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NOTULEN

Vergadering van 10 januari 2022, 13.45 - 16.15 uur en 16.45 - 18.45 uur

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op maandag 10 januari 2022 om 13.53 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

1. Aanneming van de agenda

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

2. Goedkeuring van de notulen van de vergaderingen van:

8-9 november 2021

PE 700.529v01-00

9 november 2021

PE 700.662v01-00

15 november 2021

PE 700.542v01-00

29-30 november 2021

PE 700.711v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

3. Mededelingen van de voorzitter

4. Gedeeltelijke vervanging van de leden van de Rekenkamer - kandidaat CS

CONT/9/07614

* 2021/0802(NLE) 12535/2021 – C9-0405/2021

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Hoorzitting met Jan Gregor - door de Tsjechische Republiek voorgedragen kandidaat (verlenging van een mandaat)

Besluit: De benoeming ter vervanging wordt goedgekeurd: 29 stemmen voor en 1 tegen, bij 0 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming).

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Gregor (Europese Rekenkamer), Ryszard Czarnecki, Petri Sarvamaa, Maria Grapini, Olivier Chastel, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs, Isabel García Muñoz.

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5. Gedeeltelijke vervanging van de leden van de Rekenkamer - kandidaat LT

CONT/9/07616

* 2021/0804(NLE) 13353/2021 – C9-0407/2021

Rapporteur:

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

Bevoegd:

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- Hoorzitting met Mihails Kozlovs - door Letland voorgedragen kandidaat (verlenging van een mandaat)

Besluit: De benoeming ter vervanging wordt goedgekeurd: 28 stemmen voor en 2 tegen, bij 0 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming).

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Mihails Kozlovs (Europese Rekenkamer), Tomáš Zdechovský, Claudiu Manda, Olivier Chastel, Mikuláš Peksa.

10 januari 2022, 14.45 - 15.30 uur

6. Gedeeltelijke vervanging van de leden van de Rekenkamer - kandidaat SL

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* 2021/0805(NLE) 13355/2021 – C9-0408/2021

Rapporteur:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

Bevoegd:

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- Hoorzitting met Jorg Kristijan Petrovič, door Slovenië voorgedragen kandidaat

Besluit: De benoeming wordt goedgekeurd: 22 stemmen voor en 8 tegen, bij 0 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming).

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Jorg Kristijan Petrovič (kandidaat Europese Rekenkamer), Olivier Chastel, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudiu Manda, Mikuláš Peksa.

10 januari 2022, 15.30 - 16.15 uur

Met gesloten deuren

7. Verslag aan de commissie door CONT-voorzitter en rapporteur voor de Kwijting 2020 - Overige instellingen, over niet-openbaargemaakte antwoorden van de Rekenkamer op vragen van leden van CONT
CONT/9/08046

- Gedachtewisseling

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz, Tomáš Zdechovský, Isabel García Muñoz, Michele Rivasi, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Olivier Chastel.

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8. Gedeeltelijke vervanging van de leden van de Rekenkamer - kandidaat PL
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* 2021/0803(NLE) 13231/2021 – C9-0406/2021

Rapporteur:

Claudiu Manda (S&D)

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Hoorzitting met Marek Opiola - door Polen voorgedragen kandidaat (verlenging mandaat)

Besluit: De benoeming ter vervanging wordt verworpen: 7 stemmen voor en 23 tegen, bij 0 onthoudingen (zie uitslag van de hoofdelijke stemming).

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Marek Opiola (Europese Rekenkamer), Claudiu Manda, Tomáš Zdechovský, Mikuláš Peksa, Pierre Karleskind, Sabrina Pignedoli.

10 januari 2022, 17.15 - 18.45 uur

Met gesloten deuren

9. Evaluatie en stemming

10. Speciaal verslag nr. 26/2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer: Regelmatigheid van uitgaven in het kader van het cohesiebeleid van de EU: de Commissie maakt jaarlijks een minimaal geschat foutenpercentage bekend dat niet definitief is
CONT/9/07901

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Tony Murphy, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Tony Murphy (Europese Rekenkamer), Franck Sébert (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Mikuláš Peksa, Andrei Novakov, Maria Grapini.

11. Rondvraag

12. Volgende vergaderingen

- 24-25 januari 2022 10 februari 2022

De vergadering wordt om 18.42 uur gesloten.

