



# NOTULEN

Vergadering van 15 juni 2022, 9.00 – 12.30 uur en 15.00 – 18.30 uur,  
en 16 juni 2022, 9.00 - 12.00 uur en 16.00 - 18.00 uur

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op woensdag 15 juni 2022 om 9.01 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Gilles Boyer (derde ondervoorzitter).

**15 juni 2022, 9.00 - 10.00 uur**

**1. Aanneming van de agenda**

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

**2. Mededelingen van de voorzitter**

De voorzitter vestigt de aandacht van de leden op de informatie in CONT News.

**3. Goedkeuring van notulen van vergaderingen**

- 20-21 april 2022 PV – PE731.666v01-00
- 11-12 mei 2022 PV – PE732.592v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

**4. Jaarverslag 2021 van OLAF**

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Rapporteur:

Gilles Boyer (Renew)

- Gedachtewisseling met Ville Itälä, directeur-generaal van OLAF

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Ville Itälä (directeur-generaal, OLAF), Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Sabrina Pignedoli.

### 15 juni 2022, 10.00 - 11.00 uur

#### 5. **Jaarlijks activiteitenverslag 2021 van het Comité van toezicht van OLAF** CONT/9/09034

Rapporteur:

Gilles Boyer (Renew)

- Gedachtewisseling met Jan Mulder, voorzitter van het Comité van toezicht, en leden van het Comité van toezicht

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Jan Mulder (voorzitter Comité van toezicht, OLAF) Tomáš Zdechovský, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Ville Itälä (directeur-generaal, OLAF).

De vergadering wordt om 10.52 uur geschorst en om 11.00 uur hervat.

### 15 juni 2022, 11.00 - 12.00 uur

#### 6. **Studie over de gevolgen van COVID-19 voor het openbaar bestuur van de EU** CONT/9/09105

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Presentatie door de beleidsondersteunende afdeling Begrotingszaken (PolDep D)

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Isabel García Muñoz (schriftelijk), Dea Hrelja (t33), José Manuel Fernandes, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Elżbieta Rafalska, Kristian Knudsen (DG PERS, EP).

### 15 juni 2022, 12.00 - 12.30 uur

#### 7. **Uitwisseling van informatie tussen de rechtshandhavinginstanties van de lidstaten en intrekking van Kaderbesluit 2006/960/JBZ van de Raad** CONT/9/08243

\*\*\*I 2021/0411(COD) COM(2021)0782 – C9-0457/2021

Rapporteur voor advies:

Caterina Chinnici (S&D)

PA – PE732.691v01-00

Bevoegd:

LIBE – Lena Düpont (PPE)

PR – PE732.767v01-00

- Behandeling ontwerpadvies

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Caterina Chinnici (schriftelijk), José Manuel Fernandes,

Joachim Kuhs.

De vergadering wordt om 12.17 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 15.09 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Tomáš Zdechovský (vierde ondervoorzitter).

**15 juni 2022, 15.00 - 17.00 uur**

**8. Workshop over de douanecontrolemechanismen van de EU en de mogelijke verbetering daarvan**  
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Corapporteurs:

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)  
Katalin Cseh (Renew)

- Zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

**Sprekers:** Tomáš Zdechovský, Gerassimos Thomas (Europese Commissie, DG TAXUD), Mateja Vraničar Erman (Europese Commissie, Groep van wijzen inzake de douane-unie), Ioanna Metaxopoulou (directeur, kamer IV, Europese Rekenkamer), James Sweeney (Europese Commissie, Europees Bureau voor fraudebestrijding), Joachim Kuhs, Matthias Petschke (Europese Commissie, DG TAXUD), Giangiacomo D'Angelo (docent en hoofdonderzoeker, Universiteit van Bologna), András Bartha (hoofd van het deskundigenteam douane, oostelijke en zuidoostelijke landgrenzen), Luisa Santos (adjunct-directeur-generaal, BusinessEurope).

De vergadering wordt om 17.02 uur geschorst en om 17.06 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Gilles Boyer (derde ondervoorzitter).

**15 juni 2022, 17.00 - 18.00 uur**

**9. Gedeeltelijke vervanging van de leden van de Europese Rekenkamer (2022) – Nederlandse kandidaat**  
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2022/0805(NLE)      07888/2022 – C9-0150/2022

Rapporteur:

Markus Pieper (PPE)

Bevoegd:

CONT

- Hoorzitting met Stephanus Abraham Blok, door Nederland voorgedragen kandidaat

**Besluit:** De benoeming wordt goedgekeurd met 20 stemmen voor en 6 tegen, bij 0 onthoudingen.

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Stephanus Abraham Blok (ERK-kandidaat, voorgedragen door NL), Markus Pieper, Claudiu Manda, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs, Tomáš Zdechovský.

