



NOTULEN

Vergadering van 30 november 2022, 9.00 - 12.30 uur en 14.30 - 18.30 uur,

en 1 december 2022, 9.00 - 12.30 en 15.00 - 18.00 uur

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op woensdag 30 november 2022 om 9.11 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

30 november 2022, 9.00 - 10.30 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

- 6 oktober 2022 PV – PE737.455v01-00
- 13 oktober 2022 PV – PE737.392v01-00
- 24-25 oktober 2022 PV – PE738.551v01-00
- 27 oktober 2022 PV – PE738.508v01-00

4. Speciaal verslag 22/2022 van de Europese Rekenkamer: EU-steun voor kolenregio's

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Rapporteur:

Marian-Jean Marinescu (PPE)

DT – PE738.569v01-00

- Presentatie van het verslag door Nikolaos Milionis, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Nikolaos Milionis (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Frederic Versini (Europese Commissie, DG ENER), Nicola De Michelis (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO), Marian-Jean Marinescu.

De vergadering wordt om 9.46 uur geschorst.

De vergadering wordt om 11.01 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter commissie CONT) en Juan Fernando López Aguilar (voorzitter commissie LIBE).

30 november 2022, 10.30 - 12.30 uur

Gezamenlijke vergadering met de Commissie burgerlijke vrijheden, justitie en binnenlandse zaken (LIBE) in zaal SPAAK 3C50

- 5. Gezamenlijke openbare hoorzitting met de autoriteiten van de lidstaten over de financiële steun voor de opvang en begeleiding van Oekraïense vluchtelingen**
CJ09/9/10633

De vergadering wordt om 12.35 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 14.33 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Gilles Boyer (derde ondervoorzitter). Om 14.59 uur neemt Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter) het voorzitterschap over en om 16.05 uur neemt Tomáš Zdechovský (vierde ondervoorzitter) het voorzitterschap over.

30 november 2022, 14.30 - 16.00 uur

- 6. Kwijting 2021 voor de gemeenschappelijke ondernemingen**
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Corapporteurs:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de volgende gemeenschappelijke ondernemingen, in aanwezigheid van Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer
 - Europese gemeenschappelijke onderneming voor ITER en de ontwikkeling van fusie-energie (F4E)
 - Gemeenschappelijke Onderneming Europese high-performance computing

(EuroHPC)

- Initiatief voor innovatieve gezondheidszorg (IHI)

Sprekers: Gilles Boyer, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Jan Panek (Europese Commissie, DG ENER), Jean-Marc Filhol (F4E), Anders Dam Jensen (EuroHPC), Hugh Laverty (IHI), Ryszard Czarnecki, Angelika Winzig, Hannes Heide, Michal Wiezik.

De vergadering wordt om 16.11 uur geschorst en om 16.12 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Tomáš Zdechovský (vierde ondervoorzitter).

30 november 2022, 16.00 - 18.30 uur

7. Kwijting 2021 voor de agentschappen

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Corapporteurs:

- Katalin Cseh (Renew)
- Gilles Boyer (Renew)
- Ramona Strugariu (Renew)
- Pierre Karleskind (Renew)
- Alin Mituța (Renew)
- Olivier Chastel (Renew)
- Gedachtewisseling met de vertegenwoordigers van de volgende agentschappen, in aanwezigheid van Mihails Kozlovs, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer, en Hans Bruyninckx, vertrekkend voorzitter van het netwerk van EU-agentschappen
 - eu-LISA
 - EUAA
 - EMA

Sprekers: Tomáš Zdechovský, Mihails Kozlovs (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Hans Bruyninckx (netwerk van EU-agentschappen), Luca Tagliaretti (eu-LISA), Nina Gregori (EUAA), Emer Cooke (EMA), Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh en Petri Sarvamaa.

De vergadering wordt om 18.06 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 9.04 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

1 december 2022, 9.00 - 10.00 uur

8. Kwijting 2021: Algemene begroting van de EU - achtste, negende, tiende en elfde EOF

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Rapporteur:

José Manuel Fernandes (PPE)

Bevoegd:

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Adviezen:

DEVE, BUDG

- Gedachtewisseling met Jutta Urpilainen, commissaris voor Internationale Partnerschappen, in aanwezigheid van Baudilio Tomé Muguruza, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Baudilio Tomé Muguruza (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Jutta Urpilainen, (commissaris voor Internationale Partnerschappen), Olivier Chastel, José Manuel Fernandes (schriftelijke verklaring).

