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NOTULEN

Maandag 14 juni 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur

Dinsdag 15 juni 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 uur, 13.45 - 15.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur

Brussel

Zaal: József Antall 6Q2 + deelname op afstand

De vergadering wordt op maandag 14 juni 2021 om 13.56 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

14 juni 2021, 13.45 - 14.00 uur

1. Aanneming van de agenda

De ontwerpagenda 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.

***** Stemming *****

3. Opening van de stemming op afstand: eerste ronde

**4. 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

- Goedkeuring ontwerpverslag

Besluit: Het ontwerpverslag wordt goedgekeurd: 24 stemmen voor en 3 tegen, bij 2 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming en bijlage I)

5. Bescherming van de financiële belangen van de EU – fraudebestrijding – jaarverslag 2019

CONT/9/04672
2020/2246(INI)

Rapporteur:
Caterina Chinnici (S&D)

AM – PE692.936v01-00

Bevoegd:
CONT

- Goedkeuring ontwerpverslag

Besluit: Het ontwerpverslag wordt goedgekeurd: 24 stemmen voor en 1 tegen, bij 4 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming en bijlage I).

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

14 juni 2021, 14.00 - 15.00 uur

6. Europese politieke partijen – verslag 2021

CONT/9/05513
2021/2018(INI)

Rapporteur voor advies:
Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PA – PE691.375v01-00

Bevoegd:
AFCO – Charles Goerens (Renew)
Rainer Wieland (PPE)

Advies:
CONT

- Behandeling ontwerpadvies

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Enrico Forti (Europese Commissie, SG), Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria Grapini, Alin Mituța, Mikuláš Peksa.

14 juni 2021, 15.00 - 15.45 uur

Met gesloten deuren

7. Coördinatorenvergadering

De vergadering wordt om 15.53 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.49 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

14 juni 2021, 16.45 - 18.45 uur

***** Stemming *****

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

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

9. Workshop: De huidige rol van de EU in GRECO en haar toekomstige ambities: op weg naar een volwaardig lidmaatschap CONT/9/06173

Rapporteur:

Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

- Zie afzonderlijk programma

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ramona Strugariu. Hanne Juncker (Raad van Europa), Olivier Onidi (Europese Commissie, DG HOME), Paul Maassen (Open Government Partnership), Maria Grapini, Caterina Chinnici, Mihkel Allik (EP), Marin Mrčela (Raad van Europa), João Arsenio De Oliveira (Raad van de EU).

De vergadering wordt om 18.49 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 9.08 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

15 juni 2021, 9.00 - 10.00 uur

10. Jaarverslag 2020 van OLAF

CONT/9/06171

- Gedachtewisseling met Ville Itälä, directeur-generaal van OLAF

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ville Itälä (OLAF), Lefteris Christoforou, Sándor Rónai, Katalin Cseh, Michèle Rivasi, Joachim Kuhs, Maria Grapini, Tomáš Zdechovský.

15 juni 2021, 10.00 - 11.00 uur

11. Jaarlijks activiteitenverslag 2020 van het Comité van toezicht van OLAF

CONT/9/06172

- Gedachtewisseling met Jan Mulder, voorzitter van het Comité van toezicht, en leden van het Comité van toezicht

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Mulder (OLAF), Rafael Muñoz (OLAF), Dobrinka Mihaylova (OLAF), Ville Itälä (OLAF), Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Kuhs.

15 juni 2021, 11.00 - 12.00 uur

12. Vermeende fraude met EU-middelen – het “Maffiaproces”

CONT/9/06197

Rapporteur:

Sabrina Pignedoli (NI)

- Gedachtewisseling

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Sabrina Pignedoli, Col. Gerardo Mastrodomenico (Guardia di Finanza), Giovanni Russo (Direzione Nazionale Antimafia), Burkhard Mühl (Europol), Danilo Ceccarelli (EOM), Tomáš Zdechovský, Caterina Chinnici, Katalin Cseh, Joachim Kuhs, Christina Borchmann (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Lothar Kuhl (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO).

De vergadering wordt om 12.14 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 13.49 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Corina Crețu (lid).

