



ACTA

Reunión del 20 de abril de 2022, de las 13.45 a las 18.15 horas,
y del 21 de abril de 2022, de las 9.00 a las 12.30 horas y de las 13.45 a las 15.45 horas

BRUSELAS

La reunión comienza el miércoles 20 de abril de 2022, a las 13.50 horas, bajo la presidencia de Monika Hohlmeier (presidenta).

20 de abril de 2022, de las 13.45 a las 14.45 horas

1. Aprobación del orden del día

Se aprueba el proyecto de orden del día tal como figura en la presente acta.

2. Comunicaciones de la presidencia

La presidenta señala a la atención de los miembros la información recogida en el boletín CONT News.

3. Aprobación de actas de reuniones

- 10 de febrero de 2022 PV – PE729.915v01-00
- 28 de febrero de 2022 PV – PE719.818v01-00

Se aprueban las actas.

*** Turno de votaciones ***

4. Apertura del procedimiento de votación a distancia: primer turno - votación de las enmiendas

5. Informe de ejecución sobre el Mecanismo de Recuperación y Resiliencia

La votación de las enmiendas al punto 5 tiene lugar entre las 13.57 y las 14.45 horas y la votación final entre las 16.58 y las 18.00 horas.

CONT/9/07920
2021/2251(INI)

Ponente de opinión:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PA – PE704.702v01-00

AM – PE729.980v01-00

Fondo:

BUDG, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

PR – PE719.652v01-00

ECON* – (S&D)

AM – PE729.897v01-00

Siegfried Mureşan (PPE)

Dragoş Pîslaru (Renew)

- Aprobación del proyecto de opinión

Decisión: Se aprueba el proyecto de informe por 22 votos a favor, 1 voto en contra y 6 abstenciones (véanse la página de la votación nominal y el resumen de los resultados en el anexo I).

***** Fin del turno de votaciones *****

6. Estudio titulado «Posibles soluciones al fraude del operador desaparecido intracomunitario» (Possible Solutions for Missing Trader Intra-Community Fraud)

CONT/9/08791

- Presentación a cargo del Departamento Temático D

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Jack Malan (Centro de Servicios de Evaluación Estratégica), Ivan Bosch (Centro de Servicios de Evaluación Estratégica), Marie Lamensch (catedrático de investigación de la Universidad Vrije Brussel), James Sweeny (OLAF), Francisco Fernández Monge (Comisión Europea, DG TAXUD), Joachim Kuhs.

20 de abril de 2022, de las 14.45 a las 15.30 horas

***** A puerta cerrada *****

7. Reunión de los coordinadores

Se suspende la reunión a las 15.45 horas y se reanuda a las 16.56 horas.

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20 de abril de 2022, de las 16.45 a las 18.15 horas

***** Turno de votaciones *****

8. Apertura del procedimiento de votación a distancia: segundo turno - votación final

*** *Fin del turno de votaciones* ***

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Con miembros invitados de la Comisión de Asuntos Exteriores (AFET), la Comisión de Presupuestos (BUDG) y la Comisión de Cultura y Educación (CULT)

9. Seguimiento de la cuestión relativa a los libros de texto y a las fichas educativas palestinas en el contexto de procedimientos anteriores de aprobación de la gestión de la Comisión

CONT/9/08796

Ponente:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Intercambio de puntos de vista con el ministro palestino de Educación, la Comisión Europea, y la ONG IMPACT-se

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Marcus Sheff (ONG IMPACT-se), Arik Agassi (ONG IMPACT-se), Henrike Trautmann (Comisión Europea, DG NEAR), Joachim Kuhs, David Lega (CONT), Evin Incir (AFET), Ilana Cicurel (CULT), Manu Pineda (AFET), Niclas Herbst (BUDG), Sabine Verheyen (CULT), Marcos Ros Semin, Maria Arena (AFET), Magrete Auken (DEL Palestino), Bert-Jan Ruissen (AFET), Nacho Sánchez Amor (AFET), Andrea Bocksor (CULT), Andrey Kovatchev (AFET), Lukas Mandl (AFET).

La reunión termina a las 18.20 horas.

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La reunión se reanuda a las 9.02 horas bajo la presidencia de Monika Hohlmeier (presidenta).