**15 juni 2022, 18.00 - 18.30 uur**

**10. Stemming en goedkeuring ontwerpverslag**

De commissie brengt positief advies uit over de voordracht van de Raad van Stephanus Abraham Blok voor de benoeming tot lid van de Rekenkamer.

De vergadering wordt om 18.20 uur gesloten.

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De vergadering wordt om 9.00 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Gilles Boyer (derde ondervoorzitter).

**16 juni 2022, 9.00 - 12.00 uur**

**11. *Interparlementaire commissievergadering over gemeenschappelijke ervaringen en uitdagingen bij de uitoefening van taken op het gebied van begrotingscontrole***  
• zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

**Spreekers:** Gilles Boyer, Andrey Novakov, Bettina Hagedorn (ondervoorzitter begrotingscommissie, Bundestag, Duitsland), Joao Paulo Rebelo (lid commissie begroting en financiën, parlement van de Republiek, Portugal), Jorge Paulo Oliveira (lid commissie begroting en financiën, parlement van de Republiek, Portugal, Ylenja Lucaselli (lid commissie begroting, financiën en planning van de Italiaanse Kamer van Afgevaardigden), Daniele Pesco (voorzitter begrotingscommissie, Italiaanse Senaat), Carla Castro (lid commissie begroting en financiën, Portugal)

De vergadering wordt om 10.45 uur geschorst.

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**16 juni 2022, 15.00 - 16.00 uur**

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

**12. Coördinatorenvergadering**

**Besluit:** vervangen door schriftelijke procedure

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De vergadering wordt om 16.00 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Sándor Rónai (lid).

**16 juni 2022, 16.00 - 18.00 uur**

*Samen met de Commissie burgerlijke vrijheden, justitie en binnenlandse zaken (LIBE)*

**13. Openbare hoorzitting over de rol van onderzoeksjournalistiek in het aan het licht brengen van fraude en corruptie in Europa**

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- Zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda

**Sprekers:** Sándor Rónai (CONT), Hans-Martin Tillack (WELT), Andras Petho (Direct36), Julie Majerczak (Verslaggevers zonder Grenzen), Isabel Wiseler-Lima (LIBE), Sabrina Pignedoli (CONT), Alexandru Nedea (Recorder), Pavla Holcová (Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project), András Becker (voorheen Átlátszó).

**14. Rondvraag**

**15. Volgende vergaderingen**

- 13-14 juli 2022
- 5 september 2022

De vergadering wordt om 17.33 uur gesloten.

## Results of roll-call votes

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

## 9. Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2022) - NL nominee

### 9.1 Single vote – Dutch candidate Stephanus Abraham BLOK (Secret vote)

20	<b>+</b>
6	<b>-</b>
0	<b>0</b>

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Isabel García Muñoz (1), Gilles Boyer, Tomáš Zdechovský
Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Βουλευτές/Members/Députés/Zastupnici/Deputati/Deputāti/ Nariai/Képviselek/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter
Lefteris Christoforou (1), Ryszard Czarnecki (1), José Manuel Fernandes (1), Jean-François Jalkh (1), Joachim Kuhs (1), Ryszard Antoni Legutko (1), Claudiu Manda (1), Markus Pieper (1), Sándor Rónai (1), Angelika Winzig (1)
Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Zamjenici/ Supplenti/Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantysnariai/Pötagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/ Namestniki/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter
David Lega (1), Marian-Jean Marinescu (1), Andrey Novakov (2), Mikuláš Peksa (1), Tsvetelina Penkova (1), Sabrina Pignedoli, Elżbieta Rafalska (1), Antonio Maria Rinaldi (1), Ramona Strugariu (1), Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel (1), Michal Wiezik (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 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)	
Herbert Dorfmann, Alexandra Geese, René Repasi Isabel Wiseler-Lima	Item 10 Item 13

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dana/Presente il/Piedalījās/ Dalyvauja/Jelen volt/Preženti fi/Aanwezig op/Obecny dnia/Presente em/Prezent/Přítomný dňa/Navzoči  
dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 15.6.2022  
(2) 16.6.2022