15 juni 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur

13. Openbare hoorzitting: Zullen de voor de nieuwe periode voorgestelde vereenvoudigingen zorgen voor het noodzakelijke evenwicht tussen doelmatiger, doeltreffender en juistere besteding van EU-middelen?

CONT/9/06175

Rapporteur:

Corina Crețu (S&D)

- Zie afzonderlijk programma

Sprekers: Corina Crețu, Tony Murphy (ERK), Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Christina Borchmann (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Ramona Strugariu, Matthias Will (Europese Commissie, DG RTD), Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs, Normunds Popens (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Oldřich Vlasák (Comité van de Regio's), Frédéric Vallier (Raad der Europese Gemeenten en Regio's – CEMR).

De vergadering wordt om 15.56 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.49 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

15 juni 2021, 16.45 - 17.45 uur

Gezamenlijk agendapunt met de Begrotingscommissie (BUDG)

14. Opstelling van richtsnoeren voor de toepassing van het algemeen conditionaliteitsregime ter bescherming van de Uniebegroting

CJ13/9/06125

2021/2071(INI)

Rapporteurs:

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)

PR – PE693.668v01-00

AM – PE693.915v01-00

Bevoegd:

BUDG, CONT*

Advies:

LIBE*, AFCO

- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Johan Van Overtveldt, Petri Sarvamaa, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Jan Olbrycht, Lara Wolters, Pascal Durand, Moritz Körner, Daniel Freund, Alexandra Geese, Joachim Kuhs, Hélène Laporte, Bogdan Rzońca, Fabienne Keller.

15 juni 2021, 17.45 - 18.45 uur

- 15. Speciaal verslag 6/2021 van de ERK: Financieringsinstrumenten binnen het cohesiebeleid bij de afsluiting van de periode 2007-2013: verificatiewerkzaamheden hadden over het algemeen goede resultaten, maar nog steeds enkele fouten**
CONT/9/06170

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Ladislav Balko, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Ladislav Balko (ERK), Juan Ignacio González Bastero (ERK), Nicola De Michelis (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Joachim Kuhs.

16. Rondvraag

17. Volgende vergaderingen

- 12 en 13 juli 2021

De vergadering wordt om 18.41 uur gesloten.

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

4. Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2019 - CONT/9/04670

4.1. 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, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Bas Eickhout, Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa

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ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Mikuláš Peksa

2	0
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Vincenzo Sofo

**5. Protection of the EU's financial interests - combatting fraud - annual report 2019
- CONT/9/04672**

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, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Tsvetelina Penkova, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Bas Eickhout, Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa

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ID	Jean-François Jalkh

4	0
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Vincenzo Sofo
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Joachim Kuhs

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Maria Grapini, Ramona Strugariu, Pascal Durand, Marian-Jean Marinescu*, Hannes Heide*, Mikuláš Peksa*

209 (7)
216 (3)
56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkės punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Τοčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)
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Item 14

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 14.6.2021
(2) 15.6.2021

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WORKSHOP ON THE EU'S CURRENT ROLE IN GRECO AND AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE: HOW TO MOVE TOWARDS FULL MEMBERSHIP

*Organised by the Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs for
The Committee on Budgetary Control*

Monday, 14 June 2021
16:45 - 18:45
Virtual meeting
European Parliament, Brussels

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Welcome and introduction

16:45-17:00 **Ms Monika HOHLMEIER, MEP**
Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

Ms Ramona STRUGARIU, MEP
Rapporteur

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Interventions

17:00-17:10 **Ms Hanne JUNCHER**, Executive Secretary of GRECO, Council of Europe

17:10-17:20 **Mr Olivier ONIDI**, Deputy General-Director, DG HOME, European Commission

17:20-17:30 **Mr Paul MAASSEN**, Chief Country Support, Open Government Partnership (OGP)

17:30-17:40 **Mr Mihkel ALLIK**, Member of the Legal Service, Unit for Institutional & Budgetary Law, European Parliament

17:40-17:50 **Mr Marin MRČELA**, President of GRECO, Council of Europe

17:50-18:00 **Mr João ARSENIO DE OLIVEIRA**, European Affairs Coordinator, Ministry of Justice, Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU

