



# PROTOKOLAS

2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 9.00–12.00 val., 13.45–15.45 val. ir 16.45–18.45 val. posėdis

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Posėdis pradėtas 2022 m. gegužės 11 d., trečiadienį, 9.05 val. pirmininkaujant komiteto pirmininkei Monikai Hohlmeier.

2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 9.00–11.00 val.

**1. Darbotvarkės tvirtinimas**

Patvirtinta šiame protokole pateikiama darbotvarkė.

**2. Pirmininkės pranešimai**

Pirmininkė atkreipė Parlamento narių dėmesį į naujienlaiškyje „CONT News“ paskelbtą informaciją.

**3. Posėdžių protokolų tvirtinimas**

- 2022 m. kovo 14–15 d. PV – PE730.145v01-00
- 2022 m. kovo 31 d. PV – PE731.572v01-00

Protokolai patvirtinti.

\*\*\* *Nuotolinis balsavimas* \*\*\*

**4. Nuotolinio balsavimo procedūros pradžia: pirmasis balsavimas – pakeitimai**

**5. Europos Sąjungos finansinių interesų apsauga. Kova su sukčiavimu. Metinė**

**2020 m. ataskaita**

Balsavimas dėl 5 punkto pakeitimų vyko 9.10–10.12 val., o galutinis balsavimas vyko 13.48–14.46 val.

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2021/2234(INI)

Pranešėja:

Katalin Cseh (Renew)

PR – PE704.701v01-00  
AM – PE731.505v01-00

Atsakingas komitetas:

CONT

Nuomonę teikiantis komitetas:

EMPL Sprendimas: nuomonės neteikti

- Pranešimo projekto tvirtinimas

**Sprendimas:** pranešimo projektas patvirtintas: 24 nariai balsavo už, 1 – prieš ir 4 susilaikė (žr. vardinio balsavimo puslapį ir rezultatų santrauką I priede).

**6. 2020 m. metinis pranešimas dėl Europos investicijų banko finansinės veiklos kontrolės**

Balsavimas dėl 6 punkto pakeitimų vyko 9.10–10.12 val., o galutinis balsavimas vyko 13.48–14.46 val.

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2021/2235(INI)

Pranešėja:

Corina Crețu (S&D)

PR – PE704.684v01-00  
AM – PE731.527v01-00

Atsakingas komitetas:

CONT

- Pranešimo projekto tvirtinimas

**Sprendimas:** pranešimo projektas patvirtintas: 23 nariai balsavo už, 3 – prieš ir 3 susilaikė (žr. vardinio balsavimo puslapį ir rezultatų santrauką I priede).

**7. Kovos su pinigų plovimu ir terorizmo finansavimu institucijos steigimas ir iš dalies keičiami reglamentai (EU) Nr. 1093/2010, (EU) 1094/2010, (EU) 1095/2010**

Balsavimas dėl 7 punkto pakeitimų vyko 9.10–10.12 val., o galutinis balsavimas vyko 13.48–14.46 val.

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\*\*\*I 2021/0240(COD) COM(2021)0421 – C9-0340/2021

Nuomonės referentas:

José Manuel Fernandes (PPE)

PA – PE719.717v01-00

AM – PE731.546v01-00

Atsakingi komitetai:

ECON, LIBE Luis Garicano (Renew)

PR – PE731.820v01-00

– Emil Radev (PPE)

- Nuomonės projekto tvirtinimas

**Sprendimas:** nuomonės projektas patvirtintas: 26 nariai balsavo už, 2 – prieš ir 1 susilaikė (žr. vardinio balsavimo puslapį ir rezultatų santrauką I priede).

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, José Manuel Fernandes.

**\*\*\* Balsavimo pabaiga \*\*\***

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*Vykstant balsavimui*

**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 9.00–11.00 val.**

**8. Praktinis seminaras „Vieno bendro audito principas. Pagrindinės valstybių narių valdymo ir audito institucijų darbo trūkumų priežastys“**

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Pranešėja:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Biudžeto reikalų teminio skyriaus (D teminio skyriaus) atstovo pranešimas

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, Jack Malan (Strategijos ir vertinimo paslaugų centras (CSES)), Marta Dimauro (CSES), Christina Borchmann, (Europos Komisijos AGRI GD), Franck Sébert (Europos Komisijos REGIO GD), Isabel García Muñoz, Joachim Kuhs, Luke Ming Flanagan, Friedemann Zippel (Europos Audito Rūmai), Filippo Cangemi (Italijos ekonomikos ir finansų ministerija), Félix Cabrero (Ispanijos žemės ūkio ministerija), Jan Olbrycht, Lothar Kuhl (Europos Komisijos REGIO GD).