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

По покана на председателя/Por invitación del presidente/Na pozvání předsedy/Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung des Vorsitzenden/Εσimehe kutsel/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chair/Sur l'invitation du président/ Na poziv predsjednika/Su invito del presidente/Pēc priekšsēdētāja uzaicinājuma/Pirmininkui pakvietus/Az elnök meghívására/ Fuq stedina tač-'Chairman'/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/Na zaproszenie Przewodniczącego/A convite do Presidente/La invitația președintelui/ Na pozvanie predsedu/Na povabilo predsednika/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan
Dea Hrelja, Giangiacomo D'Angelo, Andrés Bartha, Luisa Santos, Stephanus Abraham Blok, Bettina Hagedorn, Joao Paulo Rebelo, Jorge Paulo Oliveira, Ylenja Lucaselli, Daniele Pesco, Hans-Martin Tillack, Andras Petho, Julie Majerczak, Alexandru Nedea, Pavla Holcová, Andrés Becker

Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nðukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Vijeće/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)	
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Gerassimos Thomas, Mateja Vraničar Erman, Matthias Petschke	
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OLAF	Ville Itälä, Jan Mulder, James Sweeney
ECA	Ioanna Metaxopoulou

Други участници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Drugi sudionici/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti ohra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Inii účastníci/Drugi udeleženci/Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare

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<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>Kristian Knudsen</p>

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<p>Evelyn Waldherr, Anca Balcanu, Kaare Barslev, Giulia Bastianello, Caterina Benincasa, Marius Cobianu, Cristina Degueldre, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Benoit Lefort, Valerie Nevers, Diego Rasetti, Paulus Johannes Stander</p>
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<p>Anna Aresu, Kameliya Velcheva</p>

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# NEWSLETTER

## COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022**

09:00 – 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:30

**THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2022**

09:00 – 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:30

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

**Wednesday 15 June 2022, 09:00 – 10:00**

- 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:

15/06/2022, 09:00 – 12:00 DE EN FR IT ES PT CS HU PL RO HR

15/06/2022, 15:00 – 18:30 DE EN FR IT NL ES PT CS HU PL RO HR

16/06/2022, 09:00 – 12:30 DE EN FR IT NL ES PT CS HU (if possible) PL RO (if possible)

16/06/2022, 15:00 – 16:00 DE EN FR IT ES CS PL RO

16/06/2022, 16:00 – 18:30 DE EN FR IT 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 11 May 2022 was circulated to the Members on 23 May 2022.

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

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

- 20-21 April 2022

PV – PE731.666v01-00

PE734.218v01-00

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## 4. THE OLAF ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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### *Exchange of views with OLAF Director-General, Ville Itälä*

**CONT Rapporteur:** [Gilles Boyer](#) (Renew)

**Administrator:** Diego Rasetti

2021 was a crucial year for Europe to start recovering in the aftermath of the pandemic: the OLAF Report offers information on its actions to detect, prevent and investigate fraud and irregularities in prejudice of the Union's financial interests against a background still marked by the consequences of the Covid-19.

In 2021 the European Commission has started to make the first payments from the Recovery and Resilience Facility and OLAF has contributed to the setting of fraud-proofed systems in the Member States, to prevent fraud against these multi-billion resources. In this same year, the European Public Prosecutor has become operational, and OLAF has launched intensive cooperation with this new partner.

The Report presents figure on OLAF's investigative performance and illustrates the detected trends in anti-fraud investigations. It has a special focus is on fraud schemes affecting the environment (illicit trade in environmentally damaging goods such as waste and hazardous gases) and on the worrying indications of the infiltration in many legitimate economic activities of organised criminal groups, seeking to detour resources aiming at financing green and digitalisation projects. OLAF explains that increasingly adaptable fraudsters have intensively attacked the Union's resources via double funding, manipulation of tenders and other means, making use of shell companies established in many jurisdictions, including outside EU. Overall, in 2021, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) recommended over half a billion euro to be recovered to the EU budget.



The debate, inspired by the observations contained in the OLAF Report, ideally aims at feeding the wider analysis of the new anti-fraud architecture of which OLAF is one of the pillars. Starting from this year's Exchange of Views, the analysis of OLAF Report will be complemented by the drafting of a Working Document which will consolidate the outcome of the debate and will contribute to offer terms of reference for the future discussions on the relevant topics.