1 december 2022, 10.00 - 11.30 uur

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

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2022/2081(DEC) COM(2022)0323[01] – C9-0227/2022

Corapporteurs:

Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Bevoegd:

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- Gedachtewisseling met Elisa Ferreira, commissaris voor Cohesie en Hervormingen, in aanwezigheid van Helga Berger, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Helga Berger (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Elisa Ferreira (commissaris voor Cohesie en Hervormingen), Jeroen Lenaers, Isabel García Muñoz, Maria Grapini (schriftelijke verklaring), Olivier Chastel, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs, Petri Sarvamaa, Andrey Novakov, Daniel Freund, Marc Lemaître (Europese Commissie, DG REGIO).

1 december 2022, 11.30 - 12.30 uur

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

10. Coördinatorenvergadering

De vergadering wordt om 12.43 uur geschorst.

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De vergadering wordt om 15.04 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

1 december 2022, 15.00 - 16.30 uur

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

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2022/2081(DEC) COM(2022)0323[01] – C9-0227/2022

Corapporteurs:

Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Bevoegd:

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- Gedachtewisseling met Janusz Wojciechowski, commissaris voor Landbouw, in aanwezigheid van Viorel Ștefan, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer

Sprekers: Viorel Ștefan (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Janusz Wojciechowski (commissaris voor Landbouw), Jeroen Lenaers, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Ryszard Czarnecki.

De vergadering wordt om 16.13 uur geschorst en om 16.37 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Monika Hohlmeier (voorzitter).

1 december 2022, 16.30 - 18.00 uur

12. Kwijting 2021: Algemene begroting van de EU - Europees Parlement

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2022/2082(DEC) COM(2022)0323[02] – C9-0228/2022

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

Bevoegd:

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- Gedachtewisseling met Klaus Welle, secretaris-generaal van het Europees Parlement, in het kader van de kwijting aan het Europees Parlement, in aanwezigheid van Marek Opiola, rapporterend lid van de Europese Rekenkamer, en met deelname van:
 - Pedro Silva Pereira, ondervoorzitter belast met de begroting van het EP
 - Francis Clergeaud, intern controleur
 - Pascal Schonard, directeur van de Autoriteit voor Europese politieke partijen en Europese politieke stichtingen

Sprekers: Monika Hohlmeier, Marek Opiola (lid van de Europese Rekenkamer), Pedro Silva Pereira (Europees Parlement, ondervoorzitter), Klaus Welle (Europees Parlement, secretaris-generaal), Francis Clergeaud (Europees Parlement, intern controleur), Pascal Schonard (Europees Parlement, Autoriteit voor Europese politieke partijen en Europese politieke stichtingen), Isabel García Muñoz, Andrey Novakov en Daniel Freund.

13. Rondvraag

14. Volgende vergaderingen

- 5 december 2022
- 23-24 januari 2023

De vergadering wordt om 18.25 uur gesloten.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
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209 (7)
Pedro Silva Pereira
216 (3)
56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Τοčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 30.11.2022
(2) 1.12.2022

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Nicola De Michelis (DG REGIO), Elisa Ferreira (Commissioner responsible for Cohesion and Reforms), Marc Lemaitre (DG REGIO), Jan Panek (DG ENER), Jutta Urpilainen (Commissioner responsible for International Partnerships), Frederic Versini (DG ENER), Janusz Wojciechowski (Commissioner responsible for Agriculture)

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ECA	Helga Berger, Ildiko Gáll-Pelcz, Mihails Kozlovs, Nikolaos Milionis, Marek Opiola, Viorel Ștefan, Baudilio Tomé Muguruza,
Eu-LISA	Luca Tagliaretti
EUAA	Nina Gregori
EMA	Emer Cooke
EU Agencies Network	Hans Bruyninckx
IHI	Hugh Lavery
EURO HPC	Anders Dam Jensen
F4E	Jean-Marc Filhol

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EP Internal Auditor	Francis Clergeaud
Authority for European political parties and European political foundations	Pascal Schonard

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PPE	Inmaculada Mateos Buendia, Madalina Stoian
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<p>Klaus Welle (Secretary General of the European Parliament)</p>	
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<p>Giulia Bastianello, Kaare Barslev, Marius Cobianu, Fernando Gallego Osuna, Benoît Lefort, Ana Maria Nogueira , Paulus Johannes Stander,</p>
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<p>Anna Aresu</p>

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Committee on Budgetary Control
- The Secretariat -

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 1 December 2022

11.30-12.30

Brussels

Room: SPAAK 5B1

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Present Coordinators: EPP: Petri Sarvamaa
S&D: Represented by Vice-chair Isabel García Muñoz
Renew: Written position by Olivier Chastel
Greens: Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel
ID: Joachim Kuhs
ECR:--
The Left: Luke Ming Flanagan

