



# NOTULEN

Vergadering van 5 september 2022, 15.00 - 18.30 uur

BRUSSEL

*De vergadering wordt op maandag 5 september 2022 om 15.05 uur geopend, onder voorzitterschap van Isabel García Muñoz (eerste ondervoorzitter).*

**5 september 2022, 15.00 – 15.30 uur**

**1. Aanneming van de agenda**

**Besluit:** 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. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting EU - Europese Raad en Raad**

CONT/9/09320

2021/2108(DEC) COM(2021)0381[03] – C9-0260/2021

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PR – PE734.318v01-00

Bevoegd:

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- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Isabel García Muñoz, José Manuel Fernandes, Daniel Freund, Joachim Kuhs.

**5 september 2022, 15.30 – 16.00 uur**

**4. Kwijting 2020: Algemene begroting EU – Europees Economisch en Sociaal Comité**

CONT/9/09301

2021/2111(DEC) COM(2021)0381[06] – C9-0263/2021

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

PR – PE734.321v01-00

Bevoegd:

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- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Isabel García Muñoz, José Manuel Fernandes, Olivier Chastel, Daniel Freund, Joachim Kuhs.

*De vergadering wordt om 15.32 uur geschorst en om 16.05 uur hervat.*

**5 september 2022, 16.00 – 16.30 uur**

**5. Kwijting 2020: Europees Grens- en kustwachtagentschap**

CONT/9/09298

2021/2146(DEC) COM(2021)0381[41] – C9-0298/2021

Rapporteur:

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

PR – PE734.316v01-00

Bevoegd:

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- Behandeling ontwerpverslag

Sprekers: Isabel García Muñoz, Tomáš Zdechovský, Olivier Onidi (Europese Commissie, DG HOME), Caterina Chinnici (schriftelijke verklaring), Ramona Strugariu, Mikuláš Peksa, Joachim Kuhs.

**5 september 2022, 16.30 – 17.00 uur**

**6. Opschalen van het meerjarig financieel kader 2021-2027: een veerkrachtige EU-begroting die geschikt is voor nieuwe uitdagingen**

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2022/2046(INI)

Rapporteur voor advies

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)

PA – PE734.341v01-00

Bevoegd:

BUDG – Jan Olbrycht (PPE)

Margarida Marques (S&D)

- Behandeling ontwerpadvies

Sprekers: Isabel García Muñoz, Petri Sarvamaa (schriftelijke verklaring), Maria Grapini, Olivier Chastel.

*De vergadering wordt om 16.45 uur geschorst en om 17.04 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van omas Zdechovsky (4e ondervoorzitter).*

**5 september 2022, 17.00 – 17.30 uur**

**7. Werkbezoek CONT aan Cyprus (19-21 september 2022)**

CONT/9/09167

- Gedachtewisseling in het licht van de voorbereidingen van het werkbezoek aan Cyprus

Sprekers: Tomáš Zdechovský, Rafael Lopez Sanchez (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Christina Borchmann (Europese Commissie, DG AGRI), Marie-Hélène Boulanger (Europese Commissie, DG JUST), Katerina Wolfova (Europese Commissie, DG HOME), Antigoni Papagianni (OLAF).

*De vergadering wordt om 17.30 uur geschorst.*

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**5 september 2022, 17.30-17.45 uur (gezamenlijke vergadering)**

***Gezamenlijke commissieprocedure BUDG-CONT (artikel 58) - zie afzonderlijke ontwerpagenda***

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**5 september 2022, 17.45 – 18.30 uur**

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

**8. Coördinatorenvergadering**

***Hybride vergadering via de Interactio-toepassing voor vergaderingen op afstand***

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**9. Rondvraag**

**10. Volgende vergaderingen**

- 8 september 2022, Brussel
- 6 oktober 2022, Straatsburg
- 13 oktober 2022, Brussel

*De vergadering wordt om 18.30 uur gesloten.*

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| <p>Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Daniel Freund, Joachim Kuhs, Jan Olbrycht</p>   |
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| <p>Evelyn Waldherr, Anca Balcanu, Kaare Barslev, Giulia Bastianello, Marius Cobianu, Cristina Degueldre, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Benoit Lefort, Ana Maria Nogueira, Diego Rasetti, Paulus Johannes Stander</p>   |
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| <p>Kameliya Velcheva</p>   |

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*Committee on Budgetary Control  
- The Secretariat -*

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## **COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Monday, 5 September 2022**