Wednesday 15 June 2022, 10:00 – 11:00

## 5. THE OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020

CONT/9/09034

*change of views with the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, Jan Mulder and Members of the Supervisory Committee*



**CONT Rapporteur:** [Gilles Boyer](#) (Renew)

**Administrator:** Diego Rasetti

The Chair of the Supervisory Committee will present the activities carried out in 2021 pursuing the mission to monitor OLAF investigative activity and to provide opinions, recommendations and observations to assist the Director-General in the discharge of his responsibilities. The Supervisory Committee was established to reinforce and guarantee OLAF's independence and its analyses encompass the resources needed to carry out the investigative function of the Office, the investigative priorities of the Office and on the duration of investigations.

The Supervisory Committee's activities carried out in 2021 have not yet fully benefitted from the amended OLAF Regulation [Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013] that has strengthened the Committee's right to access all information and documents it considers necessary for the performance of its tasks. On the basis of the new provisions, a new Working Arrangements has been signed with OLAF in 2021, providing the Committee and its Secretariat with a partial direct access to OLAF's case management system.



However, the Report explains that a common spirit of mutual trust and sincere cooperation governs the relationship between OLAF and its Supervisory Committee, whose mandate has come to an end in 2021. In fact, five new Members have been appointed, and two of them have already taken up their duties in 2022.

For the first time this year this item foresees a Rapporteur. The relevant outcome of the debate will be integrated in the Working Document on OLAF activities, drafted with a view to contribute to provide some terms of reference for the future discussions on the relevant topics.

Wednesday 15 June 2022, 11:00 - 12:00

## 6. STUDY ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON EU PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

CONT/9/09105

*Presentation of Study*

**CONT Rapporteur:** [Isabel Garcia Munoz](#) (S&D)

**Administrator:** Diego Rasetti



the institutions.

The pandemic had a deeply impact on the functioning of EU institutions in terms of daily administrative routine and institutional decision-making, it led to changes in voting and in other procedures and imposed a new formal and informal inter-institutional dialogue. EU institutions reacted quickly, by adopting multiple solutions, and this study analyses the COVID-19 response across several fields, including business continuity, inter-institutional cooperation, public procurement, staff health, staff productivity and satisfaction. Consideration is of course given also to the impact of COVID-19 on the budget implementation of

The analysis covers seven European institutions: the European Parliament (EP), the European Commission (EC), the European Court of Justice (CJEU), the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the European Committee of

the Regions (CoR), the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). In spite of the attempt made, the Council has not been included by the contractor due to a lack of information.

The extensive analysis and consultations has provided the ground for drawing lessons learned and recommendations for the short, medium and long term. The conclusions should contribute to capitalise on the experience gained during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and through the use of new technological tools, strategies and working patterns over the past two years.

**Wednesday 15 June 2022, 12:00 - 12:30**

## **7. OPINION TO LIBE ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OF MEMBER STATES**

CONT/9/08243

[2021/0411\(COD\)](#)



**Consideration of draft opinion to LIBE on the Proposal for a directive on information exchange between law enforcement authorities of Member States, repealing Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA**

**CONT Rapporteur:** [Caterina Chinnici](#) (S&D)

**Administrator:** Fernando Gallego Osuna

Committee responsible:

LIBE

Rapporteur:

Lena Dupont (PPE)

The existing legal framework on the exchange of information between law enforcement authorities of Member States (the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA) should be updated and replaced, so as to facilitate and ensure, through the establishment of clear and harmonised rules, the adequate and rapid exchange of information between the competent law enforcement authorities of different Member States. The proposed Directive establishes rules for the exchange of information between the law enforcement authorities of the Member States where necessary for the purpose of preventing, detecting or investigating criminal offences. Information exchange will ensure police officers make relevant information available to their counterparts in other Member States.

In its draft opinion, the rapporteur focuses on enhancing the role of Union bodies, offices and agencies, in particular the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). The rapporteur also introduces explicit references to the protection of the financial interests of the European Union, the improvement of the data collection for comparable and actionable statistics in this area, and the acceleration in the implementation of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA).

