



NOTULEN

Vergadering van donderdag 13 oktober 2022, 11.30 - 13.00 uur en 15.00 - 18.30 uur,

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op donderdag 13 oktober 2022 om 11.40 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

13 oktober 2022, 11.30-13.00 uur (gezamenlijke vergadering)

Ter informatie doorsturen naar de Bijzondere Commissie COVID-19-pandemie: geleerde lessen en aanbevelingen voor de toekomst

1. **Speciaal verslag 19/2022 van de ERK: de aankoop door de EU van COVID-19-vaccins – Voldoende doses veiliggesteld na aanvankelijke uitdagingen, maar prestaties van het proces niet voldoende beoordeeld.**

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Rapporteur:

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)

- Presentatie van het speciaal verslag door Joëlle Elvinger, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Kathleen Van Brempt (COVI), Monika Hohlmeier, Joëlle Elvinger (ERK), Wolfgang Philipp (European Commission, DG HERA), Tomislav Sokol (COVI), Sara Cerdas (COVI), Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (COVI), Michèle Rivasi, Jutta Paulus (COVI), Virginie Joron (COVI), Cristian Terheş (COVI), Mislav Kolakušić, Francesca Donato (COVI).

De vergadering wordt om 13.03 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 15.08 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

13 oktober 2022, 15.00 – 18.30 uur

2. Aanneming van de agenda

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

3. Mededelingen van de voorzitter

4. Goedkeuring van notulen van vergaderingen

- 8 september 2022

PV – PE736.618v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

5. Jaarverslag 2021 van de Europese Rekenkamer

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Corapporteurs:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

- Presentatie van het jaarverslag over het begrotingsjaar 2021 door Tony Murphy, voorzitter van de Europese Rekenkamer
- In aanwezigheid van commissaris Johannes Hahn, belast met Begroting en Administratie

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Tony Murphy (ERK), Johannes Hahn (commissaris Begroting en Administratie), Jeroen Lenaers, Isabel García Muñoz, Olivier Chastel, Luke Ming Flanagan.

13 oktober 2022, 16.30 - 18.00 uur

6. Kwijting 2021: Algemene begroting van de EU - Commissie

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Corapporteurs:

Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Hoorzitting met commissaris Johannes Hahn, belast met Begroting en Administratie
- Presentatie van de geïntegreerde financiële en verantwoordingsverslagen in aanwezigheid van Manfred Kraff, directeur-generaal van de dienst Interne Audit van de Europese Commissie

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Johannes Hahn (commissaris Begroting en Administratie), Jeroen Lenaers, Isabel García Muñoz, Manfred Kraff (Europese Commissie, IAS).

13 oktober 2022, 18.00 – 18.30 uur

**7. Bescherming van de financiële belangen van de Europese Unie –
fraudebestrijding – jaarverslag 2021**

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2022/2152(INI)

Bevoegd:

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- Presentatie door commissaris Johannes Hahn, belast met Begroting en Administratie

Sprekers: Sabrina Pignedoli, Johannes Hahn (commissaris Begroting en Administratie), Ernesto Bianchi (directeur, OLAF), Monika Hohlmeier, Katalin Cseh

8. Rondvraag

9. Volgende vergaderingen

- 24-25 oktober 2022, Brussel
- 27 oktober 2022, Luxemburg

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NEWSLETTER

JOINT COVI-CONT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022 AND

11:30 - 13:00

BRUSSELS, ALTIERO SPINELLI, 5G - 3

AND

COMMITTEE MEETING

15:00 - 18:30

BRUSSELS, ALTIERO SPINELLI, 1G - 3

Thursday 13 October 2022, 11:30 – 13:00

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 NL EL ES PT SV CS MT PL RO and HR

Webstreaming

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

3. ECA SPECIAL REPORT 19/2022: EU COVID-19 VACCINE PROCUREMENT - SUFFICIENT DOSES SECURED AFTER INITIAL CHALLENGES, BUT PERFORMANCE OF THE PROCESS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ASSESSED

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CONT Rapporteur:
Administrator:

Petri Sarvamaa (EPP)
Kaare Barslev

Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Ms Joëlle Elvinger

The Special Report looks at the process around the procurement for COVID-19 vaccines. The report highlights, that the EU identified vaccines as a priority in response to COVID-19, and started focusing on the development of a safe and efficient vaccine as a solution to the health crisis, taking measures that compressed the development timeline for vaccines from 10-15 years to 12-24 months.