21 de abril de 2022, de las 9.00 a las 10.00 horas

10. Renovación parcial de los miembros del Tribunal de Cuentas (2022) - candidato CY

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2022/0802(NLE) 05686/2022 – C9-0042/2022

Ponente:

Luke Ming Flanagan (The Left)

PR – PE719.763v01-00

Fondo:

CONT

- Audiencia de Lefteris Christoforou, candidato propuesto por Chipre

Decisión: Se aprueba la propuesta de candidatura por 25 votos a favor, 1 voto en contra y 2 abstenciones.

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Lefteris Christoforou (candidato del TCE), Luke Ming Flanagan, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudiu Manda, Olivier Chastel, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs.

21 de abril de 2022, de las 10.00 a las 11.00 horas

11. Renovación parcial de los miembros del Tribunal de Cuentas (2022) - candidato

MT

CONT/9/08370

2022/0803(NLE) 05846/2022 – C9-0043/2022

Ponente:

Angelika Winzig (PPE)

PR – PE719.764v02-00

Fondo:

CONT

- Audiencia de George Marius Hyzler, candidato propuesto por Malta

Decisión: Se aprueba la propuesta de candidatura por 25 votos a favor, 2 en contra y 1 abstención.

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, George Marius Hyzler (candidato del TCE), Angelika Winzig, Claudiu Manda, Gilles Boyer, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs.

21 de abril de 2022, de las 11.00 a las 11.30 horas

***** A puerta cerrada *****

12. Evaluación y votaciones

***** Turno de votaciones *****

13. Comienzo del procedimiento de votación a distancia — votación secreta

La votación sobre el punto 13 tiene lugar entre las 11.33 y las 12.30 horas.

La comisión emite dictamen favorable respecto a la propuesta del Consejo de nombramiento de Lefteris Christoforou como miembro del Tribunal de Cuentas.

La comisión emite dictamen favorable respecto a la propuesta del Consejo de nombramiento de George Marius Hyzler como miembro del Tribunal de Cuentas.

***** Fin del turno de votaciones *****

La reunión se suspende a las 11.30 horas.

La reunión se reanuda a las 13.48 horas.

21 de abril de 2022, de las 13.45 a las 15.45 horas

14. Audiencia pública sobre el apoyo técnico prestado a los Estados miembros de la UE

CONT/9/08795

- Véase el proyecto de orden del día correspondiente

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Nathalie Berger (Comisión Europea, DG REFORM), Eulalia Rubio (investigadora principal, Instituto Jacques Delors), Carissa Munro (División de Integridad del Sector Público, Organización de Cooperación y Desarrollo Económicos), Petri Sarvamaa, Normunds Popened (Comisión Europea, DG REGIO), Ann-Kerstin Myleus (Comisión Europea, DG REGIO), Martin Weber (Tribunal de Cuentas Europeo).

15. Asuntos varios

16. Próximas reuniones

- 11-12 de mayo de 2022
- 15-16 de junio de 2022

La reunión termina a las 16.03 horas.

Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

5. Implementation report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility

5.1. Final vote

22	+
PPE	José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Claudiu Manda, Sándor Rónai, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

1	-
NI	Mislav Kolakušić

6	0
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Elżbieta Rafalska
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs
PPE	Markus Pieper

10. Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2022) - CY nominee

10.1. Single vote – Cypriot candidate Lefteris CHRISTOFOROU (Secret vote)

25	+
1	-
2	0

11. **Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2022) - MT nominee**

11.1. Single vote – Maltese candidate George Marius HYZLER (Secret vote)

25	+
2	-
1	0

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Monika Hohlmeier, Caterina Chinnici , Isabel García Muñoz, Gilles Boyer
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Olivier Chastel (1), Lefteris Christoforou, Luke Ming Flanagan (2), Mislav Kolakušić, Joachim Kuhs, Claudiu Manda, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig
Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Zamjenici/ Supplenti/Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantysnariai/Pötagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/ Namestniki/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter
Niclas Herbst (1), David Lega, Mikuláš Peksa (2), Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel (1)