Items for decision

1. Screening of ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
Special Report 23/2022	Synergies between Horizon 2020 and European Structural and Investment Funds	26 September at 17:00	RENEW & EPP	Presentation in CONT - ITRE & REGI to be invited or to organise a joint meeting
Special Report 24/2022	e-Government actions targeting businesses: Commission's actions implemented, but availability of e-services still varies across the EU	5 December 2022	Greens	Refer to IMCO/ITRE CONT to be invited to presentations in any other committee
Special Report 25/2022	Verification of Gross National Income for financing the EU budget	8 December	RENEW	Presentation in CONT jointly with BUDG* *(BUDG to be invited upon their request)
Special Report 26/2022	European statistics	29 November	EPP, S&D, Greens, ID	Refer to EMPL/IMCO/ENVI CONT to be invited to presentations in any other committee

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat/the Chair, with the modification that for the presentation of the SR 25/2022 the BUDG Committee will only be invited, following their own request.

2. CONT mission to Spain - scope and places to visitbookmark://_Toc119486738/

By written procedure CONT Coordinators agreed to request that this mission to Spain should take place from 20 to 22 February 2023 (week 8). The CONT Chair further proposed to adapt the scope of the mission by dropping the idea of visiting Fusion4Energy in Barcelona which becomes redundant by the inclusion of a visit to Fusion 4Energy in Cadarache, combined with the mission to France. The Chair suggested to visit instead either a region particularly affected by the COVID-pandemic or a project benefitting from RRF funding.

Decision:

After constructive discussion among Coordinators, a consensual draft has been submitted for approval by written procedure which contained already many proposals.

From the further proposals suggested in the written procedure, only the one concerning the digital domain was taken up against the background of the limited

duration of the mission and the support by a majority of Coordinators.

The preliminary draft programme (locations and meetings to request) as agreed can be found in *Annex A*

The final program will be submitted again for approval.

3. Programme public hearing “Cohesion and NextGenerationEU”

The annual programme of committee hearings for the second semester of 2022 included a CONT hearing on "*Cohesion policy investments and NextGeneration EU recovery fund: state of play of the monitoring and controls*". In the written Coordinators' procedure of 27 September, CONT Coordinators decided to postpone this hearing until the first half of 2023, before the deadline for tabling amendments to the Commission Discharge (17 February 2023).

The hearing is scheduled for 23 January 2023. On the basis of a call for proposals to CONT Coordinators and groups, the programme has been prepared.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the programme.

4. Presentation of DG REGIO's Open Data Platform, and DG ECFIN's RRF Scoreboard in a joint CONT/REGI meeting

The Commission informed the CONT Secretariat that DG REGIO would like to present the updated [Open Data Platform](#) to the CONT members. The Cohesion Open Data Platform, which now includes the first wave of data from the adopted 2021-2027 programmes, visualises and provides open data on hundreds of national, regional and interregional programmes funded by the EU Budget.

DG ECFIN operates a similar platform, the RRF Scoreboard, to present the state of play of the implementation of the RRF.

Having both platforms presented by the respective responsible Commission services will allow the Members to get familiar and learn about the (dis)advantages of both platforms.

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the Commission can present the two platforms in a joint CONT-REGI meeting.

Items for information

5. 2021 Discharge timetable – extension of deadline for AMs on EC discharge report

Following the Coordinator's written consultation of 16th November 2022 there were no objections to allow an extension of the deadline to table amendments – only for the 2021 Commission discharge report – from 17 February to 24 February 2023 at noon, in order to reflect the results of CONT mission to Spain in the Commission draft discharge report. The revised discharge timetable can be found in *Annex B*.

6. State of play of appointments on CONT files

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

7. Documents received for information

7.1 ECA Work Programme 2023+

On 8 November 2022 the European Court of Auditors **published its 2023 and beyond** work programme that can be consulted on the following link:
<https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=62481>

8. Any other business

9. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 23-24 January 2023

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022

09.00 – 10.30 BRUSSELS, PAUL HENRI SPAAK (5B001)

10.30 – 12.30 BRUSSELS, PAUL HENRI SPAAK (3C50)

14:30 - 18:30 BRUSSELS, PAUL HENRI SPAAK (5B001)

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022

09.00 – 12.30 and 15.00 – 18.30 BRUSSELS, PAUL HENRI SPAAK (5B001)

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 09.00 – 10.30

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

Interpretation 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 Coordinators' recommendations from the written procedure of 16 November 2022 were circulated to the Members on 17 November 2022.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 6 October 2022 PV – PE737.455v01-00
- 13 October 2022 PV – PE737.392v01-00
- 24-25 October 2022 PV – PE738.551v01-00
- 27 October 2022 PV – PE738.508v01-00

4. ECA SPECIAL REPORT ON EU SUPPORT TO COAL REGIONS - LIMITED FOCUS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENERGY TRANSITION