European Parliament

18:00-18:30 **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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Closing remarks

18:30-18:45 **Ms Ramona STRUGARIU, MEP**
Rapporteur

Ms Monika HOHLMEIER, MEP
Chair of the Committee on Budgetary

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CONT Vote 14 June 2021

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52	Amendments adopted
17, 18, 19, CA 1, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, CA 2, 35, 36, CA 3, 41, 45, CA 4, CA 5, CA 6, CA 7, CA 8, CA 9, 69, CA 10, 81, 82, 83, CA 11, CA 12, 92, 93, CA 13, 98, CA 14, 103, 104, CA 15, CA 16, 111, 112, 115, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, CA 17, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	
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56	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
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Final VL protection of EU' s financial interests - combatting fraud - annual report 2019

99	Amendments adopted
CA 1, 9 Part 2, 12, 13, 14, CA 2, 17, 18, 19, CA 3, 23, CA 4, 25, 26, 27, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, CA 5, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, CA 6, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 54, 63, 120, CA 7, CA 8, 71, 38, CA 9, 73, 76, CA 10, CA 11, 85, 86, 88, CA 12, CA 13, 94 Part 1, 94 Part 2, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103 Part 1, 103 Part 2, 104, 105, 106, CA 14, 111, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, CA 15, 126, 127, CA 16, 130, 131, 132, 1, 2, 3, CA 17, 6, 7, 8	
53	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
9 Part 1, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 115, 24, 28, 51, 34, 36, 43, 55, 128, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74, 75, 81, 77, 83, 84, 78, 79, 80, 82, 87, 121, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 107, 108, 109, 110, 123, 124, 125, 129, 100, 4, 5	



COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 14 June 2021

15.00 - 15.45

Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting

(meeting room ANTALL 6Q2)

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Present

Coordinators: EPP: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ
S&D: Claudiu MANDA
Renew: Orsolya BALOGH (on behalf of Olivier CHASTEL)
Verts: Ms Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL
ID: Joachim KUHS
ECR: ---
The Left: --

Items for decision

1. Joint CONT-BUDG INI on revision of the Financial Regulation -HS

Decision:

Coordinators decided to:

- approve that CONT will request jointly with BUDG the authorisation of an INI report on Parliament's requests for the upcoming targeted revision of the Financial Regulation
- appoint Ms Hohlmeier (EPP) as CONT rapporteur for the file (price 1,5 points).

2. Screening of recently published ECA reports -HS + FGO

ECA has recently published the following reports:

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
SR 09/2021	Disinformation affecting the EU: tackled but not tamed (Annex I)	3 June 2021	S&D	Joint presentation with INGE
SR 08/2021	Frontex's support to external border management: not sufficiently effective to date (Annex II)	7 June 2021	EPP	Joint presentation with BUDG & LIBE committees (<i>this item has been dealt with by separate written procedure</i>)

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat/Chair.

3. Restart the negotiations with Council in order to reach an agreement concerning discharge -DR

Decision:

Coordinators decided to try to resume negotiations with Council, while at the same time preserving EP's prerogatives on the discharge process. To this regard the Chair was tasked with:

- contacting the Secretary-General of the Council with a view to explore the Council's readiness to restart negotiations on basis of the latest proposal from CONT;
- contact the EU Ombudsman with a view to enquire if the Ombudsman would be able to provide an opinion analysing if the Council's lack of cooperation amounts to maladministration.

4. *Lessons learned from the discharge 2019 and future improvements - EW-KB-HS*

Decision:

Coordinators tasked the Secretariat to come up with a proposal for a concrete date for a half day meeting concerning the lessons learned from the discharge 2019 and the way forward for improvements to the discharge procedure.

5. *Inviting representatives of national authorities to upcoming CONT meetings- KB*

Decision:

Coordinators approved the idea of inviting representatives of national authorities involved with EU policies under shared management to future CONT committee meetings and tasked the Secretariat with coming up with a more concrete proposal.

6. *Danube delta development on the agenda of an upcoming CONT meeting*

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the allegations concerning misuse of funds in relation to the Danube delta development should be put on the agenda of an upcoming CONT meeting.

