



NOTULEN

Vergadering van 12 juli 2021, 13.45 - 15.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur
en 13 juli 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 uur, 13.45 - 15.45 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur

BRUSSEL

Zaal: Altiero Spinelli 3E2

De vergadering wordt op maandag 12 juli 2021 om 13.50 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

12 juli 2021, 13.45 - 14.45 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.

3. Goedkeuring van notulen van vergaderingen

- 14-15 april 2021 PV – PE692.633v01-00
- 26-27 mei 2021 PV – PE693.720v01-00
- 14-15 juni 2021 PV – PE695.001v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

4. Opening van de stemming op afstand: eerste ronde – amendementen

*** *Stemming* ***

5. **Europese politieke partijen – verslag 2021**

CONT/9/05513

2021/2018(INI)

Rapporteur voor advies:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PA – PE691.375v01-00

AM – PE695.008v01-00

Bevoegd:

AFCO Charles Goerens (Renew)
Rainer Wieland (PPE)

PR – PE692.733v01-00

Adviezen:

CONT

- Goedkeuring ontwerpadvies

Besluit: Het ontwerpadvies wordt goedgekeurd met 23 stemmen voor bij 4 onthoudingen. Er worden 11 amendementen ingediend, waarvan er 10 worden aangenomen en 1 wordt verworpen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming in bijlage I).

*** *Einde stemming* ***

12 juli 2021, 13.45 - 14.45 uur

Gezamenlijk agendapunt met de Begrotingscommissie (BUDG)

6. **Analyse nr. 03/2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer: Financiële bijdragen van derde landen aan de EU en de lidstaten**

CONT/9/06394

Rapporteur:

Gilles Boyer (Renew)

- Presentatie van de analyse door François-Roger Cazala, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Olivier Chastel, Janusz Lewandowski, François-Roger Cazala (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Gilles Boyer, Pierre Larrouturou, Michal Wiezik, Corina Crețu, Valérie Hayer, Joachim Kuhs, Bogdan Rzońca, Johan Ureel (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG), Jens Geier.

12 juli 2021, 14.45 - 15.45 uur

Met gesloten deuren

7. Coördinatorenvergadering

De vergadering wordt om 15.38 uur geschorst.

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

12 juli 2021, 16.45 - 17.45 uur

***** Stemming *****

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

Zie bovengenoemde resultaten (punt 5 hierboven en uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming).

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

9. Studie over de gevolgen van de georganiseerde misdaad voor de financiële belangen van de EU CONT/9/06397

Rapporteur:

Caterina Chinnici (S&D)

- Presentatie door de beleidsondersteunende afdeling D

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Jack Malan (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, CSES), Ivan Boschen (CSES), Ernesto Bianchi (OLAF), Danilo Ceccarelli (EOM), Caterina Chinnici, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Kuhs, Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG).

12 juli 2021, 17.45 - 18.45 uur

10. Beheer van EU-middelen in gedeeld beheer in Bulgarije CONT/9/06404

- Gedachtewisseling met vertegenwoordigers van de Commissie en OLAF

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Francesco Albore (OLAF), Christina Borchmann (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Aurelio Cecilio (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Rafael Lopez Sanchez (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO/EMPL), Tomáš Zdechovský, Isabel García Muñoz, Daniel Freund, Joachim Kuhs, Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov, Olivier Waelbroeck (Europese Commissie, DG BUDG).

De vergadering wordt om 18.57 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 9.02 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

13 juli 2021, 9.00 - 10.00 uur

11. Beheer van EU-middelen voor de ontwikkeling van de Donaudelta

CONT/9/06405

- Gedachtewisseling met onderzoeksjournalisten en vertegenwoordigers van de Commissie

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Tristen Taylor (onderzoeksjournalist), Nicola Aimi (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Tomáš Zdechovský, Maria Grapini, Alin Mituța, Bas Eickhout, Joachim Kuhs, Andreea Pavel (onderzoeksjournalist).