Results of roll-call votes

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4. Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - CZ nominee

29	+
1	-
0	0

5. Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - LV nominee

28	+
2	-
0	0

6. Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors – SL nominee

22	+
8	-
0	0

8. Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - PL nominee

7	+
23	+
0	0

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour
- : against
0 : abstention

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**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
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<p>Monika Hohlmeier, Caterina Chinnici*, Isabel García Muñoz*, Petri Sarvamaa*</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, Ryszard Czarnecki*, Pierre Karleskind*, Joachim Kuhs*, Claudiu Manda*, Sabrina Pignedoli, Michèle Rivasi*, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský</p>
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<p>Maria Grapini, Jeroen Lenaers, Andrey Novakov, Mikuláš Peksa, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel</p>

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<p>216 (3)</p>
<p>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/Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)</p>
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European Cour of Auditors (ECA)	Jan Gregor, Mihails Kozlovs, Marek Opiola, Tony Murphy

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Jorg Kristijan Petrovič

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Evelyn Waldherr, Kaare Barslev, Ana Maria Nogueira, Giulia Bastianello, Anca Balcanu, Ana Aresu
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NEWSLETTER

CONT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 10 JANUARY 2022

13:45 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:45

Room: ANTALL 4Q1 and remote participation with Interactio

Monday, 10 January, 13:45 - 14:15

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda and meeting documents are available in the meeting file.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

The voting session is scheduled for Monday, 10 January 2021, 17.45-18.45.

No comments have been received by the deadline of 7 January noon on the written procedure for Coordinators on the appointment of an OLAF controller of procedural guarantees. If no objection is raised by the end of the meeting today, the Chair will send a letter to the EP President in order to allow the Conference of Presidents to conclude the consultation procedure.

Languages available

FR DE IT EN EL ES CS HU PL RO

[Webstreaming](#)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 8-9 November 2021 PV – PE700.529v01-00
- 9 November 2021 PV – PE700.662v01-00
- 15 November 2021 PV – PE700.542v01-00
- 29-30 November 2021 PV – PE700.711v01-00

4. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - CZECH NOMINEE

CONT/9/07614 - [2021/0802\(NLE\)](#)



Hearing of Jan Gregor, candidate nominated by Czech Republic (renewal of mandate)

Rapporteur:

[Ryszard Czarnecki \(ECR\)](#)

Administrator:

Kaare Barslev

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Petri Sarvaama (EPP)**, **Maria Grapini (S&D)**, **Olivier Chastel (RE)**

The Members of the European Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. In accordance with Article 286(2) TFEU the Council, after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

Appointments to the ECA are submitted to Parliament's plenary on the basis of a report from CONT, which makes its assessment on the basis of the primary law requirement of Article 286(1) TFEU: "*[t]he Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.*"

In Parliament, the procedure is defined in Rule 129 RoP. According to Rule 129 (1), "*[c]andidates nominated as Members of the Court of Auditors shall be invited to make a statement before the committee responsible and to answer questions put by members. The committee shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot.*"



In preparation for the hearing, the candidate has been asked to answer the questionnaire prepared by CONT.

The hearing will take place according to the timetable set out in the draft agenda. 30 minutes for renominations and 45 minutes for new candidates.

The hearings will be structured as follows:

- Opening of the hearing by the Chair;
- The candidate will be invited to make an opening statement (4 minutes for renewals and 6 minutes for new candidates);
- The CONT Rapporteur and shadow-rapporteurs will put questions to the candidate using the ping-pong system;
- Other Members will question the candidate (catch-the-eye if time permits);
- Concluding remarks by the Chair.

After all four hearing have been completed, the committee will hold an evaluation of the candidates in camera and then proceed to vote on the appointment of the candidates.

According to Rule 129 (1), the committee shall vote by secret ballot. Members should indicate for each candidate whether they give a favourable opinion, a negative opinion or abstain.

The format of opinions on candidates for membership of the Court of Auditors is defined in Parliament's resolution of 4 February 2014, which implies that amendments cannot be tabled for this report.

The draft report will be finalised, according to the outcome of the evaluation and the vote in committee. The candidate's CV and the answers to CONT questionnaire are annexed to the report.

The report for plenary will state that Parliament delivers either a favourable or a negative opinion on the appointment of the candidate.

The draft report is available on the CONT website.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in Plenary	Plenary	17-20 January 2022

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5. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - LATVIAN NOMINEE

CONT/9/07616 - [2021/0804\(NLE\)](#)



Hearing of Mihails Kozlovs, candidate nominated by Latvia (renewal of mandate)

Rapporteur: [Tomáš Zdechovský \(EPP\)](#)
Administrator: Kaare Barslev

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Claudiu Manda (S&D), Olivier Chastel (RE)**

For the procedure, please see under agenda item 4.



CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in Plenary	Plenary	17-20 January 2022

Monday, 10 January, 14:45 - 15.30

6. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - SLOVENIAN NOMINEE

CONT/9/ 07617- [2021/0805\(NLE\)](#)



Hearing of Jorg Kristijan Petrovič, candidate nominated by Slovenia

Rapporteur: [Olivier Chastel \(RE\)](#)
Administrator: Kaare Barslev

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Petri Sarvamaa** (EPP), **Claudiu Manda** (S&D)

For the procedure, please see under agenda item 4. Please note that some translation errors were found in the annex 2 of the report (the replies to the questionnaire). The updated English version of the report was made available on 5 January. The other language versions will be available on 10 January.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in Plenary	Plenary	17 - 20 January 2022

Monday, 10 January, 15:30 - 16:15

In camera

7. REPORT BACK TO COMMITTEE BY CONT CHAIR AND RAPPORTEUR FOR DISCHARGE 2020- OTHER INSTITUTIONS ON NON-DISCLOSED REPLIES FROM ECA TO QUESTIONS FROM CONT MEPS

CONT/9/08046

Following the ECA President LEHNE's presentation at the CONT meeting on 30 November 2021, additional written questions were addressed to the Court in the framework of the on-going discharge procedure.

The Court replied to the additional questions on 13 and 14 December 2021. Some of the answers contained personal information which was not circulated to Members.

Today the CONT Chair and the Rapporteur for the Discharge 2020 on the other Institutions report to the Committee on the non-disclosed replies received from ECA.

The item is held in camera.

The meeting will be suspended until 16.45

Monday, 10 January, 16:45 - 17:15

8. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - POLISH NOMINEE

CONT/9/07615 - [2021/0803\(NLE\)](#)



Hearing of Marek Opiola, candidate nominated by Poland (renewal of mandate)

Rapporteur:

[Claudiu Manda \(S&D\)](#)

Administrator:

Kaare Barslev

Shadow Rapporteur:

Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP), Pierre Karleskind (RE)

For the procedure, please see under agenda item 4.



CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in Plenary	Plenary	January 2022

Monday, 10 January, 17:15 - 18:45

In camera

9. EVALUATION, VOTES AND ADOPTION

***** Voting time *****

10. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE - SECRET VOTE

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 17.45 to 18.45, will be announced by the Chair

***** End of vote *****

In parallel to the voting session

11. ECA SPECIAL REPORT [26/2021](#): REGULARITY OF SPENDING IN EU COHESION POLICY: COMMISSION DISCLOSES ANNUALLY A MINIMUM ESTIMATED LEVEL OF ERROR THAT IS NOT FINAL

CONT/9/07901

Rapporteurs: The Greens

Administrator: Diego Rasetti

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Presentation of the special report by ECA Reporting Member Tony Murphy

The European Court of Auditors Special Report focuses on the way the error rate is identified in Cohesion policy, that is both one of the largest parts of the EU budget and a policy area where the risk of irregular expenditure is considered to be high.

The Court examined the work of the Commission on the annual assurance packages of the Member States, which provides the basis for the validation and confirmation of the annual residual error rates reported by the audit authorities. Its analysis encompasses the Commission's reporting in the annual activity reports (AARs) and in the annual management and performance report (AMPR).

- ECA's experience in 4 years of audit on 2014-2020 expenditure indicates univocally that it is not always possible to rely on the Cohesion error rates reported by Member States' audit authorities. Hence, the error rates reported by the Commission's Directorates-General (in their AARs) and by the Commission (as aggregated in the AMPR) are reliable only if the Commission's controls compensate for the limitations of the Member States' audit work;
- The Court's analysis indicates that the deficiencies in the Commission's controls (desk reviews and compliance audit procedures) do not succeed to address the weaknesses of the Member States audits;
- The consequence is that the Directorates-General present the key performance indicators (error rates) as their best estimate of the level of error, but they are indeed not final and represent just a minimum level of error at Directorate-General level and consequently in the annual management and performance report.

The Special Report presents a review of the reservations to the declarations of assurance issued by the competent Commission Directors-General in 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 AARs. It highlights that the error rate detected in the calendar year was always meaningfully increased in the follow up carried out in the following years as a consequence of more Commission's audit work (in 2016/2017 there were 11 OPs included in the AARs reservations to the declarations of assurance, but 49 more, not included in the reservations, were later on identified; in 2017-2018 there were 30 OPs included in the AARs reservations, but 50 more were identified later that were not included in the reservations)

The Courts also points out that relevant safeguard measures are providing a sub-optimal protection to the EU budget (because of the way the net financial corrections are considered by the Commission, or the way the 10% payment retention is designed in the 2014-2020 and in the 2021-2027 regulatory frameworks).

The Commission agrees with some Court's recommendations (on the improvement of the control procedures), maintains that the error rate indicated in the AAR (and in the AMPR) is identified and reported on the basis of all the relevant information available at the time of the signature of the AAR. The Commission highlights that is inherent in the multiannual framework and in the CPR rules the possibility of assessing only at programme closure the regularity of the operations (such as eligibility criteria). Finally, the Commission disagrees on the main recommendation to propose a legislative revision of the rules governing the release of the payment retention (at present possible well before the end of the control cycle).

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