



NOTULEN

Vergadering van

Maandag 29 november 2021, 13.45 – 15.45 uur en 16.45 – 18.45 uur

Dinsdag 30 november 2021, 9.00 – 12.00 uur en 13.45 – 16.15 uur en 16.45 – 18.45 uur

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op maandag 29 november 2021 om 13.49 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Caterina Chinnici (ondervoorzitter).

29 november 2021, 13.45 – 15.45 uur

1. Aanneming van de agenda

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

2. Mededelingen van de voorzitter

3. Kwijting 2020 voor de agentschappen

CONT/9/07672

Corapporteurs:

Lefteris Christoforou (PPE)

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de volgende agentschappen, in aanwezigheid van Alex Brenninkmeijer, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer, en Hans Bruyninckx, voorzitter van het netwerk van EU-agentschappen

Sprekers: Caterina Cinnici, Alex Brenninkmeijer (ERK-lid), Hans Bruyninckx (voorzitter van het netwerk van EU-agentschappen), Christian Zinglersen (ACER), Krum Garkov (EU-Lisa), Fabrice Leggeri (FRONTEX), Lefteris Christoforou, Tomáš Zdechovský, Ramona Strugariu.

De vergadering wordt om 16.08 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.52 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

29 november 2021, 16.45 – 18.45 uur

4. Kwijting 2020 voor de gemeenschappelijke ondernemingen
CONT/9/07673

Corapporteurs:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van volgende gemeenschappelijke ondernemingen, in aanwezigheid van Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz (ERK-lid), Johannes Schwemmer (Fusion for Energy), Andres Dam Jensen (Gemeenschappelijke Onderneming Europese high-performance computing), Axel Krein (Gemeenschappelijke Onderneming Clean Sky), Elżbieta Rafalska, Corina Crețu, Sabrina Pignedoli, Michèle Rivasi.

De vergadering wordt om 18.32 uur gesloten.

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

30 november 2021, 9.00 – 10.30 uur

5. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting van de EU - Europese Commissie
CONT/9/06482

2021/2106(DEC) COM(2021)0381[01] – C9-0258/2021

Rapporteur:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

Bevoegd:

CONT

Adviezen:

AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCO, FEMM, PETI

- Gedachtewisseling met Elisa Ferreira, commissaris voor Cohesie en Hervormingen, in aanwezigheid van Lazaros Lazarou en Pietro Russo, rapporterende leden van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Lazaros Lazarou (ERK-lid), Pietro Russo (ERK-lid), Elisa Ferreira (commissaris verantwoordelijk voor Cohesie en Hervormingen), Olivier Chastel, Tsvetelina Penkova, Sabrina Pignedoli, Andrey Novakov, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel.

30 november 2021, 10.30 – 11.15 uur

6. MFK 2021-2027: de strijd tegen oligarchische structuren, de bescherming van EU-fondsen tegen fraude en belangenconflicten

CONT/9/03592

2020/2126(INI)

Rapporteur:

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)

PR – PE697.861v01-00

Bevoegd:

CONT

Advies:

AGRI

- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Sándor Rónai, Katalin Cseh, Daniel Freund, Sabrina Pignedoli, Petri Sarvamaa

De vergadering wordt om 11.44 uur geschorst.

30 november 2021, 11.15 – 12.00 uur

*****Met gesloten deuren*****

7. Coördinatorenvergadering

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De vergadering wordt om 13.54 uur hervat.

30 november 2021, 13.45 – 14.45 uur

8. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting van de EU - achtste, negende, tiende en elfde EOF

CONT/9/06656

2021/2158(DEC) COM(2021)0379 – C9-0310/2021

Rapporteur:

Younous Omarjee (The Left)

Bevoegd:

CONT

Advies:

DEVE, BUDG

- Gedachtewisseling met Jutta Urpilainen, commissaris voor Internationale Partnerschappen, in aanwezigheid van Baudilio Tomé Muguruza, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Baudilio Tomé Muguruza (ERK-lid), Younous Omarjee, Jutta Urpilainen (commissaris voor Internationale Partnerschappen), Andrey Novakov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Olivier Chastel, Michèle Rivasi.

30 november 2021, 14.45 – 16.15 uur

9. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting van de EU - Europees Parlement

CONT/9/06502

2021/2107(DEC) COM(2021)0381[02] – C9-0259/2021

Rapporteur:

Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

Bevoegd:

CONT

Advies:

AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCO, FEMM, PETI

- Gedachtewisseling met Klaus Welle, secretaris-generaal van het Europees Parlement, in het kader van de kwijting aan het Europees Parlement, in aanwezigheid van Marek Opióła, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer, en met deelname van:
 - Pedro Silva Pereira, ondervoorzitter verantwoordelijk voor de EP-begroting;
 - Francis Clergeaud, intern controleur;
 - Pascal Schonard, directeur Autoriteit voor Europese politieke partijen en Europese politieke stichtingen

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Marek Opióła (ERK-lid), Pedro Silva Pereira, (ondervoorzitter verantwoordelijk voor de begroting van het EP), Klaus Welle (secretaris-generaal van het Europees Parlement), Francis Clergeaud (intern controleur van het EP), Pascal Schonard

(directeur van de Autoriteit voor Europese politieke partijen en Europese politieke stichtingen), Daniel Freund, José Manuel Fernandes, Lara Wolters, Gilles Boyer, Sabrina Pignedoli, Isabel García Muñoz.