13 juli 2021, 10.00 - 11.00 uur

Gezamenlijk agendapunt met de Commissie industrie, onderzoek en energie (ITRE)

12. Speciaal verslag nr. 07/2021 van de Rekenkamer: EU-ruimtevaartprogramma's Galileo en Copernicus: diensten zijn gestart, maar gebruikmaking ervan moet verder worden gestimuleerd

CONT/9/06273

Rapporteur:

Martina Dlabajová (Renew)

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Mihails Kozlovs, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Cristian-Silviu Bușoi, Mihails Kozlovs (rapporteurend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Christoph Kautz (Europese Commissie, DG DEFIS), Alin Mituța, Tomáš Zdechovský, Massimiliano Salini, Maria Grapini, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Paolo Borchia.

13 juli 2021, 11.00 - 12.00 uur

13. Speciaal verslag nr. 14/2021 van de Rekenkamer: Interreg-samenwerking – Het potentieel van de grensoverschrijdende regio's van de Europese Unie is nog niet volledig ontsloten

CONT/9/06399

Rapporteur:

Andrey Novakov (PPE)

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

- Gedachtewisseling met uitgenodigde leden van de Commissie regionale ontwikkeling (REGI)

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ladislav Balko (rapporteur lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Pascal Boijmans (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Andrey Novakov, Pascal Arimont, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Niels-Erik Brokopp (Europese Rekenkamer).

De vergadering wordt om 11.58 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 13.48 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

13 juli 2021, 13.45 - 14.45 uur

Gezamenlijk agendapunt met de Bijzondere Commissie buitenlandse inmenging in alle democratische processen in de Europese Unie, met inbegrip van desinformatie (INGE)

- 14. Speciaal verslag nr. 09/2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer: Desinformatie met gevolgen voor de EU: aangepakt, maar niet beteugeld**
CONT/9/06369

Rapporteur:

Hannes Heide (S&D)

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Baudilio Tome Muguruza, rapporteur lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Javier Zarzalejos, Baudilio Tome Muguruza (rapporteur lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Julien Mousnier (Europese Commissie, SG), Lutz Güllner (EDEO), Hannes Heide, Sandra Kalniete, Tomáš Zdechovský, Vladimír Bilčík, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs.

13 juli 2021, 14.45 - 15.45 uur

- 15. De doeltreffendheid van het gebruik door de lidstaten van EU-middelen uit het Solidariteitsfonds bij natuurrampen**
CONT/9/03594
2020/2127(INI)

Rapporteur:

Corina Crețu (S&D)

PR – PE693.827v01-00

Bevoegd:

CONT

Adviezen:

BUDG

- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Corina Crețu, Stefan Appel (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), José Manuel Fernandes, Olivier Chastel (schriftelijke verklaring), Joachim Kuhs.

De vergadering wordt om 15.34 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.46 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

13 juli 2021, 16.45 - 18.45 uur

16. Speciaal verslag nr. 13/2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer: De EU-inspanningen ter bestrijding van witwassen in de bankensector zijn gefragmenteerd en de uitvoering ervan is ontoereikend

CONT/9/06400

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Mihails Kozlovs, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer
- Gedachtewisseling met uitgenodigde leden van de Commissie economische en monetaire zaken (ECON) en de Commissie burgerlijke vrijheden, justitie en binnenlandse zaken (LIBE)

Bevoegde fractie: S&D

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Mihails Kozlovs (rapporteurend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Martin Merlin (Europese Commissie, DG FISMA), Caterina Chinnici, Tomáš Zdechovský, David Casa, Emil Radev, Ramona Strugariu, Sven Giegold, Joachim Kuhs, Ralf Seekatz.

17. Rondvraag

18. Volgende vergaderingen

- 1-2 september 2021
- 27 september 2021
- 30 september 2021

De vergadering wordt om 18.50 uur geschorst.

Annex I

CONT Vote 12 July 2021**SUMMARY OF RESULTS****Final VL European political parties -report 2021: Opinion**

10	Amendments adopted
CA 1, CA 2, CA 3, CA 4, CA 5, CA 6, CA 7, CA 8, CA 9, CA 10	
1	Amendments rejected
32 Part 2	
43	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
1, 2, 31, 6, 7, 5, 9, 25, 3, 11, 13, 14, 4, 26, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 8, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 32 Part 1, 33, 35, 37, 10, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43	

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

4. European political parties – report 2021

4.1. Final vote

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ID	Jean-François Jalkh
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Pascal Durand, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Tsvetelina Penkova, Sándor Rónai
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Michèle Rivasi

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ECR	Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Vincenzo Sofo
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Joachim Kuhs