209 (7)
216 (3)
56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/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)
Nacho Sánchez Amor, Maria Arena, Margrete Auken, Andrea Bocskor, Ilana Cicurel, Niclas Herbst, Evin Incir, Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl, Manu Pineda, Marcos Ros Sempere, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Sabine Verheyen
Item 9

Присъствал на/Presente el/Přítomný dne/Til stede den/Anwesend am/Viibis(id) kohal/Παρόν στις/Present on/Présent le/Nazočni
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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 20.4.2022
(2) 21.4.2022

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Arik Agassi, Marwan Awartani, Ivan Bosch, George Marius Hyzler, Marie Lamensch, Jack Malan, Carissa Munro, Eulalia Rubio, Marcus Sheff,

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

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Kaare Barslev, Giulia Bastianello, Caterina Benincasa, Fernando Gallego-Osuna, Benoit Lefort, Valerie Nevers, Paulus Johannes Stander, Kristyna Zavrelova
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22	Amendments adopted
7, 8, CA 2, 15, CA 4, 20, CA 5, CA 6, CA 7, CA 8, CA 9, 49, CA 10, CA 11, CA 12, 62 Part 1, 62 Part 2, CA 13, CA 14, CA 15, CA 16, CA 1	
3	Amendments rejected
13, 16, 62 Part 3	
68	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 39, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 23, 74, 75, 76, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday 20 April 2022

14.45-15.30

Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting

(3G3)

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Coordinators: EPP: Petri SARVAMAA
S&D: Claudiu MANDA
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
Greens: Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel (Deputy Coordinator)
ID: Joachim KUHS
ECR: -
The Left: - (Luke Ming Flanagan had sent a written contribution)

Items for decision

1. Screening of ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
ECA's Special Report 06/2022	EU intellectual property rights: protection not fully waterproof	26 April at 17:00	Renew	To propose to JURI for joint presentation

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposal from the Secretariat/the Chair.

2. Future working methods in committees after the expiry of the transition period on 12 June 2022.

At the CCC meeting on 5 April, the CCC Chair, Bernd Lange, announced his intention to invite the CCC Members for an away day on 3 May with a view to discussing the future working methods in committees after the expiry of the transition period on 12 June 2022. Committee Chairs were invited to discuss the issue with their Coordinators before the away day.

Decision:

Coordinators unanimously spoke in favour of maintaining the remote working conditions as much as practically possible. Among the concrete elements of the work in Committee where continued remote working should be possible were mentioned:

- There was broad support for maintaining the possibility of remote voting;
- Remote participation in meetings like the Coordinators meeting;
- Remote participation for experts in hearings and workshops;
- As a "rule of thumb" it was suggested by several that 75 % of the workload in the Committee should be physical and 25 % could be remote.

3. Requests from the LIBE committee to participate in activities of the CONT committee

The LIBE Chair has sent a message to the CCC requesting to participate in the following CONT events:

1. "Public hearing with authorities of Member States on the financial support for the treatment and accompanying of Ukrainian refugees", requested for the second semester 2022.
2. CONT missions to Europol (on the EU-wide Operation Sentinel targeting fraud against

COVID-19 EU recovery funds, in week 44) and to Poland on the protection of the EU budget via the Rule of Law related budget conditionality mechanism (in week 29). In a spirit of constructive cooperation, the Secretariat would propose to invite LIBE, and possibly also BUDG Members to the public hearing, while leaving the organisation in the hands of the CONT Secretariat and to invite LIBE to participate with one of their Members in each of the two missions.

Decision:

Coordinators decided to approve the proposals from the Secretariat.

4. Public remote hearing on “Instruments and tools at EU level and developed at Member States’ level to prevent and tackle fraud - ARACHNE”

Decision:

Coordinators approved the programme of the public hearing in *Annex II*

Items for information

5. Joint letter by CONT and BUDG Chairs to President Metsola about the Voluntary Pension Fund (VPF) - see Annex III

6. State of play of appointments on CONT files

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

7. Documents received for information - see Annex IV

8. Any other business

The Chair mentioned the agenda item later the same day on the follow up on the Palestinian text books and study cards. The Palestinian Minister for Education had been invited and he had initially accepted the invitation. Afterwards the Secretariat was informed that the minister did not find it appropriate for him to participate together with an NGO. In order to accommodate the complaints from the minister the Secretariat, in agreement with the Chair, offered to split the agenda item in two parts with the NGO in one part and the minister in the other part and offering the minister to decide, which part he would prefer. It was also offered to the minister that he could designate another representative to substitute him, which could be a high ranking official or the Palestinian ambassador to the EU. Finally, the Secretariat was informed by the ambassador that the minister due to the generally worsened situation between Israel and Palestine would not participate in the meeting and the other suggestions were also not accepted. The Greens asked on that background for the agenda item to be cancelled. S&D had earlier the same day sent an email with the same request but this was not repeated at Coordinators meeting.