**17.45-18.30**

**Brussels**

**ASP 3G3**

### **Summary of Recommendations**

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Coordinators:           EPP: Petri SARVAMAA and Tomas ZDECHOVSKY  
                              S&D: Written contribution sent  
                              Renew: Olivier CHASTEL  
                              Greens: Mikulas PEKSA  
                              ID: Joachim KUHS  
                              ECR: -  
                              The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN (remote participation)

## Items for decision

### 1. New referrals

#### 1.1 COM(2022)0381 FINAL - 2022/0232(COD) - PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON REPEALING REGULATION (EEC) NO 1108/70 OF THE COUNCIL INTRODUCING AN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR EXPENDITURE ON INFRASTRUCTURE IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT BY RAIL, ROAD AND INLAND WATERWAY, AND COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO 851/2006 SPECIFYING THE ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE VARIOUS HEADINGS IN THE FORMS OF ACCOUNTS SHOWN IN ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) NO 1108/70

Since the Commission proposes to repeal the Regulation, the Secretariat considers that an opinion from the CONT Committee is not required.

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided not to give an opinion on the proposal of repealing this Regulation.

### 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 19/2022 | EU COVID-19 vaccine procurement: sufficient doses secured after a slow start, but performance of the process not sufficiently assessed  | 12 September at 17:00      | EPP              | Joint committee meeting with special committee COVI |
| Special Report 18/2022 | The EU institutions and COVID-19: Responded rapidly but challenges remain to make the best of the crisis-led innovation and flexibility | 1 September at 17:00       | ECR              | Joint committee meeting with COVI special committee |
| Special Report 21/2022 | The Commission's assessment of national recovery and resilience plans   | 8 September at 17.00       | EPP              | Presentation in CONT                                |

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided to approve the proposals from the Secretariat/the Chair.

### **3. Proposals for committee activities during first half of 2023**

Requests concerning missions, public hearings and activities with national parliaments for the first half of 2023 have been requested to be sent to the CCC Secretariat at the latest by 6 October 2022.

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators decided the following on public hearings, missions and activities with national parliaments for the first half of 2023:

#### **Public hearings:**

##### **1. Situation of discriminatory measures against companies in Hungary - possibly with invitation to IMCO Members (CONT meeting in April).**

Several companies have complained that they are facing unfair and discriminatory treatment in Hungary in violation of EU laws (concerning building permits, taxation, indirect aid to Hungarian competitors, etc.). They have reported difficulties applying for EU funding due to unfair treatment by Hungarian authorities and a biased judicial system. Additionally, they have complained about lacking security of their investments. Members of IMCO might be invited.

##### **2. Conflict of interests (CONT meeting in May).**

In spring 2021, the Commission published its guidelines on conflicts of interests. The hearing/workshop would allow the Commission to present to CONT the experiences of the application of the rules on conflicts of interests and possible lessons learnt so far. The focus should be on the practicability of the rules, bureaucratic burden, how to avoid overloading small organisations and NGOs with bureaucratic requirements, the situation of auditors and controllers, as well as possibilities to improve the rules and guidelines.

##### **3. Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings - together with BUDG (CONT meeting in June).**

Issues of lacking personnel and other resources recurrently feature in many discharge reports for the agencies and joint undertakings. The hearing/workshop should focus in particular on the use of Contract Agents, personnel strategies and IT tools.

#### **Missions:**

A final decision concerning the missions in the first semester 2023 including the precise timing will be taken by **written procedure** among Coordinators.

#### **Activities with national parliaments:**

1. Debate about the role of national parliaments in overseeing the spending of EU funds and the Next Generation EU plan (CONT June 2023 meeting).

#### **4. Bulgaria mission files**

Following an incident at the CONT meeting of 13 July, the Chair wished to remind that in CONT the standard practice is that material, which is relevant for the work of the committee, is shared with the Chair and/or the Secretariat. Depending on elements like confidentiality etc. the material will then be shared directly with all Members or shared with Coordinators in order to decide on the further proceedings. One guiding principle has always been that the CONT Committee should avoid being seen as getting involved in national politics or being politically biased.

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators held a short discussion about the procedures when CONT Members receive information relevant for the full Committee. It was confirmed that Members should send such material to the Chair and/or the Secretariat in order to ensure that it can be shared with all Members or with the Coordinators with a view to decide on the appropriate follow up.