7. *Administration of EU Funds in shared management in Bulgaria*

Decision:

Coordinators decided to put the item on the agenda for the next CONT meeting of 12-13 July.

8. *EP discharge - Use of appropriations from budget item 400 - BL*

Decision:

CONT Coordinators approved the draft letter to the Secretary General.

Items for information

9. *Discharge 2020: revision of the timetable, practical arrangements and lessons learnt from the 2019 discharge*

10. *Documents received for information*

11. *Any other business*

12. *Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting*

- 12-13 July 2021 (TBC)

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 14 JUNE 2021

13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: József Antall 6Q2 and visioconference

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2021

9.00 - 12.00 and 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: József Antall 6Q2 and visioconference

14 June 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

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 26 May 2021 was circulated to the Members on 2 June 2021.

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

3. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: FIRST ROUND - AMENDMENTS

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

Opening of the remote voting procedure: first voting session

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 13:45 to 14:45, 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.

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

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



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: Bas Eickhout (Verts/ALE)
Administrator: Diego Rasetti

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

Following the presentation of the draft report at the CONT Committee on 26 May 2021, 115 amendments were tabled.

The amendments concern a wide range of subjects tackled in the draft report, and give particular attention to the role of the Bank within the European Green Deal, its role in the Cohesion regions and outside the EU, in implementing the Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as in the Just Transition mechanism.

Furthermore, the amendments refer, among other things, to technological transition and circular economy, and call for support to industry and SMEs and to the agricultural sector and farmers. The improved coordination between EIB Exclusion Policy and the Commission's Early Detection and Exclusion System, as well as a wider Whistleblower Policy, are also covered topics.

The number and the various content of the amendments confirm the importance and the strategic role of the Bank on the one hand, and, on the other, show the consistency of the reiterated calls for enhanced transparency and accountability, for better communication strategy, and for gender and geographical balance, in every EIB activity. A call for a stronger external scrutiny of EIB by the ECA, via the revision of the current Tripartite Agreement between Commission, the EIB and the ECA, echoes the EP positions spelled out at the 2019 Commission Discharge vote.

On the ground of the tabled amendments, 17 compromise AMs were drafted.



Event	Body	Date
Adoption of report	Plenary	July 2021

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

5. PROTECTION OF THE EU'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS - COMBATTING FRAUD - ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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



Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur:
Administrator:

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

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)**, **Katalin Cseh (Renew)**, **Matteo Adinolfi (ID)**, **Mikulas Peksa (Verts/ALE)**, **Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)**, and **Luke Flanagan (The Left)**

The Rapporteur, Ms Caterina Chinnici, presented her draft report to CONT Committee on 26 May 2021. 132 amendments were tabled to the draft report, and 17 Compromise Amendments were drafted based on them. The amendments received were, among other, on digitalisation as a means to protect the EU's financial interests, extension of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES), interoperability of reporting and monitoring systems and exchange of information between Member States and Commission, the EPPO, which launched its operations in June 2021, and the appointment of European and Delegated prosecutors, the rule of law conditionality, misuse and misappropriations of funds, and information about beneficial ownership.



Event	Body	Date
Adoption of report	Plenary	July 2021

14 June 2021, 14.00 – 15.00

6. EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES – REPORT 2021

CONT/9/05513 - [2021/2025\(INI\)](#)



Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur:
Administrator:

[Isabel García Muñoz](#) (S&D)
Benoit Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP)**, **Mikulas Peksa (Verts/ALE)** and **Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

The CONT Committee will consider the draft opinion to AFCD on the 'European political parties - Report 2021'. Pursuant to Article 38 of the Regulation 1141/2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and

European political foundations, Parliament has to adopt a report on the application of the Regulation by the end of 2021 and every year thereafter. The AFCO Committee's report may include suggestions for amendments to Regulation 1141/2014, where appropriate. In her draft opinion, the Rapporteur, Ms García Muñoz, notably highlights that the funding of EU political parties and foundations have to be transparent and to support exclusively political activities in line with EU values. Moreover, Ms García Muñoz stresses that the co-funding level can be challenging for EU political parties, calling for a reduction of the required own resources for parties to 5% of the eligible expenditure.