CONT/9/10488

*Presentation of ECA SR 22/2022 by ECA reporting member
Nikolaos Milionis*

BUDG, REGI, ENVI & EMPL Members to be invited



Rapporteur:
Administrator:

Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP)
Ana Maria Nogueira

The reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Nikolaos Milionis, will present the main conclusions of the ECA Special Report on **EU support to coal regions - limited focus on socio-economic and energy transition**. To fight the climate crisis, the European Union has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. A fundamental step on that road is phasing out coal – a highly polluting energy source. The EU's Green Deal identified the phasing-out of coal energy production as an essential factor in achieving the 2030 climate change targets and becoming climate-neutral by 2050. Due to the dropping costs of wind and solar power, the inefficiency of the mining process, and EU and national climate policy, this process is already well under way. As of March 2021, half of Europe's coal plants had already shut down or have a closure date.

However, closing a coal mine or a plant has consequences. On the people employed there, their families, the wider community and the economy of the region. It is essential that a coal phase-out is meticulously planned, consulted upon, with all its impacts thought through and high-income economic alternatives found, so the process is socially fair as well as good for the people and the climate. This is known as a '*just transition*'.

A '*just transition*' away from coal inevitably requires a lot of up-front investment in re-training for former coal workers and to create new economic opportunities. Since 2018, the Commission has offered various types of expertise to the coal regions, and in 2020, it made proposals to set up the €19.3 billion Just Transition Fund. The ECA SR conclusions/recommendations cover the main areas impacted by the energy transition in the selected regions, more specifically, job creation, training/education, socio-economic needs and greenhouse gas emissions. Based on the collected evidence, it was concluded that the EU support to coal regions had a limited focus and impact on job creation and energy transition and that, despite overall progress, coal remains a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in some Member States. Based on these findings, the ECA recommends the Commission to check that the Just Transition Fund is used effectively and efficiently to alleviate the socio-economic impact of the transition to climate-neutrality in coal and carbon-intensive regions and to share good practice for measuring and managing methane emissions. The CONT Rapporteur acknowledges that a successful « just transition » is a complex procedure, but believes that if done right, it can have a net benefit on coal regions in terms of employment, the economy and the environment. He recalls that impacts go beyond employment numbers, as the redundancies



of coal employees will also affect sub-suppliers, as well as the tax revenues in the respective regions, the social security and health insurance systems. Moreover, he considers that if not carefully managed through Just Transition policies and processes, economic changes could result in increased social inequality, worker disillusionment, strikes or civil unrest and reduced productivity, as well as less competitive business, sectors and markets. He therefore calls on the Commission to ensure that plans set out a detailed framework of support for all categories of workers affected directly and indirectly by the transition to a green economy.

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 10.30 – 12.30

5. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH AUTHORITIES OF MEMBER STATES ON THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE TREATMENT AND ACCOMPANYING OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

CJ09/9/10632



Joint meeting with Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Administrators: Giulia Bastianello, Kaare Barslev (CONT secretariat) and Lars-Erik Fjellstrom (LIBE secretariat)

The CONT and LIBE Committees are holding a joint public hearing with authorities of Member States hosting many Ukrainian refugees. The aim of the hearing is to learn about how the authorities have managed the large number of Ukrainian refugees and to look at how spending for the refugees is done in a correct and efficient way and how fraud can be avoided. The

discussion is expected to cover issues such as the number of refugees received in different areas, their integration into society, capacity of facilities and the overall financial expenditure.

The hearing is composed of two panels, a first one with representatives of local authorities from three Member States, and a second one on the EU financial support for refugees giving the floor to experts of the work of the reception centres and NGOs.

More information can be found on the [CONT webpage](#).

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 14.30 – 16.00

6. 2021 DISCHARGE TO THE JOINT UNDERTAKINGS

CONT/9/10610



*Discharge hearing with representatives of Joint Undertakings in the presence of ECA reporting member, **Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz***

Co- Rapporteurs:

[Joachim Stanisław Brudziński](#)

(ECR):

[Ryszard Czarnecki](#) (ECR)

Administrator:

Ana Maria Nogueira

Shadow Rapporteurs : **Angelika Winzig** (EPP), **Hannes Heide** (S&D), **Michal Wiezik** (Renew), **Michele Rivasi** (Greens), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

The three Joint Undertakings (JUs) invited to the hearing:

- The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (F4E) [2022/2129\(DEC\)](#)
- The European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU) [2022/2128\(DEC\)](#)
- Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (IHI) [2022/2131\(DEC\)](#)

JUs are partnerships between the Commission and industry. In some cases, research or intergovernmental organisations and participating states are also involved. The main mission of JUs is to foster the translation of scientific knowledge into marketable breakthrough innovations within a strategic vision that is shared by the industry and research partners. Moreover, JUs should respond to European social challenges currently insufficiently served by industry.