#### **Items for information**

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

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

#### **6. Documents received for information**

#### **7. Any other business**

a) The Chair informed that there will only be the possibility for interpretation in three languages at the extraordinary CONT meeting on 27 October 2022 in Luxembourg (the CoP is expected to take a decision concerning the request for authorisation of this extraordinary meeting on 8 September). The three languages will have to be decided depending on the interpretation needs of participating Members.

b) The Chair informed that the S&D has requested to authorise the participation of Mr Costas MAVRIDES, Member (in ECON Committee) from Cyprus, as an accompanying Member (out of quota) in the CONT mission to Cyprus from 19 to 21 September 2022. Coordinators approved that Mr MAVRIDES can participate.

However, **due to a further cancellation on 6 September, it appeared that only one CONT Member had confirmed his participation to this mission. The Chair consequently decided to cancel this mission** due to a lack of interest of CONT Members to participate.

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

- 6 October 2022, Strasbourg (tbc)

# NEWSLETTER

## COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

15:00 - 18:30

BRUSSELS, ALTIERO SPINELLI, 3G3

*Monday 5 September 2022, 15:00 – 15:30*

### 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

Interpretation for 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 13 July 2022 was circulated to the Members on 20 July 2022.

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

### 3. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL - CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT REPORT

CONT/9/09320

[2021/2108\(DEC\)](#)



#### Consideration of second draft report

**CONT Rapporteur:**  
(S&D)

[Isabel García Muñoz](#)

**Administrator:**

Diego Rasetti

**Shadow Rapporteurs:**

**Jeroen Lenaers** (EPP),

**Sophie** in't

**Veld** (Renew),

**Mikuláš Peksa** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

In May 2022, the decision to postpone discharge was adopted in the light of the regrettable lack of information and refusal of cooperation by the Council, which *de facto* had prevented the European Parliament from taking any informed decision on the granting of discharge.

The second draft report recalls the current regulatory background and the well-established and respected practice of the European Parliament on granting discharge to all the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies for their administrative expenditure. The Rapporteur reminds of the many topics on which information was requested and recommendations were addressed by the European Parliament, without any follow up by the Council: amongst those explicitly mentioned are the implementation of a gender action plan, the disclosure of key performance indicators trends and results, the transparency of the legislative process in the light of the Ombudsman recommendations, the state of implementation of the code of conduct of members of staff and the situations of conflict of interests of Member States representatives as well as the practice of the corporate sponsorship to the rotating Council presidencies.

The Rapporteur points out that an eventual revision of the Treaty could render the discharge procedure clearer by giving an explicit competence to the European Parliament to grant discharge to all the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies individually. Ms Isabel García Muñoz [also indicates that the relaunch of the negotiations with the Council would represent a very welcome first step to overcome the current deadlock.](#)

CONT Timetable

| Event                           | Body    | Date                   |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Deadline for tabling amendments | CONT    | 6 September 2022 14:00 |
| Vote in Committee               | CONT    | 6 October 2022         |
| Vote                            | Plenary | October 11 2022        |

Monday 5 September 2022, 15:30 – 16:00

#### 4. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE - CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT REPORT

CONT/9/09301

[2021/2111\(DEC\)](#)



##### Consideration of second draft report

**CONT Rapporteur:**  
(S&D)

[Isabel García Muñoz](#)

**Administrator:**

Diego Rasetti

**Shadow Rapporteurs:**

**Oliver**

**Chastel**

**Jeroen Lenaers** (EPP),  
(Renew),

**Mikuláš Peksa** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

The second draft report recalls the matters that resulted in the decision to postpone discharge, pointing out in the efforts made in the meantime and the progresses achieved by the European Economic and Social Committee in the last months.

The Rapporteur takes due note of the improvement in the implementation of the settlement agreements with the victims of moral harassment and serious misconducts, reiterating that the one case still pending needs to be finalised without further delay. In particular, the draft report reiterates the need for a more in-depth analysis of the internal procedures governing the handling of such cases, with a view to verify for the past, and guarantee for the future, the full compliance with the duty of care.

The draft report welcomes the many actions carried out on matters of ethics and transparency: revision of the decision on whistleblowing and harassment, service level agreement with the Investigative and Disciplinary Office of the Commission, mandatory training on ethics for all staff, new team of ethics counsellors and renewal of the network of confidential counsellors, ongoing revision of the decision on disciplinary procedures and administrative enquiries, strengthened Members' code of conduct and revision of the decision on outside activities and assignments. The draft report remarks that the action plan for recruitment and retention of staff, and the request to launch an external audit to map human resources against workload, are initiatives material to the tackling of many of the situations previously signalled by the European Parliament: internal mobility, assignments in managerial posts and overall consistency of HR policy and staff well-being.