De vergadering wordt om 16.30 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 16.55 uur hervat.

30 november 2021, 16.45 – 17.45 uur

10. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting van de EU - Europese Dienst voor extern optreden

CONT/9/06629

2021/2115(DEC) COM(2021)0381[10] – C9-0267/2021

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

Bevoegd:

CONT

Advies:

AFET Michael Gahler (PPE)

PA – PE699.319v01-00

DEVE Besluit: geen advies

AFCO Besluit: geen advies

- Gedachtewisseling met Josep Borrell Fontelles, vicevoorzitter van de Commissie/hoge vertegenwoordiger van de Unie voor buitenlandse zaken en veiligheidsbeleid, in aanwezigheid van Marek Opióła, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Marek Opióła (ERK-lid), Josep Borrell Fontelles (hoge vertegenwoordiger van de Unie voor buitenlandse zaken en veiligheidsbeleid), Isabel García Muñoz, Jeroen Lenaers, Alin Mituța, Mikuláš Peksa

30 november 2021, 17.45 – 18.45 uur

11. Deelname van CONT aan werkbezoek van LIBE aan Ljubljana, Slovenië van 13-15 oktober 2021

CONT/9/07511

- Verslaggeving aan de commissie door Mikuláš Peksa

Uitgesteld naar de volgende vergadering

12. Gedachtewisseling met de voorzitter van de Europese Rekenkamer, Klaus-Heiner Lehne

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Klaus-Heiner Lehne (voorzitter Europese Rekenkamer), Tomáš Zdechovský, Isabel García Muñoz, Olivier Chastel, Bas Eickhout, Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Petri Sarvamaa, Markus Pieper, Sabrina Pignedoli, Pierre Karleskind

13. Rondvraag

14. Volgende vergaderingen

- Gezamenlijke vergadering CONT-REGI 1 december 2021
- 6 december 2021
- 10 januari 2022

De vergadering wordt om 19.13 uur gesloten.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALLOIJATE NIMEKIRI/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/POPIS NAZOČNIH/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRŠ/DALYVIŲ SAŖAŠAS/
JELENLĒTI ĪV/REGĪSTRU TA' ATTENDENZA/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA OBECNOŠCI/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/
LISTĂ DE PREZENȚĂ/PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/NÄRVAROLISTA**

<p>Бюро/Mesa/Předsednictvo/Formandskabet/Vorstand/Juhatus/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Predsjedništvo/Ufficio di presidenza/Prezidijs/ Biuras/Elnökség/Prezidium/Birou/Predsednictvo/Predsedstvo/Puheenjohtajisto/Presidiet (*)</p>
<p>Isabel García Muñoz, Monika Hohlmeier, Petri Sarvamaa, Caterina Chinnici*</p>
<p>Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Βουλευτές/Members/Députés/Zastupnici/Deputati/Deputāti/ Nariai/Képviselek/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter</p>
<p>Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, Corina Crețu, José Manuel Fernandes, Luke Ming Flanagan, Daniel Freund, Younous Omarjee, Tsvetelina Penkova, Markus Pieper, Sabrina Pignedoli, Tomáš Zdechovský, Ryszard Czarnecki, Pierre Karleskind, Claudiu Manda, Alin Mițuța, Michèle Rivasi*, Angelika Winzig*, Joachim Kuhs*</p>
<p>Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Zamjenici/ Supplenti/Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantysnariai/Pötagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/ Namestniki/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter</p>
<p>Andrey Novakov, Elżbieta Rafalska, Sándor Rónai, Ramona Strugariu, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Katalin Cseh, Jeroen Lenaers, Mikuláš Peksa, Jan Olbrycht*, Maria Grapini*, Gilles Boyer*, Bas Eickhout*, Jeroen Lenaers*</p>

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216 (3)	
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Pedro Silva Pereira	Point 9

Наблюдатели/Observadores/Pozorovatelé/Observatører/Beobachter/Vaatlejad/Παρατηρητές/Observers/Observateurs/Promatrači/Osservatori/Novērotāji/Stebėtojai/Megfigyelők/Osservatori/Waarnemers/Observatorzy/Observadores/Observatori/Pozorovatelia/Opazovalci/Tarkkailijat/Observatörer

По покана на председателя/Por invitación del presidente/Na pozvání předsedy/Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung des Vorsitzenden/Εσimehe kutsel/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chair/Sur l'invitation du président/ Na poziv predsjednika/Su invito del presidente/Pēc priekšsēdētāja uzaicinājuma/Pirmininkui pakvietus/Az elnök meghívására/ Fuq stedina tač-'Chairman'/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/Na zaproszenie Przewodniczącego/A convite do Presidente/La invitația președintelui/ Na pozvanie predsedu/Na povabilo predsednika/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan

Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nöukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Vijeće/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)