Event	Body	Date
Deadline Amendments	CONT	22 June 2021, 14.00
Adoption	CONT	12-13 July 2021
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	September 2021

14 June 2021, 15.00 – 15.45

7. 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 June 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

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

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

Opening of the remote voting procedure: first voting session

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 16:45 to 17:45, will be announced by the Chair.

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

9. WORKSHOP: THE EU'S CURRENT ROLE IN GRECO AND AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE: HOW

TO MOVE TOWARDS FULL MEMBERSHIP

CONT/9/06173

Presentation by Ms [Ramona Strugariu](#) (RENEW)*



Administrator: Vera Milicevic (Policy Department D)

See separate programme: [here](#)

The Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) is the Council of Europe's anti-corruption body. The Council of Europe (CoE) has been playing a crucial role in the promotion of human rights, democracy and the rule of law for more than 70 years. GRECO is currently composed of [50 member states](#) and this number is constantly growing. Apart from all European Union (EU) Member States, its members include

countries such as Belarus, Switzerland, the UK, the USA and, most recently, Kazakhstan, which joined in 2020.

The EU supports the work of the CoE by contributing to its budget to fund joint programmes and supporting

cooperation in the legal field to foster political dialogue. The EU became

an observer to GRECO in 2019. The objective of this workshop is to

exchange views on the EU's potential full membership of GRECO in the

future. In the context of the preparations for the organisation of the

workshop, the Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control has sought

the opinion of Parliament's Legal Service on the possibility for the EU to

become a full member of the CoE Agreement establishing GRECO. At the

workshop the GRECO's Executive Secretary and the President will present

the work of GRECO and the cooperation with the EU. The Parliament's

Legal Service will present the legal opinion, while the Commission and the

Council will give their views regarding the future potential full membership of the European Union with GRECO.



* in replacement of the rapporteur Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

15 June 2021, 9.00 – 10.00

10. THE OLAF ANNUAL REPORT 2020

CONT/9/06171



Exchange of views with OLAF Director-General, Ville Itälä

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

In a year dominated by the Covid19 emergency, OLAF has managed to pursue its mission effectively, overcoming the operational limitations inevitably resulting by the precautionary measures to counter the virus, and then targeting the *new generation* of misconducts inspired by such an emergency situation.

OLAF Director-General will present the results achieved and the high performance level maintained despite the global pandemic.

The circumstance of the presentation of the Annual Report will give to the Director-General the opportunity to introduce a revision of the re-organisation of the Office that he had launched in June 2020, and that is now amended.

This item does not foresee any Rapporteur. A briefing prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated among CONT Members on Monday 14 June.

15 June 2021, 10.00 – 11.00

11. THE OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020

CONT/9/06172



Exchange of views with the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, Jan Mulder and Members of the Supervisory Committee

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

The Supervisory Committee was established to reinforce and guarantee OLAF's independence by regularly monitoring the implementation of OLAF's investigative function. It has the prerogative to address its opinions to the OLAF Director-General, including -where appropriate- recommendations on the resources needed to carry out the investigative function of the Office, on the investigative priorities of the Office and on the duration of investigations.

The Chair of the Supervisory Committee will present the activities carried out in 2020 and also the first two Supervisory Committee's Opinions of year 2021: they concern OLAF's recommendations not followed by the relevant authorities (having specific regard to the judicial recommendations) and the recently signed Working Arrangements between OLAF and the European Public Prosecutor Office.

This item does not foresee any Rapporteur. A briefing prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated among the Members on Monday 14 June.

15 June 2021, 11.00 – 12.00

12. ALLEGED FRAUD CONCERNING EU FUNDS - THE "MAFIA TRIAL" : WHEN ORGANISED CRIME ATTACKS THE EU FUNDS

CONT/9/06197



Exchange of views

Rapporteur:

[Sabrina Pignedoli](#) (NI)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

Following 94 arrests and the seizure of 151 farms, the on-going trial in Messina has brought to the attention of the public the *modi operandi* of the so called Mafia dei Nebrodi, a criminal organization dedicated to the exploitation of EU resources that co-finance agricultural activities and rural areas in the Sicily region.