In the meantime, the draft report reiterates the need for further efforts to be deployed by the Committee with the aim of strengthening its crucial institutional role of a facilitator and guarantor of participatory democracy and structured dialogue with civil society organisations' and citizens' panels.

CONT Timetable

| Event                           | Body    | Date                   |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Deadline for tabling amendments | CONT    | 6 September 2022 14:00 |
| Vote in Committee               | CONT    | 6 October 2022         |
| Vote                            | Plenary | October 11 2022        |



**Monday 5 September 2022, 16:00 – 16:30**

## **5. 2020 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY - CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT REPORT**

CONT/9/09298

[2101/2146\(DEC\)](#)

### **Consideration of second draft report**



**CONT Rapporteur:**  
(EPP)

[Tomáš Zdechovský](#)

**Administrator:**  
Stander

Paulus Johannes

**Shadow Rapporteurs:**

(S&D), **Ramona**

**Bas Eickhout** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs**

**Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

**Caterina**

**Strugariu**

**Chinnici**

(Renew),

**Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR),

The Rapporteur for the discharge 2020 for Frontex tabled the second draft report for the 2020 discharge on 18 August. The draft report reflects the latest developments concerning the Agency after the Plenary decided to postpone the discharge 2020 on 4 May 2022.

These developments include the resignation of the Executive Director of the Agency on 28 April 2022, the provision of the OLAF final report concerning the Agency to the Members of the CONT and LIBE Committee and the latest state of play of the follow-up given to the conditions formulated in the second discharge report for 2019 of the Agency.

The Rapporteur has not taken as position on granting discharge or not, as this will be decided by the vote on the amended draft report on 6 October. In the run-up to the vote the Rapporteur has planned a shadows' meeting to discuss eventual compromise amendments that will further shape this draft report.

#### CONT Timetable

| <b>Event</b>                    | <b>Body</b> | <b>Date</b>            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Deadline for tabling amendments | CONT        | 6 September 2022 14:00 |
| Vote in Committee               | CONT        | 6 October 2022         |
| Vote                            | Plenary     | October II 2022        |

Monday 5 September 2022, 16:30 – 17:00

## 6. UPSCALING THE 2021-2027 MFF: A RESILIENT EU BUDGET FIT FOR NEW CHALLENGES

CONT/9/09298

[2022/2046\(INI\)](#)



### Consideration of draft opinion

**Committee responsible:**  
**BUDG Co-Rapporteurs:**  
**Margarida Marques (S&D)**

**BUDG**  
**Jan Olbrycht (EPP),**

**CONT Rapporteur:**  
**[Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)**

**[Petri](#)**

**Administrator:**  
**Gallego Osuna**

**Fernando**

### Shadow Rapporteurs:

**Maria Grapini (S&D), Younous Omarjee (The Left)**

In a statement annexed to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027, the Commission undertakes to present a review of the functioning of the MFF by 1 January 2024, including, as appropriate, relevant proposals for the revision of the MFF Regulation. In April 2022, Commissioner Hahn stated that the Commission would present its review in the second half of 2023. The BUDG Committee is preparing an own-initiative report to set out Parliament's position ahead of the review and proposed revision.

In his draft opinion to BUDG, the rapporteur stresses that the EU must strive to restore economic balance in the long term. He highlights that all new resources and instruments should be monitored like any other financial tool from the EU budget. The rapporteur deeply regrets the fact that the protection of the EU budget, including the comprehensive processing of information, the ease of accessibility, the feasibility of in depth audits, substantive scrutiny and the possibility to monitor, follow up on and evaluate the financed actions, as envisaged by the RRF Regulation, have not been adequately embedded within the current MFF package as a whole.

The rapporteur also notes with concern the emergence of the so-called 'new budget galaxy' and the use of new financial instruments and innovations outside the EU budget. He stresses that because of this development, the European Parliament is not able to exercise full democratic control, which weakens its role in monitoring and protecting the EU's public finances and financial interests. Finally, the rapporteur calls on the Commission to ensure that the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors and the European Public Prosecutor's Office have the necessary means and staff to investigate potential cases of fraud against the EU budget.