Комисия/Comisión/Komise/Kommissionen/Kommission/Komisjon/Επιτροπή/Commission/Komisija/Commissione/Bizottság/Kummissjoni/Commissie/Komisja/Comissão/Comisie/Komisja/Komissio/Kommissionen (*)
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Elisa Ferreira (Commissioner responsible for Cohesion and Reforms), Jutta Urpilainen (Commissioner responsible for International Partnerships), Josep Borrell Fontelles (the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy), Stefano Sannino (EEAS), Gianmarco Di Vita (EEAS)
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Други институции и органи/Otras instituciones y organismos/Ostatní orgány a instituce/Andre institutioner og organer/Andere Organe und Einrichtungen/Muud institutsioonid ja organid/Λοιπά θεσμικά όργανα και οργανισμοί/Other institutions and bodies/Autres institutions et organes/Druge institucije i tijela/Altre istituzioni e altri organi/Citas iestādes un struktūras/Kitos institucijos ir įstaigos/Más intézmények és szervek/Istutuzjonijiet u korpi ohra/Andere instellingen en organen/Inne instytucje i organy/Outras instituições e outros órgãos/Alte instituții și organe/Iné inštitúcie a orgány/Muut toimielimet ja elimet/Andra institutioner och organ
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Alex Brenninkmeijer (ECA), Hans Bruyninckx (Chair of the EU Agencies Network), Christian Zinglarsen (ACER), Krum Garkov (EU-Lisa), Fabrice Leggeri (FRONTEX), Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz (ECA), Johannes Schwemmer (Fusion for Energy), Andres Dam Jensen (The European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking), Axel Krein (Clean Sky JU), Lazaros Lazarou (ECA), Pietro Russo (ECA), Baudilio Tomé Muguruza (ECA), Marek Opiola (ECA), Klaus-Heiner Lehne (ECA)
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Други учасници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Drugi sudionici/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti ohra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Iní účastníci/Drugi udeleženci/Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare
Pascal Schonard, Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and Foundations

<p>Секретариат на политическите групи/Secretaría de los Grupos políticos/Sekretariát politických skupin/Gruppenes sekretariat/Sekretariat der Fraktionen/Fraktsioonide sekretariaat/Γραμματεία των Πολιτικών Ομάδων/Secretariats of political groups/Secrétariat des groupes politiques/Tajništva klubova zastupnika/Segreteria gruppi politici/Politisko grupu sekretariāts/Frakciju sekretoriai/Képviseletcsoportok titkársága/Segretarjat gruppi poliitiçi/Fractiesecretariaten/Sekretariat Grup Politycznych/Secretariado dos grupos políticos/Secretariate grupuri politice/Sekretariát politických skupin/Sekretariat političnih skupin/Poliittisten ryhmien sihteeristö/De politiska gruppernas sekretariat</p>	
<p>PPE S&D Renew ID Verts/ALE ECR The Left NI</p>	

<p>Кабинет на председателя/Gabinete del Presidente/Kancelář předsedy/Formandens Kabinet/Kabinett des Präsidenten/Presidendi kantselei/Γραφείο του Προέδρου/President's Office/Cabinet du Président/Ured predsednika/Gabinetto del Presidente/Priekšsēdētāja kabinets/Pirmininko kabinetas/Elnöki hivatal/Kabinett tal-President/Kabinet van de Voorzitter/Gabinet Przewodniczącego/Gabinete do Presidente/Cabinet Preşedinte/Kancelária predsedu/Urad predsednika/Puhemiehen kabinetti/Talmannens kansli</p>	
<p>Кабинет на генералния секретар/Gabinete del Secretario General/Kancelář generálního tajemníka/Generalsekretærens Kabinet/Kabinett des Generalsekretärs/Peasekretäri büroo/Γραφείο του Γενικού Γραμματέα/Secretary-General's Office/Cabinet du Secrétaire général/Ured glavnog tajnika/Gabinetto del Segretario generale/Ġeneralsekretära kabinets/Generalinio sekretoriaus kabinetas/Főtitkári hivatal/Kabinett tas-Segretarju Ġenerali/Kabinet van de secretaris-generaal/Gabinet Sekretarza Generalnego/Gabinete do Secretário-Geral/Cabinet Secretar General/Kancelária generálneho tajomníka/Urad generalnega sekretarja/Pääsihteerin kabinetti/Generalsekreterarens kansli</p>	
<p>Klaus Welle, Secretary-General of the European Parliament, Francis Clergeaud, Internal Auditor</p>	
<p>Генерална дирекция/Dirección General/Generální ředitelství/Generaldirektorat/Generaldirektion/Peadirektoraat/Γενική Διεύθυνση/Directorate-General/Direction générale/Glavna uprava/Direzione generale/Ġenerāldirektorāts/Generalinis direktoratas/Főigazgatóság/Direttorat Generali/Direktoraten-generaal/Dyrekcja Generalna/Direcção-Geral/Direcții Generale/Generálne riaditeľstvo/Generalni direktorat/Pääosasto/Generaldirektorat</p>	
<p>DG PRES DG IPOL DG EXPO DG EPRS DG COMM DG PERS DG INLO DG TRAD DG LINC DG FINS DG ITEC DG SAFE</p>	<p>Monika Strasser</p>