In November 2021, the Council adopted the Single Basic Act, setting up nine JUs to implement actions under the Horizon Europe programme, the multiannual research and innovation programme under the new 2021-2027 MFF, for the period ending on 31 December 2031^[1]. The general aim of the JUs under the Horizon Europe programme is to be more objective-driven and have more ambitious partnerships with the respective industrial sectors than under the previous programmes.

For the financial year 2021, the nine Joint Undertakings subject to the discharge procedure by Parliament are the following:

- The Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research Joint Undertaking (SESAR 3);
- The Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking;
- The Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (IHI);
- The Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking Clean H2);
- The Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT);
- The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE);
- The Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL);
- The European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC);
- The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (F4E).

On 15 November 2022, the Court of Auditors (ECA) published its specific annual report on JUs in the form of a single consolidated report on all JUs. The Court has signed off the 2021 accounts of all the EU's Joint Undertakings (JUs), and confirmed the positive results reported in previous years. The new Horizon Europe research and innovation-funding programme sets ambitious goals for the 2021-2027 budget period, and the

auditors call for action to get the Horizon 2020 contribution targets over the line, to address remaining weaknesses in internal controls, and to prepare for new challenges, such as human resources planning and management.

The hearing is structured as follows:

- Chair's introductory remarks;
- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA), Ms Ildiko Gáll-Pelcz, who will present the findings of the specific ECA Annual Report 2021;
- Presentation by the Executive Directors of each of the JUs invited:
 - F4E;
 - EuroHPC;
 - Innovative Health Initiative (IHI).
- Remarks and questions from the Rapporteurs;
- Replies from the Joint Undertakings;
- In a ping-pong system, the Chair, Shadow Rapporteurs and other Members will ask questions to the invited guests;
- The Joint Undertakings will reply to the questions posed;
- Closing remarks of the ECA Member, the Joint Undertakings and the Rapporteurs.

[\[1\] Council Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2085](#) of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe

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

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Consideration of draft report	CONT	23-24 January 2023
Deadline for amendments	CONT	31 January 2023, 14.00
Adoption of draft report	CONT	27-28 February 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Wednesday 30 November 2022, 16.00 – 18.30

7. 2021 DISCHARGE TO THE AGENCIES

CONT/9/10609

Discharge hearing with representatives of agencies, in the presence of reporting ECA Member, [Mihails Kozlovs](#) and [Hans Bruyninckx](#), outgoing Chair of the EU Agencies Network

Co-Rapporteurs (Renew):

[Gilles Boyer](#)

[Olivier Chastel](#)

[Katalin Cseh](#)



[Pierre Karleskind](#)



[Alin Mituța](#)



[Ramona Strugariu](#)



Administrators: Giulia Bastianello
Marius Cobianu



- Shadow Rapporteurs : **Petri Sarvamaa** and **Tomáš Zdechovský** (EPP), **Claudiu Manda** (S&D), **Bas Eickhout** (Greens), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

Horizontal Report on performance, financial management and control of the EU Agencies [2022/2134\(DEC\)](#)

The agencies invited to the hearing are the following:

- European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-Lisa) [2022/2117\(DEC\)](#)
- European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) [2022/2098\(DEC\)](#)
- European Medicines Agency (EMA) [2022/2109\(DEC\)](#)

The documents are published on the [CONT website](#). Of particular relevance for the hearing as regards the 2021 discharge for the Agencies are:

- The ECA's 2021 [Annual Report](#) on EU agencies;
- The replies from the EU Agencies to the questions of the CONT Committee ([standard questionnaire](#), [individual](#) written questions and [horizontal](#) written questions).

Reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Mihails Kozlovs, will present the findings and

conclusions of the ECA's annual report on the Agencies for the financial year 2021. This year's report contains also horizontal information including ECA's conclusions with regard to the risk of conflicts of interest and 'revolving door' situations in agencies.

Mr Hans Bruynickx, outgoing chair of the EU Agencies Network, will represent the Network in the discussion. The EU Agencies network contributed to the preparation for this hearing by providing horizontal replies, on behalf of all agencies, on questions asked by the Members of the CONT Committee.

The Rapporteurs for the 2021 discharge to the Agencies decided to invite eu-LISA, due to ECA's qualified opinion on the agency's expenditure, EUAA (*ex-EASO*) given the recent allegations on irregularities being committed jointly by the agency's senior management, and EMA for persistent procurement issues in the last three financial years.