A representative of the investigative team will provide insights about the detected criminal methodologies to attack EU funds.

A Prosecutor from the National Anti-Mafia Directorate, dealing primarily with the fight against the organised crime, will explain the peculiarities of a mafia-type criminal organization and the synergies that are being put in place with EPPO.

The EUROPOL European Economic and Financial Crime Centre will depict the European dimension of the problem and the European Deputy Chief Prosecutor will analyse the adequacy of the tools available to tackle

it, including exchanges of information and cooperation agreements.

With the officials of the European Commission, the focus will shift to the timely communications needed to adopt the measures to protect the financial resources at stake.

The overall exchange of views is aimed at offering to the Members an overview of the dynamics of the phenomenon of organized crime targeting the EU funds, of its ability to adapt and overcome situations of financial crisis by attacking any available resource and to expand in many European countries; the debate will assess the existing strategies to counter its development, with a view to identify possible actions needed.

The meeting will be suspended until 13:45

15 June 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

13. PUBLIC HEARING: WILL SIMPLIFICATIONS SUGGESTED FOR THE NEW PERIOD BRING THE NECESSARY BALANCE BETWEEN MORE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND CORRECT SPENDING OF EU FUNDS?

CONT/9/06175

Public hearing - see programme below



Rapporteur: [Corina Crețu](#) (S&D)

Administrator:

Fernando Gallego Osuna

Among the Commission's aims for the MFF 2021-2027 are to simplify the structure of the EU budget and to increase flexibility within programs. Simplification can reduce the risk of errors, help avoid delays and lead to a higher absorption of funds. Previous simplifications of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), of Horizon 2020 and of regional development funding have led to significant improvements.

However, complex rules and eligibility criteria still, unfortunately, contribute to a higher rate of error on some funds.

The CONT Committee intends to examine the relationship between risk, errors, and simplification; and how best to ensure that the essential checks and balances continue to take place. In particular, CONT will discuss progress made with regard to simplification and look at how the levels of fraud and error have been impacted by simplification efforts, while also analysing what simplification means for beneficiaries and absorption of funds and looking at how performance could be measured effectively with less administrative burden, and lessons learned can be applied in the future.

PROGRAMME

Public remote hearing on

Will simplifications suggested for the new period bring the necessary balance between more efficient, effective and correct spending of EU funds?

15 June 2021 (13:45-15:45)

Brussels,

József Antall, room 6Q2, 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, Ms Corina Crețu
14:00-14:30	<p>First half of the hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplification increases flexibility but requires balance. <i>Mr Tony Murphy, Dean Chamber V, European Court of Auditors (ECA)</i>• Simplification; the 2018 Financial Regulation and the 2021-2027 MFF package. <i>Mr Olivier Waelbroeck, Director Central Financial Service, Directorate General for the Budget, European Commission (DG BUDG).</i>• (Title TBC). <i>Mr Matthias Will, Director Common Implementation Centre, European Commission (DG RTD)</i>• (Title TBC). <i>Ms Christina Borchmann, Director Assurance and Audit, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission (DG AGRI)</i>
14:30-14:50	Questions, replies, debate
14:50-15:15	<p>Second half of the hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Title TBC). <i>Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General for Implementation, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission (DG REGIO)</i>• (Title TBC). <i>Mr Oldřich Vlasák, Member, COTER Commission, Committee of the Regions (CoR)</i>• Experiences in simplification from the point of view of municipalities and regions. <i>Mr Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)</i>
15:15-15:40	Questions, replies, debate
15:40-15:45	Closing remarks by Ms Crețu and the Chair

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY CONTROL

Tuesday 15.06.2021 – **13:45-15:45**
JÓZSEF ANTALL – ROOM **6Q2**

CONTACT AND REGISTRATION: cont-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu



**Will simplifications suggested
for the new period bring the
necessary balance between
more efficient, effective
and correct spending
of EU funds?**



Rapporteur:
Corina Crețu

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



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The meeting will be suspended until 16:45