Corrections to votes and voting intentions	
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<p>Monika Hohlmeier (Chair)(2), Isabel García Muñoz (1st Vice-Chair)(2)*, Caterina Chinnici (2nd Vice-Chair)(2)*.</p>
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<p>Matteo Adinolfi*, Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou*, Corina Crețu(2), Ryszard Czarnecki*, José Manuel Fernandes(2)*, Luke Ming Flanagan*, Daniel Freund*, Jean-François Jalkh*, Pierre Karleskind*, Joachim Kuhs(2)*, Ryszard Antoni Legutko*, Claudiu Manda*, Alin Mituța*, Younous Omarjee*, Tsvetelina Penkova*, Markus Pieper, Sabrina Pignedoli(2)*, Michèle Rivasi*, Petri Sarvamaa*, Vincenzo Sofo*, Michal Wiezik*, Angelika Winzig(2)*, Tomáš Zdechovský(2)</p>
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<p>Gilles Boyer*, Pascal Durand*, Maria Grapini, Hannes Heide, Niclas Herbst*, Andrey Novakov, Mikuláš Peksa(2)*, Sándor Ronai*, Ramona Strugariu, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel</p>

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216 (3)	
Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov	
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 dnevnoĝ reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs 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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ITRE: Paolo Borchia, Cristian-Silviu Bușoi*, Mauri Pekkarinen*, Massimiliano Salini, Jessica Stegud*	Item 12
REGI: Pascal Arimont*, Erik Bergkvist*, Anđelika Anna Mozdżanowska*	Item 13
INGE: Vladimír Bilčík*, Sandra Kalniete*, Eugen Tomac*, Javier Zarzalejos	Item 14
ECON: David Casa*, Sven Giegold* LIBE: Emil Radev, Ralf Seekatz*	Item 16

(*) Remote participation

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NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 12 JULY 2021

13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: Altiero Spinelli 3E2 and visioconference

TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2021

9.00 - 12.00 and 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: Altiero Spinelli 3E2 and visioconference

12 July 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

Summaries of recommendations of the Coordinators' meeting of 14 June 2021 was circulated to the Members on 23 June 2021 and of the written procedure of 24 June 2021 was circulated on 1 July 2021.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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| • 14-15 April 2021 PV | PE692.633v01-00 |
| • 26-27 May 2021 PV | PE693.720v01-00 |
| • 14-15 June 2021 PV | PE695.001v01-00 |

4. 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 time 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.

5. EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES – REPORT 2021

CONT/9/05513 - [2021/2018\(INI\)](#)



Adoption of draft opinion

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

Administrator: Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Marian-Jean Marinescu** (EPP), **Alin Mituța** (Renew), **Mikuláš** (Greens/EFA), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR) and **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

The draft opinion of the CONT Committee for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) was considered in CONT meeting of 14-15 June. The CONT Members tabled 43 amendments, and the Rapporteur, Ms García Muñoz, suggested 10 Compromise Amendments to the Shadow Rapporteurs based on the amendments tabled, which will be put to the vote. Notably, the draft opinion highlights that the funding of EU political parties and foundations has to be transparent and to support exclusively political activities in line with EU values; in addition, it calls for a reinforcement of the current administrative set-up of the Authority for the European Political Parties and Foundations (APPF) in order to better monitor the compliance with the relevant rules and the implementation of sanctions, and recommends a harmonised timeframe for the reporting and controls carried out respectively by the EU political parties, the APPF and the Parliament in order to avoid having to recalculate the final amounts of the funding.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	October II 2021

*** END OF REMOTE VOTING TIME***

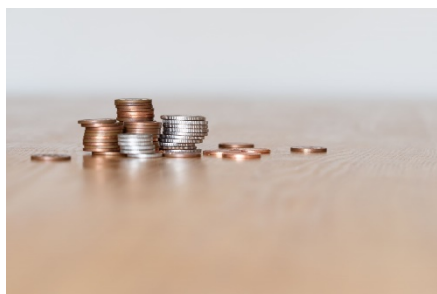
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JOINT AGENDA POINT WITH COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS (BUDG)

6. ECA REVIEW 03/2021: FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES TO THE EU

AND MEMBER STATES

CONT/9/06394



Presentation of the review by reporting ECA Member François-Roger Cazala

Rapporteur CONT: [Gilles Boyer](#) (Renew)
Rapporteur BUDG: [Pierre Larroutourou](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Hans Stander

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

The ECA carried out a review of the financial contributions from non-EU countries to the EU and Member States. These contributions are based on agreements through which non-EU countries gain access to EU programmes and activities and/ or to the EU single market, and amounted to EUR 1,9 billion in 2019, 1% of the total EU revenue.

