



PROTOKOLL

Sitzung vom 6. Dezember 2021, 13.45–18.45 Uhr

BRÜSSEL

Die Sitzung wird am Montag, 6. Dezember 2021, um 13.50 Uhr unter dem Vorsitz von Monika Hohlmeier (Vorsitzende) eröffnet.

6. Dezember 2021, 13.45–15.15 Uhr

1. Annahme der Tagesordnung

Der Entwurf der Tagesordnung wird in der in diesem Protokoll ausgewiesenen Fassung angenommen.

2. Mitteilungen des Vorsitzes

Die Vorsitzende macht die Mitglieder auf die Mitteilungen in den CONT-News aufmerksam.

3. Genehmigung von Sitzungsprotokollen

- 25.–26. Oktober 2021

PV – PE699.245v02-00

Das Protokoll wird genehmigt.

4. Entlastung 2020: Gesamthaushaltsplan der EU – Europäische Kommission

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

Berichtersteller:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

Federführend:

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Mitberatend:

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

- Aussprache mit Janusz Wojciechowski, für Landwirtschaft zuständiges Mitglied der Kommission, in Anwesenheit von Nikolaos Milionis, berichterstattendes Mitglied des Europäischen Rechnungshofs

Es sprechen: Monika Hohlmeier, Nikolaos Milionis (Europäischer Rechnungshof), Janusz Wojciechowski (Kommission, für Landwirtschaft zuständiges Mitglied der Kommission), Olivier Chastel, Tsvetelina Penkova, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Maria Grapini.

6. Dezember 2021, 15.15 – 16.15 Uhr

5. Studie zum Thema „Erkennung von Betrugsmustern im Zusammenhang mit der geteilten Mittelverwaltung unterliegenden EU-Mitteln, Ähnlichkeiten und Unterschiede zwischen den Mitgliedstaaten“

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Berichterstatte(r)in:

Ramona Strugariu (Renew)

- Erläuterungen durch Vertreter der Fachabteilung D

Es sprechen: Monika Hohlmeier, Jack Malan (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services), Ivan Bosch (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services), Lothar Kühl (Kommission, GD REGIO), Ramona Strugariu, Daniel Freund, Tamás Deutsch.

Die Sitzung wird um 16.17 Uhr unterbrochen.

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Die Sitzung wird um 16.51 Uhr wieder aufgenommen.

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6. Dezember 2021, 18.15 – 18.45 Uhr

7. Beteiligung des CONT-Ausschusses an der Delegationsreise des LIBE-Ausschusses vom 13. bis 15. Oktober 2021 nach Ljubljana (Slowenien)
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- Berichterstattung an den Ausschuss durch Mikuláš Peksa

Es sprechen: Monika Hohlmeier, Mikuláš Peksa.

8. Verschiedenes

9. Nächste Sitzungen

- 10. Januar 2022 (noch zu bestätigen)
- 24./25. Januar 2022 (noch zu bestätigen)

Schluss der Sitzung: 18.34 Uhr.

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Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Petri Sarvamaa
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Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, Daniel Freund, Joachim Kuhs, Tsvetelina Penkova, Angelika Winzig
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Maria Grapini, Hannes Heide, Mikuláš Peksa, Ramona Strugariu, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

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Jack Malan (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services), Ivan Bosch (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services)

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European Court of Auditors	Nikolaos Milionis, Tony Murphy, Helga Berger, Eva Lindström, François-Roger Cazala

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Evelyn Waldherr, Kaare Barslev, Cristina Degueldre, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Giulia Bastianello, Ana Maria Nogueira, Kristyna Zavrelova
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NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2021

13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: Altiero Spinelli 3E-2 and remote participation with Interactio

6 December 2021, 13.45 – 15.15

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](#).

Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

Summary of the Coordinators' recommendations of the meeting on 26 October was circulated to the Members on 4 November 2021, and the one of the meeting of 30 November 2021 on 3 December 2021.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

· 25-26 OCTOBER 2021 PV – PE699.245v02-00

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



Discharge hearing with Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner responsible for Agriculture, in the presence of reporting ECA member Nikolaos Milionis

Rapporteur:
Administrators:
Gallego Osuna

[Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)
Kaare Barslev / Fernando

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)

The transactions subject to audit by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in chapter 6 "Natural Resources" of its Annual Report 2020 represent EUR 60.6 bn or approximately 35% of the total budget:

- European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF): market related expenditure and direct payments: EUR 44.2 bn;
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD): EUR 14.6 bn;
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and others EUR 0.9 bn.

The ECA estimates the level of error for "Natural Resources" as a whole to be 2.0%.

ECA's results indicate that the level of error was not material for direct payments, representing 69 % of spending under this MFF heading, and that it was, taken as a whole, material for the spending areas that ECA identified as higher risk (rural development, market measures, fisheries, the environment and climate action), representing 31 % of spending.



In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 19 November 2021. The answers from the Commission were received on 1 December 2021.