### **Timetable**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline for tabling amendments	CONT Committee	21 June 2022, 14:00
Adoption of draft opinion	CONT Committee	July 2022
Adoption of report	LIBE Committee	Autumn 2020

**Wednesday 15 June 2022, 15:00 - 17:00**

## **8. WORKSHOP ON EU CUSTOMS CONTROL MECHANISMS AND THEIR POSSIBLE**

## IMPROVEMENT

CONT/9/09106



### Workshop

**Rapporteurs:** [Thomáš Zdechovský](#) (PPE) and [Katalin Cseh](#) (Renew)

**Administrator:** Marius Cobianu

The workshop brings together experts and policy makers to discuss challenges related to customs control mechanisms, especially what regards collection of customs duties (one of the traditional own resources of the EU budget). The event was

requested by the CONT committee following the persistence of so called undervaluation fraud cases, but the idea is to analyse control mechanisms in the broader context of reforming the customs union. Members should learn about the challenges and difficulties in customs control, the weaknesses of the system that allow for such fiscal fraud, but also about what is being done by both EU and national level, how national authorities can learn from each other and cooperate to make controls and their follow up more effective.

The workshop gathers experts from EU institutions (European Commission, OLAF and the European Court of Auditors), as well as from academia (bringing evidence about undervaluation fraud and Member States' control practices), but also practitioners (network of customs authorities and the business community). A background note on customs control mechanisms and customs fraud has been prepared by the Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs to facilitate preparation for the debate.

**Wednesday 15 June 2022, 17:00 - 18:00**

## 11. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF ECA MEMBER - NL NOMINATION

CONT/9/08854

2022/0805(NLE)



### Hearing of Mr Stephanus Abraham Block, candidate nominated by Netherlands

**Rapporteur:**

[Markus Pieper](#) (EPP)

**Administrator:**

Kaare Barslev

**Shadows rapporteurs:** [Claudiu Manda](#) (S&D), [Gilles Boyer](#) (Renew), [Joachim Kuhs](#) (ID),

The Members of the European Court of Auditors are appointed for a term of six years. In accordance with Article 286(2) of the 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 the CONT Committee, which takes into account the primary law requirement of Article 286(1) of the TFEU: "the 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.", as well as other considerations.

In Parliament, the procedure is defined in Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure. According to Rule 129 (1), "candidates 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 the CONT Committee.

The hearing will be structured as follows:



- \* Opening of the hearing by the Chair;
- \* The candidate will be invited to make an opening statement (8 minutes);
- \* 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 the hearing, the Committee will hold an evaluation *in camera* and then proceed to vote on the appointment.

The Committee will be voting by a secret electronic vote. Members will indicate 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 the 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](#).

#### Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote	Plenary	June II (22 - 23 June)

**Wednesday, 15 June 2022, 18:00 - 18:30**



## 12. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF ECA MEMBER - NL NOMINATION

### Evaluation and votes

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**Thursday 16 June 2022, 09:00 - 12:00**

## **10. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Exchange of views on best practice regarding political budgetary scrutiny with selected national parliaments**

**Administrator:** Kaare Barslev

The Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meeting has been organised under the headline "Common experiences and challenges in exercising budgetary control functions. It is divided in two parts:

Panel one, which has the title "Audit and control processes

As possible topics to be touched upon has been suggested:

- Control procedures (reporting, questionnaires, hearings etc.)
- Increased digitalisation of processes
- Speeding up discharge processes
- Co-operation between the actors in the budgetary control universe (parliamentary committee, national management and audit authorities, national court of auditors, etc.)
- Prevention and detection of fraud, misuse, conflicts of interests, etc.
- Financial corrections (how are parliaments involved/reporting etc.)

Panel two, which has the title Audit and control results

As possible topics to be touched upon has been suggested:

- More and better information about recipients of public funds
- Better controls (including ARCHNE, EU and national IT systems and databases)
- Balance between compliance and performance auditing
- Link to budgetary procedures

Panel one will be opened by Mr Andrey Novakov. The external key-speakers are:

- Germany, Bettina Hagedorn, Vice-chair, Committee on Budget, German Bundestag
- Portugal, João Paulo Rebelo, Member, Budget and Finance Committee, Portuguese Parliament

For panel two the external speakers are:

- Czech Republic, Josef Bernard, Chair, Committee on Budget, Czech Chamber of Deputies
- Italy, Ylenia Lucaselli, Member, Budget, Treasury and Planning Committee, Italian Chamber of Deputies
- Italy, Daniele Pesco, Chair, Committee on Budget, Italian Senate

**Thursday 16 June 2022, 15:00 - 16:00**

**\*\*\* In Camera\*\*\***



## **6. COORDINATORS' MEETING**

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**Thursday 16 June 2022, 16:00 - 18:00**

**In association with Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)**

### **13. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ROLE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO UNCOVER FRAUD AND CORRUPTION IN EUROPE**

CONT/9/09107

#### **Public hearing**

**Administrator** Fernando Gallego Osuna

The Committee on Budgetary Control will host a public hearing on the role of investigative journalism to uncover fraud and corruption in Europe on 16 June 2022 in Brussels. Investigative journalists are often the first ones who point out fraud and corruption. Discussion about free media is especially important for Central Europe, where the level of media freedom is quickly decreasing in the last years. The aim of the hearing in CONT is to get a better understanding of the role of investigative journalism in these dynamics.