The review aims to present the available but fragmented and incomplete information on EU's agreements with non-EU countries and related contributions in a comprehensive way, filling the gaps and providing a single place for a financial overview of the contributions, together with a description of the main rules and principles that govern them.

The ECA made remarks and identified challenges that the EU faces as regards contributions from third countries:

- Participation of non-EU countries enables the Union to benefit from collaboration in strategic areas and contributions are important sources of direct funding for Member States, complementing EU cohesion policy.
- Because of Brexit, the EU's GDP used in the calculation of the proportionality factor for third countries' contributions has decreased. Without adjustments, this will lead to an increase of the calculated financial contributions for third countries.
- The management of the contributions of non-EU countries is decentralised, split among the Commission and EU decentralised agencies. The decentralised approach, whilst allowing tailoring, makes it more difficult to ensure consistency between similar cases and efficient dealing with the calculation and collection of contributions.
- For the new MFF, the Commission is seeking to increase consistency through guidance on contributions of non-EU countries to programmes, applicable to new international agreements.

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

- CONT Chair and BUDG first Vice-Chair's initial remarks;
- The ECA Reporting Member will present the Review;
- The CONT and BUDG Rapporteurs will make observations and raise questions;
- CONT and BUDG Members will make remarks and put questions to the ECA Member and the Commission's representative;
- The European Commission and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- Concluding remarks by the Rapporteurs and the Chairs.

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

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7. COORDINATORS' MEETING

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



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

The meeting will be suspended until 16:45

12 July 2021, 16.45 – 17.45

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

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

Opening of the remote voting procedure: second voting session

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

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

9. STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ORGANIZED CRIME ON THE EU'S FINANCIAL INTEREST

CONT/9/06397

Presentation by Policy Department D



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

Administrator: Stefan Schulz (Policy Department D)

Available evidence suggests that the scale of fraud against the EU finances is vast. On the revenue side, in particular, estimates from the Commission suggest that the VAT gap amounted to EUR 150 billion in 2016, EUR 50 billion of which were defrauded by criminal groups. Other estimates indicate potentially higher levels of fraud. With expenditure totalling EUR 1.8 trillion envisaged under the post-COVID-19 recovery plan, improving effort to tackle organised crime's involvement in defrauding the EU's

finances becomes even more urgent.

The research, which focused on a sample of 14 EU Member States (BG, CZ, ES, FR, FI, DE, GR, HU, IT, LU, LV, MT, SE and SK), involved a combination of desk-research, interviews and quantitative modelling. The study considered the impact of organised crime on EU expenditure (e.g. Cohesion Funds) as well EU revenues (e.g. VAT own resources).

The study will be published in late July 2021.

12 July 2021, 17.45 – 18.45

10. ADMINISTRATION OF EU FUNDS IN SHARED MANAGEMENT IN BULGARIA

CONT/9/06404



Exchange of views with Commission and OLAF representatives

Administrator: Ana Maria Nogueira

In Bulgaria, between 2015 and 2019, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has detected fraudulent and non-fraudulent irregularities in 1 126 cases under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), similar in number of cases to other Eastern European Member States. While, in the area of traditional own resources (TOR) irregularities were detected only in 8 cases, a lower number of cases compared to other Member States of Eastern Europe (Slovakia 45, Czech Republic 384, Hungary 121). The number of cases in the two areas of shared management combined and the related financial impact on 1.70 % of payments, are similar to that of other Eastern European countries in the EU.¹

On 2 June 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned three Bulgarian individuals for their extensive roles in corruption in Bulgaria, as well as their networks encompassing 64 entities². The sanctions imply, among others, the freezing of their property in the US and the prohibition for American financial institutions to deal with the persons and some of their family members.

Based on this, the CONT Committee is inviting the Commission (DG AGRI, DG BUDG, and DG REGIO) and OLAF with a view to being informed on whether the allegations of corruption and maladministration involve EU funds and if in that case any action has been taken.