<p>Правна служба/Service Jurídico/Právní služba/Juridisk Tjeneste/Juristischer Dienst/Öigusteenistus/Νομική Υπηρεσία/Legal Service/Service juridique/Pravna služba/Servizio giuridico/Juridiskais dienests/Teisės tarnyba/Jogi szolgálat/Servizz legali/Juridische Dienst/Wydział prawny/Serviço Jurídico/Serviciu Jurídico/Právný servis/Oikeudellinen yksikkö/Rättstjänsten</p>
<p>Секретариат на комисията/Secretaría de la comisión/Sekretariát výboru/Udvalgssekretariatet/Ausschusssekretariat/Komisjoni sekretariaat/Γραμματεία της επιτροπής/Committee secretariat/Secrétariat de la commission/Tajništvo odbora/Segreteria della commissione/Komitejas sekretariāts/Komiteto sekretoriatas/A bizottság titkársága/Sekretarjat tal-kumitat/Commissiesecretariaat/Sekretariat komisji/Sekretariado da comissão/Secretariat comisie/Sekretariat odbora/Valiokunnan sihteeristö/Utskottssekretariatet</p>
<p>Evelyn Waldherr, Kaare Barslev, Cristina Degueldre, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Benoit Lefort, Ana Maria Nogueira, Kristyna Zavrelova, Diego Rasetti</p>
<p>Сътрудник/Asistente/Asistent/Assistent/Assistenz/Βοηθός/Assistant/Assistente/Palīgs/Padējējas/Asszisztens/Asyistent/Pomočnik/Avustaja/Assistenten</p>
<p>Asta Skripiene</p>

- * (P) = Председател/Presidente/Předseda/Formand/Vorsitzender/Esimees/Πρόεδρος/Chair/Président/Predsjednik/Priekšsēdētājs/Pirmininkas/Elnök/Chairman/Voorzitter/Przewodniczący/Preşedinte/Predsedá/Predsednik/Puheenjohtaja/Ordförande
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- (M) = Член/Miembro/Člen/Medlem/Mitglied/Parlamendiliige/Βουλευτής/Member/Membre/Član/Membro/Deputāts/Narys/Képvisező/Membru/Lid/Członek/Membro/Membru/Člen/Poslanec/Jāsen/Ledamot
- (F) = Длъжностно лице/Funcionario/Úředník/Tjenestemand/Beamter/Ametnik/Υπάλληλος/Official/Fonctionnaire/Dužnosnik/Funzionario/Ierēdnis/Pareigūnas/Tisztviselő/Ufficial/Ambtenaar/Urządник/Funcionário/Funcionar/Úradník/Uradnik/Virkamies/Tjänsteman

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021

13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2021

9.00 – 12.00 and 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45

*Remote meeting with Interactio:
room: Altiero Spinelli 3G-3*

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021

13.45 – 15.00 **Joint meeting with REGI**

*Room remote meeting with Interactio:
Altiero Spinelli 3G-3*

Following the latest extraordinary measures taken by the President of the Parliament on 25th November, 2021 aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19, remote participation has been reintroduced to enable Parliament to continue to carry out its duties and to exercise its prerogatives. With reference to Article 2 of the Decision, access to meetings of committees should be limited to Members, essential staff of the secretariat, one representative of each political group and persons invited by the chair. The Chair invited for discharge hearings representative of institutions, agencies and Joint undertakings to participate in person, if they wish so.

29 November 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The CONT 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

DE EN FR IT EL ES PT CS HU PL RO

[Webstreaming](#)

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

3. DISCHARGE 2020: DISCHARGE TO THE AGENCIES

CONT/9/07672



*Discharge hearings with the representatives of the following agencies, in the presence of reporting ECA Member, **Alex Brenninkmeijer** and **Hans Bruyninckx**, Chair of the EU Agencies Network:*

Co-Rapporteurs:

[Lefteris Christoforou](#) and
[Tomáš Zdechovský](#) (EPP)

Administrator:

Hans Stander

- Horizontal Report on performance, financial management and control of the EU Agencies [2021/2157\(DEC\)](#)
- ACER [2021/2116\(DEC\)](#)
- eu-Lisa [2021/2140\(DEC\)](#)
- Frontex [2021/2146\(DEC\)](#)

Co-Rapporteurs (EPP):

- Tomáš Zdechovský - CdT, CEDEFOP, CEPOL, EASO, ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFCA, EFSA, EIGE, EMA, EMCDDA, ETF, EU-LISA, EU-OSHA, EUROFOUND, EUROJUST, EUROPOL, FRA, FRONTEX, Horizontal Report
- Lefteris Christoforou - ACER, BEREC, EBA, EIOPA, EIT, EMSA, ENISA, ERA, ESA, ESMA, GNSS

Shadow Rapporteurs:

- Caterina Chinnici (S&D)
- RENEW:
 - Ramona Strugariu - FRA, EUROJUST, EUROPOL, EMCDDA, Frontex, EU-LISA, CEPOL, EASO;
 - Alin Mituța - EU-OSHA, EBA, ETF;
 - Gilles Boyer - EIOPA, ESMA;
 - Katalin Cseh - ECDC, BEREC, EIT, ECHA, EFSA, EMA, ENISA, ACER, Euratom, GNSS, EEA;
 - Olivier Chastel - CDT, CEDEFOP, ERA, EASA, EIGE, Eurofound, horizontal report;
 - Pierre Karleskind - EFCA, EMSA
- Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
- Bas Eickhout (Greens)
- Younous Omarjee (The Left)

The documents are published on the [CONT website](#). Of particular relevance for the hearing as regards the 2020 discharge for the Agencies are:

- The ECA's 2020 [Annual Report](#) on EU agencies;
- The replies from the EU Agencies to the questions of the CONT Committee ([standard questionnaire](#), [individual written questions](#) and [horizontal written questions](#));

Reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer, will present the findings and conclusions of the ECA's annual report on the Agencies for the financial year 2020. This year's report contains

more horizontal information, in comparison with 2019. This allows for a good assessment of the direction in which the Agencies in general are developing.