The hearing is structured as follows:

- Introduction by the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Mihails Kozlovs who will present the findings of the ECA Annual Report on EU agencies for the financial year 2021;
- Response of the outgoing Chair of the EU Agencies' Network, Mr Hans Bruynickx, to the ECA annual report;
- CONT Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs will address questions to the Court, to the EU Agencies Network and the representatives of the above mentioned Agencies, followed by answers (ping-pong system);
- Other Members will question the Court and the representatives of the agencies ;
- Closing remarks by the representatives of the agencies, the ECA Member and the CONT Rapporteurs.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	09 February 2023
Deadline for amendments	CONT	17 February 2023, 12.00
Adoption of draft report	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Thursday 01 December 2022, 09.00 – 10.00

8. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EDF (8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH)

CONT9/09928
(DEC)

[2022/2135](#)



Discharge hearing with Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, responsible for International Partnerships in the presence of ECA reporting member Baudilio Tomé Muguruza

Rapporteur: [Jose Manuel Fernandes](#) (EPP)
Administrators: Ana Maria Nogueira
Opinions : DEVE, BUDG

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

The European Development Fund ('EDF') is the main instrument for providing aid for development cooperation to the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). The 11th EDF has reached its final stage as the sunset clause came into effect on 31 December 2020. This clause sets a cut-off date for commitments meaning that as of 2021 no further financing agreements can be signed under the 11th EDF. However, specific contracts for the existing financing agreements will still be signed until 31 December 2023 (and even later for audit and evaluation). Furthermore, the implementation of the ongoing projects funded by the European Development Fund will continue until their completion.

In the context of the new Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021-2027, the EU cooperation with ACP countries is integrated in the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe. Similarly, the cooperation with OCTs is now covered by the Overseas Association Decision (OAD). This means that while up to 2021 the EDF programmes were funded by the voluntary contributions of EU Member States, as of 2021 development programmes will be funded through the EU budget. This also implies that the funding of development programmes are subject to the authorisation of the European Parliament and that the transactions have to comply with the EU financial regulations in the same way as other EU funded programmes.



For the financial year ending 31 December 2021, the European Court of Auditors declared that the overall audit evidence indicates that the EDFs' accounts present fairly, in all material respects the EDFs' financial position, the results of their operations, their cash flows and the changes in net assets, in accordance in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the accounting officer. Furthermore, the Court declared that the overall audit evidence indicates that, for the financial year ending 31 December 2021, the revenue of the EDFs was not affected by a material level of error and that EDF payment transactions were affected by a material level of error (the Court estimates the level of error to be 4.6 % based on their transaction testing).

The discharge hearing will be based on information provided in public documents, such as:

- the Court of Auditors' 2021 Annual Report;
- the Report on the implementation of the financial assistance provided under the 11th European Development Fund in 2021;
- the 2021 Annual Activity Report of DG INTPA.

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 16 November 2022. The answers, received on 28 November, were immediately sent to all CONT Members.

It is proposed that the hearing with Commissioner Urpilainen proceeds as follows:

- Introduction by the reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Baudilio Tomé Muguruza, who will present the findings of the Annual Report 2021 on the EDF;
- Commissioner Urpilainen will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the ECA followed by answers (the ping-pong system);
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the ECA;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner and the Chair.

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

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Consideration of the draft report	CONT	9 February 2023
Deadline for amendments	CONT	17 February, 2023 at 12hrs
Adoption of draft report	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Thursday 01 December 2022, 10.00 – 11.30

9. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Discharge hearing with Commissioner [Elisa Ferreira](#), responsible for Cohesion and Reforms in the presence of ECA reporting member [Helga Berger](#)

Co-Rapporteurs:

[Jeroen Lenaers](#) (EPP)
[Monika Hohlmeier](#)

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)

In its 2021 Annual Activity Report, DG REGIO reports a particularly difficult year for Member States and their regions: the pandemic lingered and the economic situation continued to be challenging. Despite these difficulties, DG REGIO remarks that cohesion policy continued to deliver on its primary objective of strengthening the economic, social and territorial cohesion by reducing disparities between regions and to deliver on the Union's political priorities, especially the green and digital transition.

DG REGIO reports that funding from the ERDF, the CF and the EUSF helped to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 crisis, foster convergence and make sure no one is left behind. Exceptional flexibility was offered under the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives CRII(+), resulting in close to EUR 17.2 billion from ERDF and CF mobilised to counter the crisis and provide support to healthcare, businesses and workers. ERDF and CF investments in climate action are expected to represent EUR 51 billion by 2023 from the 2014-2020 programmes. The Just Transition Funds (JTF), with an allocation of EUR 19.2 billion, aims at alleviating the social and economic impacts of the transition in the regions and territories most dependent on fossil fuels and carbon-intensive industries. The ERDF is also the main investment tool for the digitalisation of industry and SMEs.