The public hearing will be composed of two panels of journalists from media such as Welt (Germany), Recorder (Romania) or Direkt36 (Hungary), and representatives of associations working in this field, such as Reporters without Borders or the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP). Some of the topics to be covered range from the lack of Transparency at the EU Recovery and Resilience Fund to investigations into the fraudulent public water systems financed by the European Union.

### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **16. NEXT MEETINGS**

- 13-14 July 2022 (Brussels)
- 5 September 2022 (Brussels)

#### **PAPERLESS PROGRAMME (INTERNAL USERS ONLY)**

Access CONT committee meeting documents on [eMeeting](#) or any CONT committee information on [eCommittee](#)

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

## NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

### Recent Publications

#### CONT

At a Glance "[Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors](#)" (The Netherlands)

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

Study "[Practices on the Side-Earnings of EU Public Office Holders and Functionaries](#)"

Study "[Identifying patterns of fraud with EU funds under shared management, similarities and differences between member states](#)"

Briefing "[Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors](#)" (Cyprus and Malta)

Briefing "[Budgetary transfers in the EP in 2021 - still in the wake of the crisis](#)"

Briefing "[The EP's response to the COVID-19 crisis: budgetary impact](#)"

Briefing "[Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors](#)" (Slovenia, Czech Republic, Latvia)

Briefing "[The state of implementing procurement procedures in EU Agencies: enhancing transparency and assessing flexibility](#)"

Brochure of the workshop "[The state of implementing procurement procedures in EU Agencies: enhancing transparency and assessing flexibility](#)"

Study "[Requirements for a unique beneficiary database](#)"

Proceedings of the workshop "[Missing Trader Fraud: definition, effects, prevention and solutions](#)"

Study "[Impact of Organised Crime on the EU's Financial Interests](#)"

Briefing "[Budgetary control of the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU budget](#)"

Briefing "[The financial management of visitor groups to the national parliaments](#)"

At a Glance "[The Impact of Organised Crime on the EU's Financial Interests](#)"

Proceedings of the workshop "[The EU's current role in GRECO and ambitions for the future: How to move towards full membership](#)"

Briefing "[EU cooperation with the Group of States against Corruption \(GRECO\): how to move towards full membership](#)"

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

Briefing [Missing Trader Intra-Community Fraud](#)

Study "[The largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and cohesion funds](#)"

#### BUDG

Briefing to the [Solidarity and Wealth Tax](#)

Study "[Climate mainstreaming in the EU Budget 2022 update](#)"

Study "[New EU own resources: possibilities and limitations of steering effects and sectoral policy co-benefits](#)"

Study "[The next revision of the financial regulation and the EU Budget galaxy: How to safeguard and strengthen budgetary principles and parliamentary oversight?](#)"

Study "[The new EFSD+ and the EIB's external lending mandate](#)"

Study "[Financing of political structures in EU Member States](#)"

Study "[Locations of the EU decentralised agencies](#)"

Study "[The Management Boards of the Decentralised Agencies](#)"

Study "[The "cost of non-EU – agencies", focusing on the health and safety cluster of the EU decentralised agencies](#)"

In-depth Analysis "[Next Generation EU borrowing: a first assessment](#)"

Brochure of the workshop "[The EU borrowing strategy for NGEU: design, challenges and opportunities](#)"

Briefing: "[The Sustainable Development Goals in the EU budget](#)"

## **Forthcoming Publications**

### **CONT**

**Workshop “EU customs control mechanisms and their possible improvement”**

**Briefing “EU customs control mechanisms and their possible improvement”**

**Study “COVID-19 response of EU public administration”**

**Study “Possible Solutions for Missing Trader Intra-Community Fraud”**

**Study “The European Commission’s use of consultants in preparing legislation”**

### **BUDG**

**Workshop Proceedings “The EU borrowing strategy for NGEU: design, challenges and opportunities”**

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