Mr Hans Bruynickx, chair of the EU Agencies Network, will represent the Network in the discussion. The EU Agencies network contributed to the preparations for this hearing by providing horizontal replies, on behalf of all agencies, on questions asked by the Members of the CONT Committee.

The Rapporteurs for the 2020 discharge to the Agencies decided to invite ACER and eu-LISA to the hearing because of their qualified opinions by the ECA on expenditure. They also decided to invite Frontex as that agency remains under scrutiny after the 2019 discharge procedure, not least because of the conditions formulated by the Parliament for the release of a reserve in the agency's 2022 Budget.

CONT Timetable

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Deadline for amendments	CONT	1 March 2022
Adoption of draft report	CONT	31 March 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2022

The meeting will be suspended until 16.45

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29 November 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

4. DISCHARGE 2020: DISCHARGE TO THE JOINT UNDERTAKINGS

CONT/9/07673



Discharge hearings with the representatives of the following Joint Undertakings, in the presence of reporting ECA Member Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Rapporteurs: [Joachim Stanisław Brudziński](#) (ECR): BBI, Clean Sky.

[Ryszard Czarnecki](#) (ECR)

Administrator: Giulia Bastianello

Shadow Rapporteurs : **Marian-Jean Marinescu** (EPP), **Corina Crețu** (S&D), **Martina Dlabajova** (RE), **Michele Rivasi** (Greens/EFA), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

The 3 Joint Undertaking invited to the hearing:

- Fusion for Energy (F4E JU) [2021/2152\(DEC\)](#)
- The European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU) [2021/2151\(DEC\)](#)
- Clean Sky JU [2021/2149\(DEC\)](#)

For the financial year 2020, the nine Joint Undertakings (JUs) subject to the discharge procedure by Parliament are the following:

The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (F4E),
The Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research Joint Undertaking (SESAR),
The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky),
The Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI),
The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH),
The Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership Joint Undertaking (ECSEL),
The Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI)
The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R)
The European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) JU.

EuroHPC became autonomous on 23 September 2020 and was audited for the first time for the financial year 2020.

On 12 November 2021, the Court of Auditors published its specific annual report on JUs in the form of a single consolidated report on all JUs, comprising an “audit in brief report”. In its report, the ECA:

- issued for all nine JUs, an unqualified (“clean”) audit opinion on the reliability of the accounts, as well as on the legality and regularity of the payments and revenue underlying the year 2020
- drew attention with an “emphasis of matter” paragraph for F4E to the fact that any changes in key assumptions for the estimate could lead to significant cost increases and/or further delays in the implementation of the ITER project
- observed various matters needing improvement in the areas of budgetary and financial management, in-kind contributions, grant payments, procurement procedures, human resources and sound financial management
- noted that In 2020, the JUs took appropriate measures to maintain business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate its possible impact on their service delivery.



It is proposed that the hearing proceeds as follows:

- Chair's introductory remarks;
- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA), Ms **Ildiko Gáll-Pelcz**, who will present the findings of the specific [ECA Annual Report 2020](#);
- Presentation by the Executive Directors of each of the JUs invited:
 - ❖ F4E;
 - ❖ EuroHPC;
 - ❖ Clean Sky.
- Remarks and questions from the Rapporteurs; Replies from the Joint Undertakings;
- In a ping-pong system, the Chair, Shadow Rapporteurs and other Members will ask questions to the invited guests; the Joint Undertakings will reply to the questions posed;
- Closing remarks of the ECA Member, the Joint Undertakings and the Rapporteurs;
- Chair's closing remarks.

All the relevant documents can be found on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	24-25 January 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT	31 January 2022, 14.00
Adoption of draft report	CONT	28 February 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2022

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30 November 2021, 9.00 – 10.30

5. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CONT/9/06482 - [2021/2106\(DEC\)](#) COM(2021)0381[01] – C9-0258/2021



Discharge hearing with Commissioner *Elisa Ferreira*, responsible for Cohesion and Reforms in the presence of ECA reporting members *Lazaros Lazarou* and *Pietro Russo*

Rapporteur: [Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)
Administrators: Kaare Barslev / Fernando Gallego Osuna
Responsible: CONT
Opinions: AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCO, FEMM, PETI

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Monika Hohlmeier** (EPP), **Tsvetelina Penkova** (S&D), **Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel** (Greens/EFA), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR) and **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

Regional policy is part of Chapter 5 in the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report entitled "Economic, social and territorial cohesion – MFF heading 1b". The main policy instrument under this policy field is the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The Commission's Directorate-General on Regional and Urban Policy, DG REGIO, implements EU funds under the field of regional policy, which represents almost a quarter of the total EU budget, and is a major source of public investments in many Member States. DG REGIO's expenditure is implemented mainly in shared management. DG REGIO delivers its objectives through management of programmes financed under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF) and from 2021 the Just Transition Fund (JTF).



For the 2014-2020 programming period, DG REGIO estimated risk at payment linked to the 2020 relevant expenditure is calculated at 2.1% / 2.6% taking into account the financial corrections already made. In the 2020 AMPR, the Commission reported a combined overall risk at payment of between 1.9 % and 2.4 % for this MFF sub-heading based on DG REGIO and DG EMPL estimated amounts at risk and their KPIs. For the second year in a row, the Commission's error estimates fall within ECA's own error range estimate. At the same time, according to ECA, the rates reported in the AMPR (as well as the specific rates reported in both DG EMPL and DG REGIO AARs) are below their estimated level of error, estimated at 3.5%.