9. *Date of next Coordinators' meeting*

- 11-12 May 2022

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

09:00 – 12:00 and 13:45 - 15:30 and 16:45 - 18:15

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

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 09:00 – 11:00

- 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

Languages available (due to the limitations of DG LINC, not all requested languages have been granted)

Interpretation for the joint meeting was requested in the following languages:

DE EN FR IT EL ES PT CS HU PL RO HR

Webstreaming

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

Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of the Coordinators' recommendations of the meeting on 20 April 2022 was circulated to the Members on 27 April 2022.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 14-15 MARCH 2022 PV – PE730.145 v01-00
- 31 MARCH 2022 PV – PE731.572 v01-00

*** VOTING TIME ***

4. OPENING OF THE REMOTE VOTING PROCEDURE: FIRST ROUND - VOTE ON AMENDMENTS

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 09:00 to 10:00, will be announced by the Chair.

5. PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS - COMBATING FRAUD - ANNUAL REPORT 2020

CONT/9/07782

[2021/2234\(INI\)](#)



Option of the draft report

CONT Rapporteur: [Katalin Cseh](#) (Renew)

Administrator: Giulia Bastianello

Shadow rapporteurs:

Petri Sarvamaa (EPP), **Caterina Chinnici** (S&D), **Mikulas Peksa** (Greens), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

As every year, the CONT Committee decided to draw up an own-initiative report on the state of the Protection of the EU Financial Interests. The report is based, among other sources, on the Commission's 32nd annual PIF report 2020 that was presented before the Committee on 14 October 2021 by the OLAF Director-General, Mr Itälä,

The rapporteur for the own-initiative report, Ms Cseh presented her draft report during the CONT meeting of 31 March 2022.

Following that, 104 Amendments were tabled to the draft report. The rapporteur, together with the shadow rapporteurs, has worked on and proposed 24 compromise amendments, which have been integrated in the voting list and will be put to the vote.

Amongst the amendments tabled, some concern the level of protection of the EU funds for development cooperation and recommendations for the new Neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and the pre-accession assistance, calls for digitalisation and comparability of data and data systems, the mandatory use of Arachne, the assessment of NAFS adopted by Member States or calls for their adoption to Member States that still have to adopt one, OLAF's cooperation with other EU bodies and especially with EPPO, the Operation Sentinel, and the Rule of law conditionality mechanism.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote	Plenary	July 1 2022

6. CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - ANNUAL REPORT 2020

CONT/9/07784

[2021/2235\(INI\)](#)



ption of the draft report

CONT Rapporteur: [Corina Crețu](#) (Renew)

Administrator: Diego Rasetti

Shadows rapporteurs:

Angelika Winzig (EPP), **Alin Mituta** (Renew), **Viola von Cramon Taubadel** (Greens), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

The European Investment Bank is the biggest multilateral financial institution in the world and a major actor in the implementation of several Union's policies.

The draft report presented on 31 March 2022 looked into the 2020 annual records of EIB's funding activities, the main priorities of its investment policy and the sustainability of its business model with specific focus on Covid-19 pandemic outbreak related actions: the initial draft report considered the role of the EIB's financing actions, acknowledging that the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic deepened the structural differences across Member States, making the EIB's statutory mission to support cohesion all the more necessary. In the meantime, due consideration was paid to the Bank's position as largest multilateral financer of climate actions.

Following the presentation of the draft report, 73 amendments were tabled covering several topics, amongst them on the Bank's role in supporting key policy areas, on the environmental and social sustainability framework and the endorsement of human rights principles, on transparency and gender balance and the need for a stronger scrutiny by the ECA on EIB operations.