**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 11.00–12.00 val.**

**\*\*\* Uždaras \*\*\***

**9. Koordinatorių posėdis**

Posėdis sustabdytas 12.00 val.

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Posėdis atnaujintas 13.47 val. pirmininkaujant komiteto pirmininkei Monikai Hohlmeier.

**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 13.45–14.30 val.**

\*\*\* *Nuotolinis balsavimas* \*\*\*

**10. Nuotolinio balsavimo procedūros pradžia: antrasis balsavimas – galutinis balsavimas**

\*\*\* *Balsavimo pabaiga* \*\*\*

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*Vykstant balsavimui*

**11. Europos lėšų kontrolė Libane**  
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2021/2198(INI)

Nuomonės referentas:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

PA – PE729.863v02-00

Atsakingas komitetas:

AFET\* – Thierry Mariani (ID)

PR – PE703.182v01-00

- Nuomonės projekto svarstymas

**Sprendimas:** atšaukta.

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, Olivier Chastel, Arnaud Danjean, Claudiu Manda, Claudia Miller (Europos Komisijos NEAR GD).

Posėdis sustabdytas 13.55 val. ir atnaujintas 14.31 val.

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**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 14.30–15.45 val.**

**12. Tyrimas „ES viešojo administravimo pareigas einančių asmenų ir pareigūnų su papildomomis pajamomis susijusi praktika“**

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- Biudžeto reikalų teminio skyriaus (D teminio skyriaus) atstovo pranešimas

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, Jack Malan (CSES), Marta Dimauro (CSES), Giorgio Cacciaguerra Ranghieri (CSES), Daniel Freund, Ekaterini Despotopoulou (Europos Parlamento Personalo direktoratas), Christian Linder (Europos Komisijos generalinis sekretoriatas).

Posėdis sustabdytas 15.45 val.

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Posėdis atnaujintas 16.51 val.

**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 16.45–18.15 val.**

***Bendras darbotvarkės punktas su Teisės reikalų (JURI) komitetu***

**13. Europos Audito Rūmų specialioji ataskaita Nr. 6/2022 „ES intelektinės nuosavybės teisės. Apsauga nėra visiškai patikima“  
CONT/9/08897**

Pranešėjas:

Olivier Chastel (Renew)

DT – PE731.803v01-00

- Specialiąją ataskaitą pristato ataskaitą teikianti Europos Audito Rūmų narė Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, Marion Walsmann (JURI), Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz (ataskaitą teikianti Europos Audito Rūmų narė), Kamil Kiljanski (Europos Komisijos Vidaus rinkos ir pramonės GD), Christian Archambeau (Europos Sąjungos intelektinės nuosavybės tarnybos (EUIPO) vykdomasis direktorius), Olivier Chastel, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Raffaele Stancanelli, Ibán García Del Blanco, Valerie Ledure (Europos Komisijos TAXUD GD), Jacky Marteau (Europos Komisija, OLAF), Branka Tome (Europos Komisijos AGRI GD).

Posėdis sustabdytas 18.05 val. ir atnaujintas 18.15 val.

**2022 m. gegužės 11 d. 18.15–18.45 val.**

**14. CONT komiteto komandiruotė į Bulgariją (2022 m. balandžio 11–13 d.)  
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- Keitimasis nuomonėmis dėl komandiruotės ataskaitos ir diskusija dėl tolesnių veiksmų

**Sprendimas:** ataskaita komitetui.

**Kalbėjo:** Monika Hohlmeier, Andrey Novakov, Dinos Alevizopoulos (Europos Komisijos REGIO GD), Tsvetelina Penkova, Sophia in 't Veld, Joachim Kuhs.

**15. Kiti klausimai**

**16. Kiti posėdžiai**

- 2022 m. birželio 15–16 d.

- 2022 m. liepos 13–14 d.

Posēdis baigtas 18.49 val.

## Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

## 1. Protection of the European Union's financial interests - combating fraud - annual report 2020

### 1.1. Final vote

24	+
NI	Mislav Kolakušić
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Olbrycht, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
RENEW	Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, Alin Mituța
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil, Claudiu Manda, Sándor Rónai, Lara Wolters
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan, Younous Omarjee
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Michèle Rivasi, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

1	-
ID	Jean-François Jalkh

4	0
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Joachim Kuhs

## 2. Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank - annual report 2020

### 2.1. Final vote

23	+
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Olbrycht, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, 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, Michèle Rivasi, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

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ID	Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs
NI	Mislav Kolakušić

<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko
ID	Matteo Adinolfi

### 3. 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

#### 3.1. Final vote

<b>26</b>	<b>+</b>
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko
ID	Matteo Adinolfi
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Olbrycht, Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Angelika Winzig, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, 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, Michèle Rivasi, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
ID	Jean-François Jalkh
NI	Mislav Kolakušić

<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
ID	Joachim Kuhs

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/  
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/  
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/POPIS NAZOČNIH/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRŠ/DALYVIŲ SAŖAŠAS/  
JELENLÉTI ÍV/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/Prezydium/Birou/Predsednictvo/Predsedstvo/Puheenjohtajisto/Presidiet (*)</p>
<p>Monika Hohlmeier, Isabel García Muñoz(1VP), Caterina Chinnici*(2VP), Tomáš Zdechovský (4VP),</p>
<p>Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Βουλευτές/Members/Députés/Zastupnici/Deputati/Deputāti/ Nariai/Képviselők/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter</p>
<p>Olivier Chastel, Corina Crețu, Lefteris.Christoforou*, José Manuel Fernandes, Daniel Freund, Mislav Kolakušić*, Claudiu Manda, Jan Olbrycht, Petri Sarvamaa</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>Arnaud Danjean, Sophia in 't Veld, Andrey Novakov, Mikuláš Peksa, Tsvetelina Penkova, Sabrina Pignedoli*</p>

(\*) remote participation

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/Darbotvarkės 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)	
Daniel Buda (JURI), Ibán García Del Blanco (JURI), Gilles Lebreton (JURI), Raffaele Stancanelli (JURI), Marion Walsmann (JURI),	13

<p>Наблюдатели/Observadores/Pozorovatelé/Observatører/Beobachter/Vaatlejad/Παρατηρητές/Observers/Observateurs/Promatrači/ Osservatori/Novērotāji/Stebētāji/Megfigyelők/Osservatori/Waarnemers/Obserwatorzy/Observadores/Observatori/Pozorovatelia/ Opazovalci/Tarkkailijat/Observatörer</p>

По покана на председателя/ Por invitación del presidente/ Na pozvání předsedy/ Efter indbydelse fra formanden/ Auf Einladung des Vorsitzenden/ Esimehe 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

Jack Malan (CSES), Marta Dimauro (CSES), Giorgio Cacciaguerra Ranghieri (CSES), Filippo Cangemi (Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance), Félix Cabrero (Spanish Ministry of Agriculture)

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 (\*)

Claudia Miller (European Commission, DG NEAR), Franck Sébert (European Commission, DG REGIO), Christina Borchmann, (European Commission, DG AGRI), Christian Linder (European Commission, Secretariat General), Lothar Kuhl (European Commission, DG REGIO), Kamil Kiljanski (European Commission, DG Internal Market and Industry), Valerie Ledure (European Commission, DG TAXUD), Jacky Marteau (European Commission, OLAF), Branka Tome (European Commission, DG AGRI)

Други институции и органи/ Otras instituciones y organismos/ Ostatni orgány a institute/ 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/ Istituzjonijiet 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 toimeilimet ja elimet/ Andra institutioner och organ

ECA	Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Friedemann Zippel*
EUIPO	Christian Archambeau

(\*) remote participation

Други учасници/ Otros participantes/ Ostatni učastníci/ 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/ Ini učastníci/ Drugi udeleženci/ Muut osallistujat/ Övriga deltagare

<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/Sekretarjat gruppi politici/Fractiesecretariaten/Sekretariat Grup Politycznych/Secretariado dos grupos políticos/Secretariate grupuri politice/Sekretariát politických skupin/Sekretariat političnih skupin/Poliittisten ryhmien sihteeristöt/De politiska gruppernas sekretariat</p>	
PPE	Madalina Stoian
S&D	
Renew	Beata Jurik, Maria-Aranzazu.Alcaide-De-La-Fuente*
ID	Robert.Godina, Aleksandra.Podsadowska
Verts/ALE	
ECR	
The Left	
NI	

<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 predsjednika/Gabinetto del Presidente/Priekšsēdētāja kabinets/Pirmininko kabinetas/Elnöki hivatal/Kabinett tal-President/Kabinet van de Voorzitter/Gabinet Przewodniczącego/Gabinete do Presidente/Cabinet Președinte/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 Generali/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>Генерална дирекция/Dirección General/Generální ředitelství/Generaldirektorat/Generaldirektion/Peadirektoraat/Γενική Διεύθυνση/Directorate-General/Direction générale/Glavna uprava/Direzione generale/Ġenerāldirektorātš/Generalinis direktoratas/Főigazgatóság/Direttorat Generali/Direktoraten-generaal/Dyrekcja Generalna/Direção-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>Ekaterini Despotopoulou</p>