15 June 2021, 16.45 – 17.45

JOINT MEETING WITH COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS (BUDG)

14. THE CREATION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL REGIME OF CONDITIONALITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNION BUDGET

CJ13/9/06125 - [2021/2071\(INI\)](#)



Consideration of draft report

CONT/BUDG Rapporteurs:

[Gardiazabal Rubial](#) (S&D)

CONT/BUDG Administrators:

Imeroni

[Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)/[Eider](#)

Benoit Lefort/Emiliano

CONT Shadow Rapporteurs: **Lara Wolters (S&D), Pierre Karleskind (Renew), Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE), and Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

The Committees on Budgets and on Budgetary Control will jointly consider the draft own-initiative report on the creation of guidelines for the application of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation 2020/2092. In their draft report, CONT and BUDG Rapporteurs highlight that guidelines are not legally binding and note that the Commission is deviating from its usual practice of drafting guidelines for the application of legal acts only in cases where the actual implementation of an act over a certain period of time shows the need for guidance. They also recall that the Regulation entered into force on 1 January 2021, urging the Commission to avoid any further delay in its application. The Rapporteurs furthermore ask the Commission to report to Parliament new and ongoing cases under investigation on a quarterly or semi-annual basis and to start reporting the first cases as soon as possible.

Event	Body	Date
Deadline amendments	CONT/BUDG	16 June 2021, 12.00
Adoption	CONT/BUDG	1 July 2021
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	July 2021

15 June 2021, 17.45 – 18.45

15. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 06/2021: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN COHESION POLICY AT CLOSURE OF THE 2007–2013 PERIOD: VERIFICATION WORK YIELDED GOOD RESULTS OVERALL, BUT SOME ERRORS REMAINED

CONT/9/06170 -



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Ladislav Balko

Rapporteur:
[GARCIA MUNOZ \(S&D\)](#)
Administrator:
Rasetti

[Isabel](#)

Diego

ECA Special Report 6/2021 is focused on the Financial Instruments under Shared Management (FISM) and on how the Member States and the Commission had taken the necessary steps to properly verify and assess FISM expenditure at the closure of the 2007-2013 operational programmes. The audit conclusions, however, are important not only for the Programming Period 2007-2013, but also for giving guidance in 2014-2020 (where FISM have a greater role and increased reach in cohesion policy) and even later on, considering that the overall importance of financial instruments will increase further in the Programming Period 2021-2027.

ECA concludes that in 2007-2013, in spite of the intensive guidance from the Commission and of the audit work by the Member States, errors were still identified. Most of the shortcomings have been addressed for 2014-2020. However, despite the improvement in the overall FISM guidance, ECA considers the Programming Period 2014-2020 legislative provisions for closure as *weaker* than those for PP 2007-2013.

To correct these still existing weaknesses, the Commission is recommended to increase its guidance role (further updating the financial instrument audit methodology and developing guidance on audit documentation practices, in cooperation with the audit authorities). All the relevant aspects should be clarified by an updated closure guidance no later than December 2022, so that Member States can act in line with the Commission's expectations for the closure of the Programming Period 2014-2020.

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

- Mr Ladislav BALKO, ECA reporting Member, will present the Report;
- The CONT Rapporteur, Mrs Isabel GARCIA MUNOZ, will make observations and raise questions to the ECA's and Commission's representatives;
- Further questions will be presented by the Members registered in the speakers' list;
- Mr Ladislav BALKO and Mr Nicola De MICHELIS (DG REGIO - Director "*Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programmes Implementation*") will reply to the questions put;
- Catch-the-eye for follow-up questions also from other Members and replies from ECA and Commission;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur;
- Concluding remarks by the Chair

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

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17. NEXT MEETINGS

- 12-13 July, 2021

PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)

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- 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"](#)

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- 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

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"

CONT

- Study "Impact of Organised Crime on the EU's Financial Interests"
- Briefing "The Early-detection and exclusion system"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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- Workshop on [Pilot projects and preparatory actions success examples](#)

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- Workshop on [The EU's current role in GRECO and ambitions for the future: how to move towards full membership](#)

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