### CONT Timetable

| Event                           | Body | Date                   |
|---------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| Deadline for tabling amendments | CONT | 6 September 2022 14:00 |
| Vote in Committee               | CONT | 6 October 2022         |
| Adoption                        | BUDG | 26 October 2022        |

**Monday 5 September 2022, 17:00 – 17:30**

## **7. CONT MISSION TO CYPRUS - 19-21 SEPTEMBER 2022**

CONT/9/09167



### **Preparatory meeting**

**CONT Rapporteur:**

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

### **Administrator:**

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/124713/TOMAS\\_ZDECHOVSKY/home](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/124713/TOMAS_ZDECHOVSKY/home)

Marius Cobianu

From 19 to 21 September, the CONT Committee will hold an official fact-finding mission to Cyprus.

The mission's objective is to look into the functioning of Cyprus's management and control system in the use of EU funds and, in particular, into the measures to avoid conflicts of interest, fraud and corruption.

The mission will focus on the fact that during hearings in CONT last year, the Commission indicated that there are systemic weaknesses in Cyprus, but as the amounts concerned often fall below the de minimis threshold, these issues tend to fly under the radar. In this regard, the issue of weaknesses was raised by the Director-General for Regional and Urban policy in his intervention at the CONT meeting of 1 October 2021, who informed the CONT Members that based on the evidence that the Commission gathered linked to the 50 largest final beneficiaries under Cohesion policy, a high concentration of funding that went to certain private beneficiaries was found in the case of Cyprus.

CONT Members envisage to hold meetings with: civil society organisations and journalists with experience in the fight against corruption and promotion of transparency, with the Internal Audit Service, with the Audit Office of the Republic of Cyprus, with the Law Office of Cyprus, including the unit for combating money laundering, with the Directorate General Growth (covering Cohesion Policy programmes), with the Cyprus Agricultural Payment Organisation, with the Ministry of Interior, as well as with their counterparts in the national parliament. Furthermore, the mission will also include an on-the-spot visit to the EU-funded 'Stelios Ioannou' Information Centre and Library.

A Member of the European Court of Auditors will join the European Parliament mission to Cyprus.

For the preparatory meeting Commission representatives have been invited to give to CONT Members an update on the implementation of EU funding in Cyprus.

**Monday 5 September 2022, 17:30 - 17:45**

**Joint vote with Committee on Budgets (BUDG)**

**8. AMENDING REGULATION (EU EURATOM) 2018/1046 ON THE FINANCIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE UNION (FINES RELATED SMALL PROPOSAL)**

CJ13/9/09516



**Rapporteur BUDG:**

**Administrator CONT:  
Administrator BUDG :**

**Shadow Rapporteurs:  
Daniel Freund (The Greens), Younous Omarjee (The Left)**



**Vote**

**Rapporteur CONT:**

[Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)  
[Nils Ušakovs](#) (S&D)

Marius Cobianu  
Emiliano Imeroni

**Claudiu Manda (S&D), Katalin Cseh (Renew),**

The Commission proposed to amend the Financial Regulation in order to address the consequences on the EU budget of recent judgments by the European Court of Justice that reduce or cancel competition fines.

In particular, in the recent *Printeos* case, the Court ruled that, when a competition fine is reduced or cancelled, the Commission is obliged to pay compensatory interest for late repayment of the fine from the date on which the company provisionally paid the fine until the date of repayment. With no interest rate having been set in legislation, the Court also set a quite high interest rate for such repayment. There are other similar actions currently before the Court, which in the Commission's estimate could amount up to 1,2 billion euros. 85 million might become due already in 2022/23, and about 600 million might become due in 2024.

The Commission proposal intends to address the situation essentially in two ways. Firstly, the interest and compensation due where a fine is reduced or cancelled would be deducted from the revenue side of the budget, as so-called 'negative revenue', instead of being paid from Heading 7. Secondly, the interest rate would be specifically set in legislation to the rate applied by the ECB to its principal refinancing operations, increased by 1,5 percentage points.

During the joint BUDG-CONT meeting of 11 July, the two Rapporteurs, Mrs Monika Hohlmeier and Mr Nils Ušakovs, expressed their support for the Commission's proposed approach. Together with the shadow rapporteurs, they have tabled one amendment that takes into account the opinion of the European Court of Auditors proposing that the Commission may pay default interest in the event of late reimbursement of compensation.

**Monday 5 September 2022, 17:45 - 18:45**

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## 9. COORDINATORS' MEETING

*Hybrid meeting with remote tool Interactio*

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## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 11. NEXT MEETINGS

- 8 September 2022 (Brussels)
- 6 October 2022 (Strasbourg)
- 13 October 2022 (Brussels)

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