13 July 2021, 9.00 – 10.00

11. ADMINISTRATION OF EU FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANUBE DELTA

CONT/9/06405



Exchange of views with the investigative journalists and with Commission representatives

Administrator: Fernando Gallego Osuna

From 2014 to 2020, the European Commission invested EUR 1.11 billion into Romania's Danube Delta, a UNESCO world heritage site. At the beginning of 2021, a team of investigative journalists published allegations that the funds fell under the control of a network of Romanian politicians, bureaucrats and businessmen, instead of alleviating poverty in this economically depressed region and preserving the unique ecology of Europe's largest wetland.

¹ Information based on the upcoming study on The Impact of Organised Crime on the EU's Financial Interests requested by the Budgetary Control Committee, to be published in late July 2021.

² <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0208>

Following the publication of the investigation in several newspapers, the EU suspended payments to the Danube Delta in June 2021. The Commission has asked Romanian authorities to examine the issue and consequently an investigation has been launched and is currently ongoing. For the programming period 2021-2027, funding of a not yet agreed upon amount is planned to be provided.

The team of journalists will present the outcome of their investigation in the CONT meeting, followed by an exchange of views with the European Commission (DG REGIO).

13 July 2021, 10.00 – 11.00

JOINT AGENDA POINT WITH COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY (ITRE)

12. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 07/2021: EU SPACE PROGRAMMES GALILEO AND COPERNICUS: SERVICES LAUNCHED, BUT THE UPTAKE NEEDS A FURTHER BOOST

CONT/9/06273



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Mihails Kozlovs

Rapporteur: [Martina Dlabajová](#) (Renew)
Administrator: Giulia Bastianello

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Tomáš Zdechovský** (EPP), **Maria Grappini** (S&D)

The ECA Member Mihails Kozlovs will present his special report on EU space programmes Galileo, a global satellite navigation and positioning system, and Copernicus, which provides data from earth observation satellites.

The ECA found that while the satellite-based programmes Galileo and Copernicus in particular provide valuable services and data, more efforts are needed to capitalise on the significant investment made (around EUR 18 billion so far) and to optimise the benefits they bring to citizens and the economy. The auditors call for a comprehensive strategy, more targeted actions and better use of the regulatory framework for efficiently supporting the uptake of services.

The ECA found that the Commission's approach to assessing the extent of the potential benefits had a number of shortcomings. As a result, the economic impact on growth and jobs and the actual overall benefits of the programmes are not known, and may have been over- or underestimated.

The ECA found that, despite delays, good progress has been made recently in introducing Galileo-compatible receivers and thus enabling uptake in relevant market segments, however it will take time until users adopt Galileo more widely, key features of Galileo are not yet fully available.

Moreover, ECA found that several key actions to promote the EU-wide use of Copernicus data were not sufficiently targeted, or they had not delivered the increase in uptake which had been hoped for. The ECA observes that applications need to be used more widely than the space sector to have their full effect, but their use remains largely restricted to experts and scientists. The ECA found that access to Copernicus data has been

improved, but it is still provided through too many different platforms, and there is still no long-term vision for efficient access to the data.

The ECA also concluded that there has been little action in identifying regulatory or administrative barriers that may hamper the use of space services; the Commission has only partly taken advantage of the potential for promoting these services in EU legislation or standards, and significant gaps remain in promoting the use of EU space programmes.

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

- CONT Chair and ITRE Chair's initial remarks;
- The ECA Member Mihails Kozlovs will present the Report;
- The European Commission's representative will make introductory remarks;
- CONT Rapporteur will make observations and raise questions;
- CONT and ITRE Members will make remarks and put questions to the ECA Member and the Commission's representative;
- The European Commission and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- ITRE Chair and CONT Chair's concluding remarks.

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

13 July 2021, 11.00 – 12.00

13. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 14/2021: INTERREG COOPERATION - THE POTENTIAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S CROSS-BORDER REGIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY UNLOCKED

CONT/9/06399



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Ladislav Balko

Rapporteur:

[Andrey Novakov](#) (EPP)

Kaare Barslev

Administrator:

Presentation of the ECA Special Report by Mr Ladislav Balko and exchange of views with invited Members from the Committee on Regional Development (REGI).