The total available envelope for ERDF and CF of more than EUR 350 billion, including national co-financing, was allocated to projects implemented under 2014-2020 programmes. DG REGIO reports that the average residual total error rate (risk at payment) for the 2021 relevant expenditure for all management modes is between 1.9% and 2.5%, a slight improvement when compared to the previous year (2.1% up to 2.6% in 2020). In 2021, the European Court of Auditors reported an estimated level of error of 3.5% for Cohesion spending.

In 2021, 43 ERDF/CF programmes from the 2014-2020 period are in reservation. The reasons for reservations (which may be cumulative) are: significant deficiencies in the functioning of the management and control system (six cases); significant deficiencies in the functioning of part of the management and control system (17 cases); programme residual error rate above 2% (17 cases) and programmes with residual error rates >2% and significant deficiencies in the functioning of the management and control system (six cases).

The discharge hearing will be based on information provided in public documents, such as

- the Court of Auditors' 2021 Annual Report, and
- the new Annual Report on Performance of the EU budget, as well as
- the Commission's Integrated Financial and Reporting package, and
- the 2021 Annual Activity Report of DG REGIO.

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

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 16 November 2022, answers were received on 25 November and forwarded to the CONT Members immediately.

It is proposed that the hearing with Commissioner Ferreira proceeds as follows:

- Introduction by the reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Helga Berger, who will present the findings of the Annual Report 2021 on this area;
- Commissioner Ferreira will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the ECA followed by answers (the ping-pong system);
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the ECA;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner and the Chair.

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Consideration of the draft report	CONT	9 February 2023
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Adoption of draft report	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Thursday 01 December 2022, 11.30 – 12.30

10. COORDINATOR'S MEETING

***** In camera *****

Thursday 01 December 2022, 15.00 – 16.30

11. DISCHARGE 2021: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CONT/9/09652

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



Discharge hearing with Commissioner Wojciechowski, responsible for Agriculture in the presence of ECA reporting member Viorel Ștefan

Rapporteur:

[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)

Agriculture and rural development account for 97 % of spending on 'Natural resources and environment', heading 3 of the MFF, and is implemented through the common agricultural policy (CAP). Direct payments account for 67 % of spending under MFF3, including the 'basic payment scheme' (€14.8 billion), the 'single area payment scheme' (€4.4 billion), the 'greening payment' (€10.8 billion), and 'voluntary coupled support' (€4.0 billion). Rural development accounts for 26 % of spending under this MFF heading, complemented by agricultural market measures, which account for 4.4 %.



As in previous years, for direct payments which are mainly based on the area of agricultural land declared by farmers, ECA's results indicate that the level of error was not material. For the remaining areas the results of ECA's audit, taken as a whole, indicate a material level of error.

The Court estimates the level of error to be 1.8 %, which aligns with the Commission's own estimates as presented in the AMPR. ECA recommended to the Commission to support the use of new technologies for preventing errors in CAP payments; to perform audits, and ensure monitoring and evaluation, to confirm that measure M21 (*exceptional temporary support to farmers and SMEs particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis*) funding properly targeted eligible beneficiaries suffering liquidity problems which put at risk the continuity of their farming or business activities.

The discharge hearing will be based on information provided in public documents, such as:

- the Court of Auditors' 2021 Annual Report, and
- the last Annual Report on Performance of the EU budget, as well as
- the Commission's Integrated Financial and Reporting package, and
- the 2021 Annual Activity Report of DG AGRI.

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

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 16 November 2022, answers were received on 25 November and forwarded to the CONT Members.

It is proposed that the hearing with Commissioner Wojciechowski proceeds as follows:

- Introduction by the reporting Member of the European Court of Auditors, Viorel Ștefan, who will present the findings of the Annual Report 2021 on this area;
- Commissioner Wojciechowski will reply to this introduction;
- CONT Rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs will put questions to the Commissioner and the ECA followed by answers (the ping-pong system);
- Other Members will question the Commissioner and/or the ECA;
- Closing remarks by the Commissioner and the Chair.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of the draft report	CONT	9 February 2023
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Adoption of draft report	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Thursday 30 November 2021, 16.30 - 18.00

12. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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[2022/2082 \(DEC\)](#)



*Discharge hearing with **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General of the European Parliament, in the presence of ECA reporting member **Marek Opiola** and with the participation of: **Pedro Silva Pereira**, Vice-President responsible for the EP Budget, **Francis Clergeaud**, Internal Auditor, **Pascal Schonard**, Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and Political Foundations.*

Rapporteur: [Isabel García Muñoz](#) (S&D)
Administrator: Benoît Lefort

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Andrey Novakov** (EPP), **Gilles Boyer** (Renew), **Daniel Freund** (Greens), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Younous Omarjee** (The Left)

Relevant documents

Members will find the relevant documents for the European Parliament discharge such as the report on budgetary and financial management, the annual accounts of the political groups, the report on compliance with payment time limits, the report on contracts awarded, Director-Generals' Annual Activity Reports, follow-up replies to last year's discharge resolution, and replies to the questionnaire raised by Members in 2022 on the [CONT 2021 budget discharge website](#).