The Commission signed contracts worth EUR 71 billion for deliveries of up to 4.6 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses, most being advanced purchase agreements where the Commission and manufacturers share the development risk, and supports the preparation of at-scale production capacity through upfront payments from the EU budget. Despite some supply shortfalls in the first half of 2021, by the end of the year, nearly 952 million vaccine doses had been delivered to EU Member States and 80% of the EU's adult population had been fully vaccinated.

The Court recommends the Commission to:

- Create pandemic procurement guidelines on the basis of lessons learnt.
- Stress-test the EU's medical countermeasures procurement approach.



The Commission accepted the recommendations.

The meeting is a joint CONT-COVI meeting and will be co-chaired by the two chairs.

***** End of Joint COVI-CONT meeting *****

Thursday 13 October 2022, 15:00 – 16:30

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The Coordinators' recommendations from the written procedure of 27 September 2022 were circulated to the Members on 11 October 2022.

<i>If no objections are received before the end of the meeting, these recommendations will be deemed approved.</i>
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

PV – PE736.618v01-00

4. EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CONT/9/10089



*Presentation of the Annual Report concerning financial year 2021, by the President of the Court **Tony Murphy**, in the presence of Commissioner **Johannes Hahn**, responsible for Budget and Administration*

CONT Rapporteurs:

Jeroen Lenaers (EPP)

Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)

Administrators:

Paulus Johannes Stander

Fernando Gallego Osuna

Shadow Rapporteurs:

Maria Grapini (S&D), **Olivier Chastel** (Renew), **Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

The newly elected President of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Tony Murphy, will present the main conclusions of the annual report of the Court as to the financial year 2021. This will be his first appearance in CONT Committee in his new position.

According to Article 287 of the TFEU, the ECA draws up an annual report at the end of each financial year. This report, including the statement of assurance (DAS - Declaration d'Assurance) concerning the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, is considered by the Council and the Parliament in the framework of the discharge procedure under Article 319 of the TFEU.

The presentation of the European Court of Auditors Annual Report is a decisive point in the discharge cycle related to the year 2021, that was started with the exchange of views of the Directors-General of the Commission on 8 September 2022. Upon examination of all relevant documents and a series of hearings with Commissioners, Parliament will decide in spring 2023 - acting on a recommendation from the Council - whether to grant discharge to the Commission and other EU bodies in respect of the implementation of the EU budget for the year 2021.

The Recovery and Resilience Facility, as part of the NextGenerationEU programme, is part of the discharge procedure for the first time. The Facility, with a financial value of EUR 723.8 billion (in current prices), technically is funded through external assigned revenue, outside the EU Budget, but falls fully within the Parliament's discharge prerogative. The Court has audited the first performance based payment, to Spain in December 2021, and the results are included in the Court's annual report.

The 2021 Annual Report as well as the 2021 EU Audit in brief will be published on Thursday 13 October 2022. It will also be available on the CONT website after publication.



CONT Timetable

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Deadline for Opinion giving Committees	FEMM, REGI, DEVE, CULT, AFET, PECH, AGRI, ENVI, EMPL, JURI, LIBE, TRAN, AFCE	2 February 2023
Consideration in Committee	CONT	9 February 2023
Deadline for Amendments	CONT	17 February 2023, 12:00
Vote in Committee	CONT	22-23 March 2023

Thursday 13 October 2022, 16:30 – 18:00

5. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COMMISSION

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[2022/2081\(DEC\)](#)



*Hearing with Commissioner **Johannes Hahn**, responsible for Budget and Administration.*

*Presentation of the Integrated Financial Accountability Reporting (IFAR) in the presence of **Manfred Kraff**, Director-General of the European Commission's Internal Audit Service*

CONT Rapporteurs: [Jeroen Lenaers](#)

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[Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)

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The integrated financial and accountability reporting package brings together comprehensive information on the implementation, performance, results, sound financial management and protection of the EU budget in 2021.