During this hearing, ECA Member Pietro Russo will also present ECA's assessment on the performance of the EU Budget at the end of 2020 for the chapter on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion, which focuses on the

European Social Fund (ESF). CONT Members are reminded that this fund is not under Commissioner Ferreira's portfolio and will not be able to answer questions in this regard.

The discharge hearing will be based on information provided in public documents, such as

- the Court of Auditors' 2020 Annual Report, and
- the new Annual Report on Performance of the EU budget, as well as
- the Commission's Integrated Financial and Reporting package, and
- the 2020 Annual Activity Report of DG REGIO.

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 15 November 2021. The Commission's answers were received one day later than expected, on 26 November 2021.

It is proposed that the hearing with Commissioner Ferreira proceeds as follows:

- Introduction by the reporting Members of the European Court of Auditors, Lazaros Lazarou, who will present the findings of the respective chapters of the Annual Report 2020, and Pietro Russo, who will present findings in the performance area on ESF;
- Commissioner Ferreira will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the ECA followed by answers (the ping-pong system);
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the ECA;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner and the Chair.

All the relevant documents can be found on the [CONT website](#).

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft report	CONT	10 February 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT	1 March 2022
Adoption of draft report	CONT	31 March 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2022

30 November 2021, 10.30 – 11.15

6. MFF 2021-2027: FIGHT AGAINST OLIGARCH STRUCTURES, PROTECTION OF EU FUNDS FROM FRAUD AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONT/9/03592 - [2020/2126\(INI\)](#)



Consideration of draft report

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

Administrator: Kristýna Zavřelová

Shadow rapporteurs: **Sándor Rónai** (S&D), **Katalin Cseh** (Renew), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

This own-initiative report looks into various ways of fighting oligarch structures for protecting EU funds from fraud and conflict of interest with a particular emphasis on the new MFF package 2021-2027.

It is a natural follow up of some of the key topics raised in the INI report on the impact of organised crime on own resources of the EU and on the misuse of EU funds with a particular focus on shared management from an auditing and control perspective (2020/2221(INI)).

The draft report outlines the term of 'oligarchy' in the current EU political context, states the legal framework of the notion of 'fraud' and 'conflict of interest', summarizes main fraudulent practices in the field of cohesion and agriculture and gives a general overview of the currently available remedies and potential preventive measures to be implemented or adopted under the new MFF, taking into account as well the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation.

Representatives from European Commission and OLAF might also be present and could take the floor.

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	8 December, 2021 at 12hrs
Adoption of draft report	CONT	24 - 25 January, 2021
Adoption of report	Plenary	March 2022

30 November 2021, 11.15 – 12.00

7. COORDINATORS' MEETING



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

Coordinators present in Brussels can attend the meeting in room: **Altiero Spinelli 3G3**.

30 November 2021, 13.45 – 14.45

8. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EDF (8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH) CONT/9/06656 - [2021/2158\(DEC\)](#)



Discharge hearing with Commissioner *Jutta Urpilainen* responsible for International Partnerships in the presence of ECA reporting member *Baudilio Tomé Muguruza*

Rapporteur: [Younous Omarjee](#) (The Left)

Administrator: Kristýna Zavřelová

Other Rapporteurs: **Andrey Novakov** (EPP), **Tsvetelina Penkova** (S&D),
Chastel (RE), **Michele Rivasi** (Greens), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR)

The partnership agreement, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 for an initial period of 20 years, is the framework governing EU's relations with ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) countries and OCTs, currently extended until 30 November 2021.

Its main objective is to reduce and ultimately eradicate poverty. After an internal reorganisation within the Commission, DG INTPA became responsible for the implementation of the EDFs (previously DG DEVCO).



For MFF 2021-2027 development aid to the ACP and the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) will be integrated into the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI/Global Europe). However, ongoing projects within the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs will not be integrated into the EU general budget, but will continue to be implemented separately and be subject to a separate discharge resolution until their closure.

For 2020, the total value of expenditure subject to audit was almost EUR 4 billion.

According to the findings of the ECA 2020 Annual Report related to the activities funded by the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs, the expenditure for the financial year 2020 is materially affected by error and the testing of transactions produced an estimated overall level of error of 3,8% (3,5% in 2019).

The ECA issued an adverse opinion on the legality and regularity of expenditure. The highest estimated level of error, by error type, was due to the absence of essential supporting documents.

The documents are published on the CONT website and of particular relevance for the hearing as regards the 2020 EDF discharge are:

- The ECA's 2020 Annual Report on the activities funded by the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs;
- The 2020 Annual Activity Report for DG INTPA;
- The annual accounts of the EDF 2020.

It is proposed that the exchange of views shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Baudilio Tomé Muguruza who will present the findings of the ECA Annual Report 2020;
- Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen will briefly reply to this introduction and present 2020 main achievements in the area of EDF's cooperation aid;
- CONT Rapporteur Mr Younous Omarjee and other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court using the ping-pong system;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

All the relevant documents can be found on the CONT website.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft report	CONT	10 February 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT	1 March 2022

Adoption of draft report	CONT	31 March 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2022

30 November 2021, 14.45 - 16.15

9. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

CONT/9/06502 - [2021/2107\(DEC\)](#)



Discharge hearing with *Klaus Welle*, Secretary-General of the European Parliament, in the context of the discharge to the European Parliament in presence with ECA Reporting Member *Marek Opiola*

with the participation of:

- Pedro Silva Pereira, Vice-President responsible for the EP Budget;
- Francis Clergeaud, Internal Auditor;
- Pascal Schonard, Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and Foundations.

