr Jan Gregor and Mr Gerassimos Thomas will reply to the questions;
- Concluding remarks by the Chairs (CONT and IMCO).



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

27 May 2021, 17.45 – 18.45

17. STUDY ON THE LARGEST 50 BENEFICIARIES IN EACH EU MEMBER STATE OF CAP AND COHESION FUNDS

CONT/9/05099



Presentation by Willem Pieter De Groen (CEPS)

Rapporteur:

[Monika Hohlmeier \(EPP\)](#)

Administrator:

Andras Schwarcz (PolDep D)

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

The researcher coordinating the study on ["The Largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds"](#) will present their findings at the CONT Committee.

The presentation will explain the methodology used in the analysis on more than 12 million beneficiaries of the common agricultural policy (CAP) in 2018 and 2019 and about 600 000 beneficiaries receiving cohesion funds between 2014 and 2020. An overview will be given of the almost 300 reporting systems and the technical and legal barriers to data collection. An analysis of the largest direct and ultimate beneficiaries of these funds will follow giving a brief glance of the lists of beneficiaries presented in the study by fund, by type, and by Member State. Finally, the author will provide policy recommendations to enhance data accessibility and transparency.



18. NEXT MEETINGS

- 14-15 June, 2021
- 12-13 July, 2021

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