Written questions

Following the established procedure for the adoption of the EP discharge questionnaire, Members were asked to submit questions related to the 2021 budget implementation to their Coordinators by 29 September 2022. The questionnaire was finalised and submitted to the Secretary-General on 10 October 2022. The Secretary-General's written replies were made available to Members on 23 November 2022 and are published on [CONT website](#).



Structure of the hearing

It is proposed that the discussion will take the following structure:

- statement by the Court of Auditors;
- short presentation by the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs;
- brief presentation by the Secretary-General of the answers to the written questions;
- presentation by the Internal Auditor of the European Parliament of his 2021 annual report;
- presentation by the Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and Foundations of its 2021 annual activity report;
- statement and oral questions by the Rapporteur;
- Q&A session with shadow rapporteurs and other Members (using the ping-pong format);
- closing remarks by the Rapporteur.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	23-24 January 2023
Deadline for amendments	CONT	31 January 2023, 14:00
Vote	CONT	27-28 February 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. NEXT MEETINGS

- 5 December 2022
- 23-24 January 2023

News from the EU Agencies Network



Eurofound as a Finalist in The National Procurement Awards 2022

Eurofound Agency was leading a procurement call for “Provision of evaluation and feedback services” which ended up being one of the shortlisted finalists in the category “Best Procurement External Collaboration Project of the Year” organised by The National Procurement Awards 2022.

The procurement call was joined by another 14 Agencies (EU-OSHA, eu-LISA, EIT, FRA, CEPOL, EFCA, BEREC Office, ECDC, EUAA, ERA, ACER, EIGE, ENISA, EIOPA) and the collaborative nature of this call vastly contributed to achieving the following objectives:

- Increased the budget of contract offered in order to reap the benefits of economy of scale.
- Attracted enough economic operators to ensure real competition among the tenderers.
- Created a competitive procurement environment capable of delivering high quality tenders at the reasonable price range.
- Attracted pre-eminent operators on the market to tender with us (the record of tenders opened showed, among the others, ICF, Ecorys, IPSOS, Deloitte, CSES, Kantar, PwC).
- This joint procurement not only attracted several candidates to tender but secured enough of them entering into contractual relationship with us and this way ensuring stable pool of contractors available to work with over the next few years period (i.e. 5 on the contractual list).

Conference: 'Sound financial management in EU Agencies



On 27 October the European Court of Auditors published its Annual report on EU Agencies, by Rimantas Sadzius, the reporting Member. On this occasion the ECA held a virtual event with the EU Agencies Network on sound financial management in EU Agencies.

The event consisted of two panel discussions: the one on the “revolving doors” examined how to ensure the independence of key staff and the other one on public procurement discussed whether the EU rules are fit for all Agencies regardless of their different sizes. The event recording is accessible through the [following Youtube link](#).

The list of speakers included among others:

- Monika Hohlmeier, CONT Chair at the European Parliament;
- Rimantas Sadzius, ECA Member
- Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman;
- Fausto Parente, Executive Director, EIOPA
- Dr Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, EEA
- Krum Garkov, Executive Director, eu-LISA
- Francois-Louis Michaud, Executive Director, EBA
- Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Director a.i., ETF



International Day of Persons with Disabilities - EUAN Online Talk: Finding Our Strength in Vulnerability

1st December 2022, 12:30 – 14:00h

The aim of the EUAN Online event Finding Our Strength in Vulnerability is to create a safe, respectful and supportive forum where people from the different EU institutions can have a fruitful and enriching exchange on the experiences, the merits and the challenges that people with disabilities face on a daily basis, analysing the potential impact of the working environment and to identify those areas in which actions can be taken to

make working atmosphere as fair and inclusive as possible.

Five speakers from the EU environment will share their personal stories and experiences in order to enhance the importance of inclusion in the workplace. The speakers will address aspects such as what sensitivities we all need to be aware of, the importance of providing reasonable accommodation and flexibility, as small things matter, awareness and empathy of managers at different levels, and the role of caretakers.

The list of speakers includes:

- Janette Sinclair, Adviser in DGHR, European Commission
- Géraldine Dufort, Head of the Diversity and Inclusion Office, DGHR, European Commission
- Nicoleta Susanu, Interim Project Officer, European Training Foundation (ETF)
- Vera Pinto, Policy Coordinator and Equality Coordinator, DG DEFIS, European commission
- Frédéric Storme, Policy Officer, Diversity and Inclusion Office, ASDEC, European Commission
- Paula Senra, Executive Support Officer, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- Petya Kirtcheva, Head of Human Resources, European Labour Authority (ELA)

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