Rapporteur:

[Daniel Freund](#) (The Greens/EFA)

Administrator:

Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs:

Jose Manuel Fernandes (EPP), **Lara Wolters** (S&D), **Gilles Boyer** (Renew), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

Relevant documents

Members will find the relevant documents for the European Parliament discharge such as the report on budgetary and financial management, the annual accounts of the political groups, and the report on compliance with payment time limits, the report on contracts awarded, Director-Generals' Annual Activity Reports and the replies and follow-up to last year's discharge resolution on the [CONT 2020 budget discharge website](#).



Written questions

Following the established procedure for the adoption of the EP discharge questionnaire, Members were asked to submit questions related to the 2020 budget implementation to their Coordinators by 30 September 2021. The questionnaire was finalised and submitted to the Secretary-General on 11 October 2021. The Secretary-General's written replies were made available to Members on 19 November 2021 and are published on [CONT website](#).

Structure of the hearing

It is proposed that the discussion will take the following structure:

- statement by the Court of Auditors;
- short presentation by the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs;
- brief presentation by the Secretary-General of the answers to the written questions;
- presentation by the Internal Auditor of the European Parliament of his 2020 annual report;

- presentation by the Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and Foundations of its 2020 annual activity report;
- statement and oral questions by the Rapporteur;
- Q&A session with other Members (using the ping-pong format);
- closing remarks by the Rapporteur.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	24-25 January 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT	31 January 2022
Vote	CONT	28 February 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2022

30 November 2021, 16.45 - 18.15

10. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

CONT/9/06629 - [2021/2115\(DEC\)](#)



Flanagan (The Left)

Discharge hearing with Josep Borrell Fontelles the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in the presence of ECA reporting Member Marek Opiola

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

Administrator: Diego Rasetti

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Jeroen Lenaers** (EPP), **Alain Mituta** (Renew), **Mikulas Peksa** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming**

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is a functionally autonomous body of the European Union, separate from the General Secretariat of the Council and from the Commission. It is treated as an institution for the purposes of the Financial Regulation and therefore subject to the procedure of discharge provided for in Article 319 of the TFEU and in Article 263 of the Financial Regulation.

It is placed under the authority of the High Representative/Vice-President (HRVP) of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles, who is invited to the CONT meeting for a discharge hearing with Members on the implementation of EEAS budget and activities during the financial year 2020.

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions addressed to the EEAS were sent on 5 November 2021. The answers received from the EEAS were e-mailed to the CONT Members on 22 November 2021 and are available on the [CONT website](#).



The questionnaire mainly deals with the following issues: the budget management and how it has been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis, performance and control activities, the EEAS human resources strategy in the light of pandemic outbreak and the initiatives adopted for business continuity and staff well-being. The written questionnaire has also included references to the update of the EEAS anti-fraud strategy and the ethical framework, the situation of the EU Delegation to UK, the environmental dimension and interinstitutional cooperation.

The documents are available on [CONT website](#), of particular relevance for the hearing as regards the 2020 EEAS discharge are:

- The ECA's 2020 Annual Report, Chapter 9;
- The EEAS 2020 Annual Activity Report;
- The EEAS Budgetary and Financial Management Report;
- The EEAS report on the follow-up to the discharge 2018.

It is proposed that the discharge hearing will proceed as follows:

- introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Marek Opiola, who will present the findings of the ECA Annual Report 2020;
- High Representative/Vice-President Jose Borrell Fontelles will briefly reply to this introduction and present the EEAS's achievements;
- CONT Rapporteur [Isabel García Muñoz](#) and the Shadow Rapporteurs and other Members will submit questions to the HR/VP staff and/or the ECA (using the ping-pong format);
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

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11. CONT PARTICIPATION IN LIBE MISSION TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA ON 13-15 OCTOBER 2021

CONT/9/07511

Reporting back to committee by [Mikuláš Peksa](#)



Administrator:

Ana Maria Nogueira

A LIBE mission to Slovenia took place on 12-13 October. The LIBE Monitoring Group on Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights (DRFMG) mission aimed at taking stock of the latest developments in the country regarding the situation of the rule of law, the state of the media freedom and pluralism and the fight against corruption. At the request of the CONT Coordinators to participate to the evaluation of the situation concerning the rule of law in Slovenia, for budgetary control matters and CONT's

competence, Mr Mikuláš Peksa joined the LIBE mission. He will report back to the CONT Committee on the main findings.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. NEXT MEETINGS

- 6 December 2021
- 10 January 2022 (tbc)
- 24-25 January 2022 (tbc)

JOINT MEETING WITH COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (REGI)

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021, 10.00 – 11.30, BRUSSELS (ROOM: ALTIERO SPINELLI (3G-3)) AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION

1 December 2021, 10.00 – 11.30

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 24/2021: PERFORMANCE-BASED FINANCING IN COHESION POLICY: WORTHY AMBITIONS, BUT OBSTACLES REMAINED IN THE 2014-2020 PERIOD

CONT/9/07681



Presentation of the special report by ECA reporting Member Ladislav Balko

Rapporteur: [Andrey Novakov](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Ana Maria Nogueira

Cohesion policy's main objective is to strengthen the economic, social and territorial Cohesion by reducing disparities between the level of development of the regions. Making Cohesion policy more performance-based has been a shared objective of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission since first adopted on the legislative package for the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds in December 2013. In this period,

Cohesion policy was delivered through three of the five ESI Funds: the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF).