<p>Правна служба/Servicio 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 Juridic/Právný servis/Oikeudellinen yksikkö/Rättstjänsten</p>
<p>Mihkel Allik</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/Secretariado da comissão/Sekretariat comisie/Sekretariat odbora/Valiokunnan sihteeristö/Utskottssekretariatet</p>
<p>Evelyn Waldherr, Anna Aresu, Anca Balcanu, Kaare Barslev, Giulia Bastianello, Caterina Benincasa, Marius Cobianu, Cristina Degueldre, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Ana Maria Nogueira</p>
<p>Сътрудник/Asistente/Asistent/Assistent/Assistenz/Βοηθός/Assistant/Assistente/Palīgs/Padējējas/Asszisztens/Asyistent/Pomočnik/Avustaja/Assistenten</p>
<p>Asta Skripiene, Kameliya Velcheva</p>

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62	Amendments adopted
	6, 7, 10, CA 2, 11, 12, CA 3, CA 4, 17, 18, CA 5, 20, 21, 22, 23, CA 6, 28, 29, 30, CA 7, 35, 36, 37, 38, CA 8, CA 9, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, CA 10, CA 11, CA 12, 57 B, CA 13, CA 14, 62, 63, 64, 66, CA 15, CA 16, CA 16B, 74, CA 17, 78, CA 18, CA 19, 87, CA 20, 89, 92, CA 21, CA 23, CA 22, 103, 104, 3, 2, 1, CA 1

4	Amendments rejected
	8, 48, 86, 100

64	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
	9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 A, 57 C, 58, 59, 60, 61, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 72, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 88, 98, 101, 102, 4, 5

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52	Amendments adopted
	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, CA 1, 24, CA 2, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58 Part 2, 59 Part 1, 59 Part 3, CA 3, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Part 2, CA 4, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

15	Amendments rejected
	18, 23, 28, 34, 36, 37, 38, 54, 58 Part 1, 59 Part 2, 60, 68, 72, 73, 1

15	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
	21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 48, 49, 52, 61 Part 1, 61 Part 2, 62, 67 Part 1, 69, 70, 71

## AMLA - CONT opinion to ECON and LIBE

85	Amendments adopted
	5, 69, 70, CA 4, 72, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, CA 3, 80, 81, 82, CA 5, 15, 16, 86, 17, 18, 88, 89, 19, 97, 20, 21, 105, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 28, 29, 121, 30, 31, 124, 125, 126, CA 1, CA 2, 136, 33, 34, 138, 139, 141, 142, 35, 145, 36, 146, 147, 148, 37, 149, 150, 151, 152, 40, 1, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49, 58, 59, 4, 60, 65, 66, 67

17	Amendments rejected
	71, 84, 85, 87, 91, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 119, 123, 137, 140, 143, 144, 64

44	Amendments fallen (including not voted/withdrawn)
	68, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 13, 83, 14, 90, 103, 104, 22, 109, 110, 127, 128, 129, 32, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 38, 39, 43, 44, 45, 50, 2, 51, 52, 53, 3, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61, 62, 63

## COORDINATORS' MEETING

**Wednesday 11 May 2022**

**11.00-12.00**

**Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting**

**ASP 3E2**

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Coordinators: EPP: Petri SARVAMAA  
S&D: Claudiu MANDA



Renew: Olivier CHASTEL  
Greens: Mikulas PEKSA  
ID: -  
ECR: -  
The Left: Luke Ming Flanagan

## Items for decision

### 1. New referrals

#### 1.1. *Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union*

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided that the Chair should be the rapporteur for both this proposal and the upcoming proposal for further revision of the Financial Regulation at the price of 3 points.

#### 1.2. *BUDG's Own-Initiative Report on the upcoming MFF revision: "Towards a revision of the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework: Parliament's position"*

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided that CONT should issue an opinion under Rule 56. Several groups expressed interest for the rapporteurship (EPP, S&D and Renew). Their coordinators will decide on who takes the rapporteurship (at the price of 0.5 points) and inform the Secretariat.