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

- the Court of Auditors' 2020 Annual Report,
- the 2020 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 from DG AGRI.

It is proposed that the hearing with the Commissioner Wojciechowski shall proceed as follows:

- Introduction by the reporting ECA Member Nikolaos Milionis, who will present the findings of the respective chapters of the Annual Report 2020 and the Annual Report on performance;
- Commissioner Wojciechowski will make his introductory remarks;
- CONT Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the Court followed by answers using the ping-pong system;
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner.

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

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

6 December 2021, 15.15 – 16.15

5. STUDY ON "IDENTIFYING PATTERNS OF FRAUD WITH EU FUNDS UNDER SHARED MANAGEMENT, SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEMBER STATES"

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Rapporteur: [Ramona Strugariu](#) (Renew)

Administrator: Rita Calatozzolo (Policy Department D)

The European Commission and the EU Member States share the task of fighting frauds that endanger the financial interests of the Union. Cohesion policy is the field where the highest level of fraud is registered, compared to other policies financed by the EU. The management authorities are responsible for the efficient management and implementation of an operational programme financed by the European structural and cohesion funds. A managing authority may be a national ministry, a regional authority, a local council, or another public or private body that has been nominated and approved by a Member State. Managing authorities must conduct their work in line with the principles of sound financial management. For each operational programme, a managing authority must provide the Commission with an annual implementation report by 31 May each year.

A study finalised by the EC in 2019, analyses the problem of fraud in the management of Structural and Investment Funds and sets an action plan to improve Member States performances in fighting fraud.

CSES - represented in the meeting by Jack Malan and Ivan Bosch - has been charged to produce a study on how patterns of fraud related to shared management funds are identified by different Member States. More particularly, the study aims to:

- identify and analyse the principal pattern of frauds perpetrated to the detriment of the EU Funds under shared management (European Structural and Investment Funds) in a variety of Member States;
- check whether there are specific patterns in which fraud is committed and whether the management authorities can prevent this by identifying such patterns early;
- select the good practices of the more successful Member States to early identify these fraud patterns;
- formulate recommendations that could be suggested to the less performing Member States.

The pre-release (distributed to MEPs on 2 December 2021) and relevant documents can be found on the [meeting file](#).

The meeting will be suspended until 16.45

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6 December 2021, 16.45 – 18.15

6. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONT/9/06482 - [2021/2106\(DEC\)](#)



Discharge hearing with Commissioner **Johannes Hahn**, responsible for Budget and Administration in the presence of ECA reporting members **Tony Murphy, Helga Berger, Eva Lindström and François-Roger Cazala**

Rapporteur:
Administrators:
Gallego Osuna

[Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)
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Budgetary and financial management is covered by chapter 2 in the ECA's Annual Report. ECA concludes among other things that for 2020, outstanding commitments continued to rise; they reached €303.2 bn by the end of 2020. One of the main reasons for the high level of outstanding commitments is the gap resulting from the level of commitments being higher than the amount of payments made.

ECA has also concluded that the overall annual absorption rate in 2020, the final year of the last MFF, was the same as in 2013 (15 %), the final year of the previous 2007-2013 MFF. However, the cumulative absorption was around 7 % lower than under the previous MFF.



The total exposure of the EU budget to contingent liabilities – liabilities that depend on a specific future event occurring – increased from €90.5 bn at the end of 2019 to EUR 131.9 bn by the end of 2020, an increase of 46 %. This was almost completely due to the introduction of the European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (the SURE Instrument), which added EUR 39.5 bn of Member States' borrowing to the exposure figure by the end of 2020.

Revenue is covered by chapter 3 in the ECA's Annual Report. ECA concludes that the level of error in revenue was not material, but highlights persistent weaknesses in the effectiveness of control systems at the level of both the Commission and Member States.

Administration is covered by chapter 9 in the ECA's Annual Report. Spending on administration amounted to EUR 10.3 bn in 2019 equivalent of 6.0% of total EU spending. ECA concludes that the overall audit evidence indicates that the level of error in spending on administration was not material.

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

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

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent

to the Commission on 19 November 2021. Answers were received on 1 December 2021.

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

- Introduction by each of the reporting Members of the European Court of Auditors Tony Murphy (AR), Helga Berger (Budgetary & financial management), Eva Lindström (Revenue), and François-Roger Cazala (Performance);
- Commissioner Johannes Hahn will make his opening remarks;
- CONT Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the Court followed by answers using the ping-pong system;
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the Court;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner.

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7. 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, pluralism and the fight against corruption. At the request of the CONT Coordinators Mr Mikuláš Peksa joined the LIBE mission for matters related to CONT's competences and participated in the evaluation of the situation

concerning the rule of law in Slovenia., He will report back to the CONT Committee on the main findings.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETINGS

- 10 January 2022 (tbc)
- 24-25 January 2022 (tbc)

PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)

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