On the ground of the tabled amendments, four compromise amendments are proposed by the Rapporteur.

Against this scenario and an overall positive assessment acknowledging the multiplicity and complexity of the activities performed by the EIB, the resulting draft report maintains its focus on the importance of ethics, integrity, accountability and transparency of the EIB corporate governance and activities.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote in Plenary	Plenary	July 2022 I

7. ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY FOR ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM AND AMENDING REGULATIONS (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) 1094/2010, (EU) 1095/2010

CONT/9/07464

[2021/0240\(COD\)](#)



Adoption of a draft opinion

Joint Committees Responsables:

ECON: **Emil Radev** (EPP)
LIBE: **Luis**

Radicano (Renew)

Committees for opinions: (EPP)

BUDG: **Niclas Herbst**

Scholz (The Left)

AFCO: **Helmut**

CONT Rapporteur: [José Manuel Fernandes](#) (PPE)

Administrator: Fernando Gallego Osuna

Shadows rapporteurs in CONT: **Caterina Chinnici** (S&D), **Gilles Boyer** (Renew), **Mikulás Peksa** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID)

In his draft opinion to ECON and LIBE on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism, Mr Fernandes has leveraged the experience of the CONT Committee focusing on the shortcomings already identified by the Court of Auditors and the European Banking Authority.

The rapporteur reiterates his call to improve the transparency and governance of the Authority, including an enhanced role for Europol, OLAF and EPPO. He also includes suggestions to reinforce the role of financial intelligence units, including on the overall training and assistance provided by the Authority. Finally, there are also suggestions related to the role of ECA, as well as on the discharge procedure.

CONT Members tabled 113 amendments, and the rapporteur proposed 5 compromise amendments, covering topics such as the governance structure of the new authority, enhanced cooperation with EPPO, EDPS, and the FRA, or whistleblowing and confidentiality protocols.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Adoption in ECON/LIBE	ECON/LIBE Committees	End June 2022

***** END OF VOTE *****

IN PARALLEL TO THE VOTING SESSION

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 09:00 – 11:00

8. WORKSHOP ON "SINGLE AUDIT APPROACH - ROOT CAUSES OF THE WEAKNESSES IN THE WORK OF THE MEMBER STATES MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT AUTHORITIES"

CONT/9/08895



CONT will hold a workshop on the Single Audit Approach

CONT Rapporteur: [Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Rita Calatuzzolo (Policy Department D)

Members will listen to the presentation of the final study on *Single Audit Approach - Root Causes of the Weaknesses in the Work of the Member States' Managing and Audit Authorities* by its authors, Jack Malan and Marta di Mauro, from the Center for Strategy and Evaluation Services (CSES).

The objectives of the study are:

- to gain a comprehensive insight into the causes of the problems the national authorities face in implementing the European Union budget;
- to assess the quality and reliability of the authorities' work, their independence, specific weaknesses in the management and control systems, their cooperation with relevant actors (among others other national authorities, national supreme audit authorities, ECA, Commission, OLAF) and the respect for European and international applicable standards (e.g. auditing standards).

The final objective of the study is to indicate how to improve the reliability of the audit work of national authorities so that no serious deficiencies remain uncovered or uncorrected by the Member States when submitting the accounts, and that the Commission can rely on the assurance packages.

The workshop programme also foresees the participation of representatives of audit authorities from two Member States - Italy and Spain – that will contribute with their presentations to provide information about the perspective of a single audit approach in their countries.

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 11:00 - 12:00

***** In Camera*****



9. COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 13:45 - 14:30

*** VOTING TIME ***

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

The precise opening and closing times of the votes, provisionally set from 13:45 to 14:45, will be announced by the Chair.

*** END OF VOTE ***

IN PARALLEL TO THE VOTING SESSION

11. THE CONTROL OF EUROPEAN FUNDS IN LEBANON

CONT/9/07470

[2021/2198\(INI\)](#)



Adoption of a draft opinion

Committee Responsible:
(ID)

AFET: **Thierry Mariani**

Committee for opinion:
[Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)

CONT Rapporteur:

Ana Maria Nogueira

Administrator:

Shadows rapporteurs in CONT: Arnaud Danjean (EPP), **Claudiu Manda** (S&D), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

Lebanon is currently hosting 1.5 million Syrian refugees – the highest refugee-population ratio globally – without sustainable solutions in sight.