To reduce disparities in wealth and development across regions, the EU supports European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes, known as 'Interreg' programmes. These programmes are funded through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and address cross-border challenges common to border regions, such as poor accessibility, declining local industries, low levels of research and innovation, or pollution. ETC programmes are implemented under shared management. The 2014-2020 Interreg programme period had a budget of EUR 10.1 billion.

The ECA assessed whether the Commission and the Member States had effectively addressed the challenges of cross-border regions in the internal borders cooperation programmes funded in the 2014-2020 programme

period.

The Court's findings show that many things have been working well but that there is also room for improvement. The Court has recommended:

- To ensure that Interreg programmes complement mainstream ones: programme authorities should ensure that Interreg programmes focus on different priorities than mainstream ones, and should coordinate support in case they intervene in the same area. The Commission should require that projects co-financed by Interreg and mainstream programmes are complementary when adopting them;
- Programme authorities should select projects based on ranking them by merit to ensure that the projects that best address the challenges of cross-border regions are selected;
- The Commission should promote the selection of output and results criteria capable of measuring the effect of cross-border projects.

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

- CONT Chair initial remarks;
- The ECA Member Ladislav Balko will present the Report;
- The European Commission's representative will make introductory remarks;
- CONT Rapporteur will make observations and raise questions;
- CONT and REGI Members will make remarks and put questions to the ECA Member and the Commission's representative;
- The European Commission and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- Concluding remarks by the CONT Rapporteur and the Chair

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

The meeting will be suspended until 13:45

13 July 2021, 13.45 – 14.45

JOINT AGENDA POINT WITH COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ALL DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES IN THE EU, INCL. DISINFORMATION (INGE)

14. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 09/2021: DISINFORMATION AFFECTING THE EU: TACKLED BUT NOT TAMED

CONT/9/06369



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Baudilio Tome Muguruza

Rapporteur: [Hannes Heide](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Fernando Gallego Osuna

Shadow Rapporteur: **Tomáš Zdechovský** (EPP)

The scope of the audit was to assess whether the EU action plan against disinformation was relevant when drawn up and is delivering its intended results. The audit covered the period from the run-up to the adoption of the EU

action plan against disinformation in December 2018 until September 2020.

The ECA makes two main observations. It concludes that the EU action plan against disinformation was relevant when drawn up, but incomplete, and that the implementation of the EU action plan is broadly on track, although suffering from a number of shortcomings.

The ECA recommends the European Commission to improve the coordination and accountability framework for its actions against disinformation. It also recommends the European External Action Service (EEAS) to improve the operational arrangements of the StratCom division and task forces, as well as to increase participation in the rapid alert system by Member States and online platforms. Moreover, the ECA recommends the Commission to improve the monitoring and accountability of online platforms, to adopt a media literacy strategy that includes combatting disinformation as an integral part, and to take steps to enable European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) to fulfil its ambitious objectives.

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

- CONT Chair and INGE vice-Chair's initial remarks;
- The ECA Member Baudilio Tome Muguruza will present the Report;
- The European Commission's and European External Action Service's (EEAS) representatives will make introductory remarks;
- CONT and INGE Rapporteurs will make observations and raise questions;
- CONT and INGE Members will make remarks and put questions to the ECA Member and the Commission's and EEAS' representatives;
- The European Commission, EEAS and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- INGE vice-Chair and CONT Chair's concluding remarks.

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13 July 2021, 14.45 – 15.45

15. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MEMBER STATES' USE OF EU SOLIDARITY FUND MONEY IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER

[CONT/9/03594 - 2021/2127\(INI\)](#)



Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur: [Corina Crețu](#) (S&D)

Administrator:

Hans Stander

Shadow Rapporteurs: **José Manuel Fernandes (EPP), Olivier Chastel (Renew), Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) and Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

This own-initiative Report on the EU Solidarity Fund looks into the question of how effectively funds have been spent and how the appropriate checks and balances have been conducted in crisis situations.