### 2. Screening of ECA reports

<b>Report</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Pol.group</b>	<b>Secretariat's/Chair's proposal</b>
Special Report 07/2022	SMEs' internationalisation: a large number of support actions but not fully coherent or coordinated	17 May at 17:00	Greens/EFA / sector 25	Refer to ITRE Committee

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the proposal from the Secretariat.

### **3. Contribution from the CONT Committee for the Summary Report 2022**

At the Coordinators meeting of 28 February political groups were invited to send contributions to the Secretariat by 8 April. The deadline for proposals to be sent to the CCC will expire on 20 May 2022.

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the CONT contribution to the Summary Report 2022.

### **4. CONT speakers for the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “Common experiences and challenges in exercising budgetary control functions”**

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided that EPP and S&D would designate a Member to open each of the two panels during the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on 16 June. The names of these Members should be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

### **5. Public remote hearing on “the role of investigative journalism to uncover fraud and corruption in Europe”**

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the programme of the public hearing. Concerning speakers it was decided to invite speakers from HU/IT/RO/SK/DE based on proposals from the EPP, S&D and Renew groups.

### **6. Calendar for second part of 2022**

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the calendar of meetings for the second half of 2022. Coordinators are invited to convey to their groups that the EP calendar is increasingly side-lining committee activity. Depending on the future regime for committee work and a possible increase of committee meeting time, an update of the calendar might be considered.

### **7. Discharge 2021 calendar**

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators discussed the draft calendar. Hesitation was expressed towards having important meetings and votes on Thursday afternoons. It was explained that this planning has been made necessary due to limited committee meeting time in autumn

and with this the discharge calendar was accepted. Depending on the future regime for committee work and a possible increase of committee meeting time, an update of the calendar might be considered.

## **8. Participation in public hearings**

A lot of work goes into organising public hearings but the attendance from CONT Members has been decreasing. At the last public hearing there was only one MEP attending remotely in addition to the Chair who was the only Member present in the meeting room. Public perception (also via *webstreaming*) of an empty meeting room with only speakers and staff present and no Members participating in the debate, is suboptimal.

### **Decision:**

Coordinators agreed that it is unfortunate and not giving a good impression when only few Members are present for public hearings or similar events. The Chair and Coordinators will appeal to Members to improve their attendance record.

## **Items for information**

### **9. State of play of appointments on CONT files**

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

### **10. Documents received for information** - see Annex VII

### **11. Any other business**

### **12. Date of next Coordinators' meeting**

- 15-16 June 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 3E2 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\(INI\)](#)



**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, this year in respect of the year 2020. The report is based, among other sources, on the Commission's 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 concerned 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\(INI\)](#)



**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 financier 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\(COD\)](#)



### Joint Committees Responsables:

ECON: **Emil Radev** (EPP)

LIBE: **Luis Radicano** (Renew)

### Committees for opinions:

BUDG: **Niclas Herbst** (EPP)

AFCO: **Helmut Scholz** (The Left)

**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. It 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 Rapporteur:** [Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)

**Administrator:** Rita Calatozzolo (Policy Department D)

### **CONT will hold a workshop on the Single Audit Approach**

During the event 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 objective 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

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*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\(INI\)](#)



**Committee Responsible:**

AFET: **Thierry Mariani** (ID)

**Committee for opinion:**

**CONT Rapporteur:** [Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)

**Administrator:** Ana Maria Nogueira

**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	.

**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



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

**Administrator:** Benoit Lefort

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

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"<sup>1</sup>. The European Parliament resolution on "Strengthening transparency and integrity in the EU institutions by setting up an independent EU ethics body"<sup>2</sup> 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,

<sup>1</sup> see: [https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR19\\_13/SR\\_ethical\\_frameworks\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR19_13/SR_ethical_frameworks_EN.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> see: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0396\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0396_EN.html)

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."

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

### **13. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 6/2022 - EU INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS:**

#### **PROTECTION NOT FULLY WATERPROOF**

CONT/9/08897



**CONT Rapporteur:** [Olivier Chastel](#) (Renew)

**Administrator:** Fernando Gallego Osuna

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

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



**Chair of the mission:** [Thomáš Zdechovský](#) (EPP)

**Administrator:** Ana Maria Nogueira

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

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 'TVELD, 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 the Bulgarian audit authority, officials of the EU funds managing and monitoring authorities. The delegation also met with government officials involved in the administration, management and control of EU funds, Bulgarian prosecutor general as well as 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 in the Bulgarian judiciary and prosecution systems in order to improve investigations into possible abuse of EU funds and corruption. Subsequently, 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 highly participated - 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=Q5RE0YAm0NA>

## **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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### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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