In addition, the country is suffering from political and socio-economic instability, worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resource scarcity and public service collapse have led to an unprecedented crisis with severe humanitarian consequences and growing community tensions. Since 2011, the EU has allocated almost €742 million in humanitarian aid to respond to urgent needs in Lebanon.

The Rapporteur calls on the Lebanese Government to engage constructively with the EU in delivering the structural and sectoral reforms required to unlock further EU financial assistance and strengthen trade relations, on the condition that tangible progress is made on necessary reforms. On the latter, the Rapporteur recalls that the EU, the World Bank and the UN have already demanded the enactment of an anti-corruption strategy that effectively combats fraud, secures efficient audit of public accounts, strengthens the capacity of the Court of Accounts and dismantles corrupt practices within all branches of government.

Providing Lebanon with assistance continues to be a priority under the EU's new external funding instrument adopted in 2021, the seven-year, €79 billion 'Global Europe' Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (Global Europe Instrument). Multi-annual programming for Lebanon under the Global Europe Instrument is focused on funding to build a sustainable state, able to meet the citizens' needs, reinforcing the economy and ensuring security and stability, including in the region.

Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft opinion	CONT Committee	11 May 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT Committee	16 May 2022, 14:00 hrs
Adoption in CONT	CONT Committee	15-16 June 2022
Vote in Responsible Committee	AFET Committee	13-14 July 2022

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 14:30 - 15:45

12. STUDY ON "PRACTICES ON THE SIDE-EARNINGS OF EU PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS AND FUNCTIONARIES"

CONT/9/08891



Presentation by the authors of the study, Jack Malan, Marta Dimauro and Giorgio Cacciaguerra Ranghieri, Centre for Strategy and Evaluation Services (CSEC)

CONT Rapporteur: [Daniel Freund](#) (Greens)

Administrator: Benoit Lefort

While the EU institutions have different rules and procedures in place for side-activities of public office-holders (Members of the EU Institutions, such as MEPs, Commissioners, Judges, Members of ECA, etc.), the EU officials of all institutions fall under the same staff regulations in order to exclude any conflictual situation. Implementing rules and practices, however, may be different between institutions or even within an institution. With regard to both EU office-holders and officials employed in the EU institutions and their current level of remuneration, which should safeguard their independence and impartiality, questions have been raised in the public whether office-holders and officials should be permitted to undertake side-activities causing potential conflicts of interests, especially if they are of a gainful nature and resulting in side-earnings.

Side-earnings can stem from a variety of activities, such as lecturing at universities or academies, publishing and speaking engagements, consulting and supervising, or sitting in boards or advisory bodies of enterprises or associations, some of which may be related to the content of the main occupation and thus raise legitimate concerns about potential conflicts of interests. Conversely, they can be completely unrelated to the main profession and thus irrelevant for potential conflicts of interests, such as: arts, sports, handicraft, small trade, etc. Within a wider context, side-activities, gainful or not, during a main job can also be seen as an entry for a future professional activity after the end of a current appointment. This can help provide up-to-date skills and knowledge of a profession whilst ensuring familiarity with the latest technical developments. However, side-activities can also constitute a potential risk for conflicts of interest when making friends or even concessions in the current job with a view to future employment options, the concerns being linked to the "revolving doors" phenomenon.

In its special report no. 3/19 on the ethical frameworks (of the other EU institutions), the European Court of Auditors spotted some "scope for improvement"¹. The European Parliament resolution on "Strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU institutions by setting up an independent EU ethics body"² proposed the conclusion of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA) based on Article 295 TFEU to set up an independent EU ethics body for Parliament and the Commission and open to the participation of all EU institutions, agencies and bodies.

The CONT committee has requested the study on the side-earnings of public office holders and functionaries which should compare rules and practices between EU institutions, Member States and other countries and international organisations. The study found significant differences in the rules being applied in the various EU Institutions and Member States. It highlights a number of good practices and the possible implications for the proposed EU ethics body."