The draft report shows that a total of EUR 6.548 billion has been paid out from the Fund, at an average of EUR 339.9 million per year. The amounts paid out per year fluctuate markedly from year to year and peaks are increasing in frequency and in height. The report welcomes the recent extension of the Fund to health emergencies, such as expenditure related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The draft report further calls on the Commission to continue speeding up the procedures for granting support from the Fund to Member States, a trend that started by amending the Fund in 2014 and that has to continue now the scope of the fund has widened. The draft report also calls on the Commission to meet its obligation to report annually about the implementation of the Fund and to increase awareness among EU citizens on the positive impacts of the Fund by increasing its efforts to strengthen publicity.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for tabling AMs		15 July 2021, 14.00
Adoption	CONT	30 September 2021
Adoption in Plenary	Plenary	October II

The meeting will be suspended until 16:45

13 July 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

16. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 13/2021: EU EFFORTS TO FIGHT MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE BANKING SECTOR ARE FRAGMENTED AND IMPLEMENTATION IS INSUFFICIENT

CONT/9/06400



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Mihails Kozlov

Rapporteur: [Caterina Chinnici](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Fernando Gallego Osuna

Presentation of the ECA Special Report, with invited Members from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE).

Money laundering is the practice of “legitimising” the proceeds of crime by filtering them into the regular economy to disguise their illegal origin. Within Europe, Europol estimates the value of suspicious transactions in the hundreds of billions of euros – at an equivalent of 1.3 % of the EU’s gross domestic product (GDP). Global estimates are close to 3 % of world GDP. Given the importance of EU anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) policy and the current momentum for reform, the ECA decided to audit aspects of its efficiency and effectiveness.

The ECA found institutional fragmentation and poor co-ordination at EU level when it came to actions to prevent ML/TF and take action where risk was identified. In practice, AML/CFT supervision still takes place at national level with an insufficient EU oversight framework to ensure a level playing field. The ECA found that the Commission was slow to assess Member States’ transposition of directives due to poor-quality communication by Member States and limited resources at the Commission. European Banking Authority staff carried out thorough investigations of potential breaches of EU law, but the ECA found evidence of lobbying of its Board of Supervisors who were part of a deliberative process. The ECA also found that the European Central Bank has made a good start in sharing information with national AML/CFT supervisors, although some decision-making procedures were slow.

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

- CONT Chair initial remarks;
- The ECA Member Mihails Kozlov will present the Report;
- The European Commission’s representative will make introductory remarks;

- CONT Rapporteur will make observations and raise questions;
- A first block of questions from CONT and invited ECON and LIBE Members (EPP, S&D, Renew) to the ECA Member and the Commission's representative;
- The European Commission and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- A second block of questions from CONT and invited ECON and LIBE Members (Greens, ID, ECR, The Left, NI) to the ECA Member and the Commission's representative;
- The European Commission and the ECA will reply to the questions posed;
- CONT Chair's concluding remarks.

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

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. NEXT MEETINGS

- 1-2 September, 2021
- 27 September, 2021
- 30 September, 2021

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Briefing "[EU cooperation with the Group of States against Corruption \(GRECO\): how to move towards full membership](#)"

Background note on "[Simplification](#)" for the CONT hearing

Briefing [Missing Trader Intra-Community Fraud](#)

Study "[The largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and cohesion funds](#)"

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](#)"

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Briefing "[The integration of the European Development Funds into the MFF 2021 - 2027](#)"

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?](#)"

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

BUDG

- Study "Recovery, Brexit, Off-Budget instruments... what should be addressed in the next revision of the Financial Regulation?"

- 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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- Study "Identifying patterns of fraud with EU funds under shared management, similarities and differences between member states"

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

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COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 12 July 2021

14.45 - 15.45

**Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting
(meeting room SPINELLI 3E2)**

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Present

Coordinators: EPP: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ
Petri SARVAMAA (Deputy Coordinator)
S&D: Anna Ksiazczakova (on behalf of Claudiu MANDA)
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
Verts: Mikuláš PEKSA
ID: Joachim KUHS
ECR: ---
The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN

Items for decision

1. Draft timetable - Discharge 2020

Decision:

Coordinators approved the revised discharge 2020 calendar.

2. Practical arrangements for the European Parliament, the Commission and the Agencies - 2020 Discharge

Decision:

Coordinators approved:

- the practical arrangements for the Commission, the EP and for the Agencies;
- the standard questionnaire for the Agencies with the following adjustments:
 - questions no. 9 and 23 from the 2019 discharge questionnaire were reintroduced into the questionnaire for the 2020 discharge. Question 23 will be modified to focus on a "long-term strategy".

3. Screening of recently published ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
12/2021	The polluter pays principle: inconsistent application across EU environmental policies and actions	5 July 2021	EPP	Joint committee meeting with ENVI

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposal from the Secretariat/Chair.