It consists of five reports, namely:

- the 2021 Annual Management and Performance Report and its annexes provide an overview of the performance, management and protection of the EU budget, including the performance and compliance aspects of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF);
- the 2021 Consolidated Annual Accounts of the European Union contain financial information on the activities during the year;
- the Report on the Follow-up to the Discharge for the 2020 financial year reports on how the Commission proceeded with the requests made by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union during the discharge procedure;
- the Commission Report to the Discharge Authority on Internal Audits carried out in 2021 presents a synthesis of the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) and the actions taken on those recommendations to improve the Commission's governance, risk management and control processes;
- the Long-term Forecast of Future Inflows and Outflows of the EU Budget (2023–2027) provides the payments and revenue forecast covering the new multiannual financial framework (MFF), and the European Union Recovery Instrument – NextGenerationEU (NGEU).



Throughout 2021, the EU continued to implement unprecedented solutions and responses to the economic and political challenges caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. In this context the NextGenerationEU, a new recovery instrument, played a central role in providing funding to the Recovery and Resilience Facility and reinforcing several existing EU programmes and policies.

In 2021, the first year of the new 2021–2027 MFF, the final adopted budget amounted to EUR 166.8 billion of

commitment appropriations and EUR 168.0 billion of payment appropriations. NGEU reinforced the key programmes by an additional EUR 421.1 billion of commitment appropriations and EUR 55 billion of payment appropriations inscribed in the EU budget as external assigned revenue. Outstanding commitments (commonly referred to as RAL – reste à liquider), which are committed amounts not yet paid, stood at EUR 341.6 billion at the end of 2021.

All the relevant documents can be found on the [CONT website](#).

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Deadline for Amendments	CONT	17 February 2023, 12:00
Vote in Committee	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Vote	Plenary	May 2023

Thursday 13 October 2022, 18:00 – 18:30

6. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD – 2021

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

Presentation by Commissioner Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Administration



**CONT Rapporteur:
Administrator:**

[Sabrina Pignedoli](#) (NI)
Diego Rasetti

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Caterina Chinnici (S&D), **Katalin Cseh** (Renew), **Mikuláš Peksa** (Greens),
Matteo Adinolfi (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR)

David Lega (EPP),

As every year, the CONT Committee has requested to draw up an own-initiative report based on, among other sources, the Annual Report on the Protection of the EU's Financial Interests (known as the PIF Report). This main reference document for 2021, produced by the Commission as provided for in Article 325(5) FEU, shall be presented by Commissioner Hahn.

The PIF report is based on information provided by the Member States, including data on detected irregularities and fraud. The analysis of this information allows assessing which areas are most at risk, thereby to better target action at both EU and national level, providing details on the measures taken at European and national level to counter fraud affecting the EU budget. It is a very structured report, accompanied by six working documents providing additional data and information on several topics addressed in the report itself.

This year the PIF Report is expected to provide a comprehensive review and analysis of the several 2021 milestones and their intertwined actions, amongst which the entry into force of the revised OLAF Regulation and of the Regulation governing the new Union Anti-Fraud Programme, the launch of the operational activities of the EPPO, the entry into force of the Regulation on the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget and the adoption of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, which allows, together with the new MFF, the deployment of an unprecedented amount of resources with a corresponding

increase of the risk of fraud and mismanagement of resources.

The Rapporteur for the PIF INI Report of this year, Ms Pignedoli, will anticipate some of the matters that will be likely tackled in the draft INI report, building on the information gathered and on the trends identified in the framework of the exchanges and considerations already carried out in CONT during the year: the emerging threats brought by the organised crime and the counter-measures offered by enhanced digitalisation and interoperability of data bases, the limitations imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the state of play in the transposition of the PIF Directive, of the AML/CTF Directive and Whistleblowers Directive, the adoption of National Anti-Fraud Strategies (NAFS) by MSs and the role of the Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS). In an increasingly complex scenario, the Rapporteur anticipates the expectations for a Commission reporting tool adequate to the need of bringing into light the dynamics and processes of the overall EU anti-fraud architecture.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	8 November 2022
Deadline for amendments	CONT	16 November 2022, 14:00
Adoption of report in committee	CONT	5 December 2022
Adoption of report	Plenary	January 2023

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETINGS

- 24-25 October 2022 (Brussels)
- 7-8 November 2022 (Brussels)

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