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 16:45 - 18:15

¹ see: https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR19_13/SR_ethical_frameworks_EN.pdf

² see: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0396_EN.html

13. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 6/2022 - EU INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: PROTECTION NOT FULLY WATERPROOF

CONT/9/08897



Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

CONT Rapporteur:
Administrator:
Osuna

[Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)
Fernando Gallego

Intellectual property rights (IPR) play a vital part in the EU's economy. IPR-intensive industries generate almost 45 % of the EU's gross domestic product, worth 6.6 trillion euros and 29 % of employment. The European Commission and other EU bodies work with Member State authorities to ensure IPR protection, a key factor in the success of the Single Market.

This audit assessed the protection of EU trademarks, designs and geographical indications within the Single Market from 2017 to 2021. The Court's overall conclusion is that the EU framework for the protection of intellectual property rights is generally solid and robust, though there are still shortcomings.

The Court found that the legislation on EU designs is incomplete and outdated and there are shortcomings in the legislation on geographical indications. There is no clear methodology to determine EU fees for trademarks and designs. Furthermore, Member States did not uniformly implement the Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Directive and there are weaknesses in the implementation of customs enforcement controls.

Concerning the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the Court concluded that there are weaknesses in its accountability framework and in its financing, control and evaluation systems. The Court remarks that as a fully self-financed agency, the EUIPO is excluded from European Parliamentary discharge, which instead is granted by its own Budget Committee.

The Court has expressed special concerns about EUIPO's discharge procedure also in the past. In this Special Report they reiterate their proposal that EUIPO should be subject to the general budgetary and discharge procedure before the European Parliament, rather than before its own Budget Committee, on the basis that its revenue stands from the exercise of public authority based on EU law. The Court has consistently stated that the same principles of accountability should be applied to all EU-related bodies.

Wednesday 11 May 2022, 18:15 - 18:45

14. CONT MISSION TO BULGARIA (11-13 APRIL 2022)

CONT/9/08526



Exchange of views on mission report and discussion on follow-up

Chair of the mission:
(EPP)

[Thomáš Zdechovský](#)

Administrator:

Ana Maria Nogueira

The mission was intended as the follow up on CONT's discussions on the allegations of corruption and misuse of public funds in Bulgaria potentially affecting EU financing interests.

More specifically, Members wished to:

- have an overview into the administration of EU funds under shared management in the country;
- ensure more transparency and openness of EU spending process;
- explore ways to increase transparency in the spending of EU funds.

Seven CONT members participated in the mission - Chair of the delegation, Mr Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ, Ms Tsvetelina PENKOVA, Ms Sophia IN 'T VELD, Ms Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL, Mr Joachim KUHS, Mr Ryszard CZARNECKI and Mr Andrey NOVAKOV.

The CONT Members met with the Prime Minister, civil society organisations and investigative journalists, as well as with the Bulgarian audit authority and officials of the managing and monitoring authorities of EU funds.

The delegation also met with government officials involved in the administration, management and control of EU funds, the Bulgarian prosecutor general as well as with parliamentarians from the Corruption Prevention Committee of the National Assembly.

Members recognised the efforts by the actual Government to tackle corruption in its various practises, but concluded that more needs to be done to bring real changes to the Bulgarian judiciary and prosecution systems in order to improve investigations into possible abuse of EU funds and corruption. Furthermore, they called for increased transparency and analysis of EU funded projects and continuous and effective fight against corruption in Bulgaria.

The CONT mission raised a big interest in the media. The well attended - in both physic presence and on-line (10 journalists on-line) - [press conference](#) held at the end of the programme is the proof of that interest as well the number of articles in the written press.

Link to the press conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5REOYAm0NA>

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. NEXT MEETINGS

- 15-16 June 2022 (Brussels)
- 13-14 July 2022 (Brussels)

PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)

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

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Study "The European Commission's use of consultants in preparing legislation"

Study "Different Practices on Side-Earnings of the Public Office-Holders and Functionaries"

Study "Single Audit approach - root causes of the weaknesses in the work of the Member States' management and audit authorities"

Briefing "The Early-detection and exclusion system"

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Workshop Proceedings "The EU borrowing strategy for NGEU: design, challenges and opportunities"

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