4. ECA Review 04/2021 “EU actions and existing challenges on electronic waste” - joint presentation with ENVI in September 2021

Decision:

Coordinators approved ENVI’s proposal for a joint meeting on 9 September 2021 during the ENVI meeting slot.

5. Lessons learned from the 2019 discharge procedure and the way forward

Decision:

Coordinators approved an “away-day” for Coordinators in the morning on 12 October with the following modalities:

- the meeting will be with translation and therefore in the EP;
- there will be the possibility to arrange a lunch at the end of the meeting;
- Coordinators and vice-chairs are invited;
- Groups will be asked to indicate who will represent them at the meeting.

6. Palestinian Authority textbooks

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the issue of Palestinian Authority textbooks is put on the agenda of the CONT meeting on 1-2 September 2021 with the following modalities:

- it will be a joint CONT/AFET/CULT meeting and members of BUDG will be invited;
- speakers are expected to be the authors of the study (the Georg Eckert Institute), the Commission and the EEAS.

7. Exchange of views with European Chief Prosecutor Ms Laura Kövesi on the functioning of the EPPO on 30 September 2021

Decision:

Coordinators approved that:

1. the Secretariat is tasked with organising a meeting with the European Chief

Prosecutor, Ms Laura Kövesi, on 30 September in order to exchange views about the first experiences after EPPO was declared functional and the challenges that EPPO is still facing, including the two main problems (appointment of European Delegated Prosecutors from Slovenia and EPPOs budget);

2. the meeting should preferably be organised jointly with LIBE; if LIBE is not interested in organising a joint meeting, CONT should organise a meeting alone;

3. the draft letter to be sent to the Slovenian Presidency.

8. *CONT participation to the LIBE Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Monitoring Group (DRFMG) mission to Slovenia*

Decision:

Coordinators approved that CONT should ask to join an expected LIBE/DRFMG mission to Slovenia in October.

9. *New proposals for expertise*

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the following 4 studies are given priority:

1. Proposal no. 1 from the EPP: Reliability of national authorities' work in the area of shared management - merged with proposal no. 1 from the Policy Department;

2. Proposal no. 1 from the S&D: COVID-19 impact on EU public administration;

3. Proposal no 2 from the EPP: Data required for ARACHNE and data protection concerns;

4. Proposals from the Policy Department for a follow-up study/studies on the 50 biggest beneficiaries. This would also cover proposal no 4 from EPP on Interoperable digital reporting and monitoring system;

The following studies are put on a reserve list with a view to be carried out if and when the budget and time restraints allow:

5. Proposal no 3 from the EPP: Combating Missing Trader Intra-Community Fraud in the EU: Prevention, detection and sanctions;

6. Proposal no. 7 from the EPP: The implementation of the Cohesion Fund in the period of 2014-2020;

7. Proposal no. 8 from the EPP: Role of the consultants / consultancies in preparing the Commission's legislative proposals with the view on the Green Deal and carrying out studies on environmental matters;

The proposed workshop/exchange of views is given priority:

1. EU customs control mechanisms and their possible improvement in the control of

customs goods.

That the Policy Department is asked to provide the suggested briefing no. 6 for the INL report on database tool as soon as possible.

That the Policy Department is asked to deliver the mentioned briefing as a reply to proposal no. 2 from S&D.

10. Risk categories – new methodology applied by Commission for splitting expenditure depending on the risk at payment

For the AAR 2020, the Commission has changed its methodology regarding the risk categorisation for calculating the error rate depending on the level of risk at payment. Additionally to differentiating between high risk and low risk expenditure, a third category of medium risk has been added.

The Chair proposes to invite the Commission (DG BUDG) to one of the next CONT meetings to explain and discuss the new methodology for categorising the risk at payment and the impact this may have on the calculation of the error rate.

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the item is added to one of the next CONT meetings.

Items for information

11. Documents received for information

12. Any other business

The Chair informed that the CoP has decided that limited sized missions could possibly be organised during week 44 or 51 in 2021. A written procedure would be organised for Coordinators with a deadline on 13 July in order to learn about the wishes among Coordinators to make use of this possibility. CoP will decide on missions in September also taking the Covid-19 situation into consideration.

13. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 1-2 September 2021