Under this framework, three instruments gave Member States financial incentives to achieve results, optimise their use of funding, and comply with the EU's policy objectives. As follows 1) 'ex-ante conditionalities' ('EACs', requirements to fulfil specific prerequisites to create an investment-friendly environment from the start of the programmes), 2) mandatory performance reserves (roughly € 20 billion, or 6% of Cohesion spending to be released for priority axes and other programmes), and 3) performance-based funding models (which linked EU financial support to pre-defined outputs/results).

The Court examined whether the before mentioned instruments were well designed to incentivise performance and shift the focus to achieving results when implementing the EU budget. The audit also investigated the effective use of these financial instruments by the Commission and the Member States, as well as if their use made a difference in the way Cohesion funding was allocated and disbursed.

As part of the examination, the Court selected 14 operational programs (OPs) from four Member States (Germany, Italy, Poland and Romania) covering both ERDF/CF and ESF funding under five thematic objectives closely linked to Europe 2020 and eight related action plans for EACs.

The general conclusion was that the Commission and Member States had been only partially successful in using the three instruments to make the financing of Cohesion policy more performance-based.

Based on the findings, the Court recommends the Commission to:

- monitor Member States' fulfilment of enabling conditions for the 2021-2027 period through its representative in the monitoring committee for Cohesion policy programmes, and report to the European Parliament and to the Council on Member States' fulfilment of enabling conditions and its own enforcement activities;
- inform Member States at an early stage about the approach to be applied for the mid-term review, and take any relevant findings of the 2024 evaluation of the Member States' use of the RRF for its 2025 mid-term reviews;
- clarify the rules underlying the 'financing not linked to costs' funding model for Member States;
- clarify the approach for providing assurance and guarantee effective application of the rules governing the internal market on EU funding through the 'financing not linked to costs' model

In its replies to the findings and recommendations, the Commission accepted the recommendations by the ECA and will implement them. The Commission will build on the lessons learned and pay particular attention to the preparation and implementation of the recovery and resilience plans by the Member States as well as to the mid-term review for the 2021-2027 programmes.

The ECA SR will be presented by ECA reporting Member Ladislav Balko.

Special report No 24/2021, "*Performance-based financing in Cohesion policy: worthy ambitions, but obstacles remained in the 2014-2020 period*", is available on the [ECA website](#).

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 30 November 2021

11:15 - 12:00

Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting

(meeting room SPINELLI 3G3)

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Coordinators: EPP: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKY
S&D: Claudiu MANDA
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
Greens: Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Deputy Coordinator)
ID:
ECR: Ryszard CZARNECKI
The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN

Items for decision

1. New referrals:

1.1. Implementation report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility requested by BUDG and ECON

Decision:

Coordinators decided that S&D will take the rapporteurship for the opinion on this report. S&D will provide the name of the rapporteur to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

2. Screening of ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
ECA SR 25/2021	ESF support to combat long-term unemployment: measures needed to be better targeted, tailored and monitored	8 Dec 2021	EPP	Propose to EMPL to present it
ECA SR 26/2021	Regularity of spending in EU Cohesion policy: Commission discloses only a provisional minimum estimated level of error	23 Nov 2021	EPP & Greens	Presentation in CONT

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat/the Chair.

3. Additional new INI reports

Decision:

Coordinators decided to invite groups to send proposals with a view to take a decision on the two possible INI reports at the next meeting on 24-25 January.

Groups are invited to send their proposals to the Secretariat at the latest on 12 January.

4. Upcoming hearings of ECA candidates

Decision:

Coordinators approved the modalities for the hearings of designated ECA members on 10 January.

Items for information

5. Calendar of meetings for 1st half of 2022

Decision:

Coordinators took note of the draft calendar of CONT meetings for the 1st half of 2022.

State of play of appointments on CONT files

- [Work in progress document](#)
- [Overview of the points](#)

Documents received for information

Any other business

The Chair raised the following two issues:

- The agenda of the CONT meeting on the same day (30 November) had been changed in order to allow the President of ECA to explain his and the Court's views on the article in Liberation from 26 November. It would be correct for the CONT Committee to analyse the allegations based on facts.

- The answers provided by Commissioner Johansson concerning certain NGO's and their non-compliance with rules were not satisfactory. Therefore - and in agreement with the rapporteur for the Commission discharge, Mr Chastel - the Chair would invite the Commissioner for a new meeting on these issues.

The Greens raised the following two issues:

- Members of CONT lacked knowledge about how mechanisms for suspension of funding to Member States worked. The Chair agreed that this issue should be put on the agenda of CONT as a specific item in the near future. The objective should be to allow Members to have more information about such mechanisms.
- Director General of OLAF, Mr Itälä, had during the discussion about problems with guesthouses financed under the structural funds said that he would come back to the Committee with more information at some point. The Chair confirmed that this issue will be put on the agenda when Mr Ittala is ready to present the additional information.

Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 24-25 January 2022