



ACTA

Reunión del 5 de diciembre de 2022, de las 15.00 a las 18.30 horas

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La reunión comienza el lunes 5 de diciembre de 2022, a las 15.05 horas, bajo la presidencia de Monika Hohlmeier (presidenta).

5 de diciembre de 2022, de las 15.00 a las 16.30 horas

1. Aprobación del orden del día

Se aprueba el proyecto de orden del día tal como figura en la presente acta.

2. Comunicaciones de la presidencia

La presidenta señala a la atención de los miembros la información recogida en el boletín CONT News.

3. Aprobación de la gestión 2021: presupuesto general de la UE – Comisión

CONT/9/09652

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

Coponentes:

Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

Fondo:

CONT

- Intercambio de puntos de vista con Johannes Hahn (comisario de Presupuesto y Administración), en presencia del presidente del TCE Tony Murphy (informe anual) y de los miembros ponentes del TCE Jan Gregor (gestión financiera y presupuestaria), Marek Opióła (ingresos) y François-Roger Cazala (rendimiento)

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Tony Murphy (presidente del TCE), Jan Gregor (miembro del TCE), Marek Opiola (miembro del TCE), François-Roger Cazala (miembro del TCE), Johannes Hahn (comisario de Presupuesto y Administración), Jeroen Lenaers (declaración por escrito presentada por Angelika Winzig), Isabel García Muñoz (en nombre de Maria Grapini), Olivier Chastel, Daniel Freund, Jan Olbrycht.

La reunión se suspende a las 16.31 horas y se reanuda a las 16.37 horas.

5 de diciembre de 2022, de las 16.30 a las 18.00 horas

4. Audiencia pública sobre los instrumentos y herramientas de la Unión y desarrollados por los Estados miembros para prevenir y combatir el fraude y los delitos financieros y económicos, de cara a la determinación de buenas prácticas en la protección de los intereses financieros de la Unión

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- Véase el proyecto de orden del día correspondiente.

Intervienen: Monika Hohlmeier, Victoria Gil Casado (Comisión Europea, DG BUDG), Mylène Maussire (Comisión Europea, DG BUDG), Franck Sébert (Comisión Europea, DG REGIO) Athanasios Maraslis (Comisión Europea, DG EMPL), Krzysztof Iwanski (Comisión Europea, DG EMPL), Jan Olbrycht, Caterina Chinnici, Ramona Strugariu, Mikuláš Peksa, Sabrina Pignedoli, Joachim Kuhs, Alberto Nastasia (Guardia di Finanza, Italia), Radoslaw Antoszek (Ministerio de Fondos y Política Regional, Polonia).

La reunión se suspende a las 18.00 horas y se reanuda a las 18.02 horas.

5 de diciembre de 2022, de las 18.00 a las 18.30 horas

***** Turno de votaciones *****

5. Protección de los intereses financieros de la Unión Europea - Lucha contra el fraude: informe anual 2021

CONT/9/10204

2022/2152(INI)

Ponente:

Sabrina Pignedoli (NI)

PR – PE737.341v01-00

AM – PE738.710v01-00

Fondo:

CONT

- Aprobación del proyecto de informe

Se aprueba el proyecto de informe por 19 votos a favor, 1 voto en contra y 2 abstenciones (véanse los resultados de la votación nominal).

6. Control de las actividades financieras del Banco Europeo de Inversiones: informe

anual 2021
CONT/9/10205
2022/2153(INI)

Ponente:

Angelika Winzig (PPE)

PR – PE737.340v01-00

AM – PE738.707v01-00

Fondo:

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***** *Fin del turno de votaciones* *****

7. Asuntos varios

8. Próximas reuniones

- 23 y 24 de enero de 2023

- 9 de febrero de 2023

La reunión termina a las 18.32 horas.

Resultado de la votación nominal

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5. Protección de los intereses financieros de la Unión Europea - Lucha contra el fraude: informe anual 2021

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Renew	Gilles Boyer, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu
S&D	Attila Ara-Kovács, Caterina Chinnici, Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz
Verts/ALE	Margrete Auken, Daniel Freund, Mikuláš Peksa

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ID	Jean-François Jalkh

2	0
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Joachim Kuhs

Explicación de los signos utilizados:

+ : a favor

- : en contra

0 : abstenciones

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 Tjänsteman

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 05 DECEMBER 2022

15:00 - 18:30

BRUSSELS, PAUL-HENRI SPAAK (5B001)

Monday 05 December 2022, 15:00 – 18:30

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 ES PT CS HU PL *RO HR

*RO if possible

Webstreaming

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

3. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COMMISSION

CONT/9/09652

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



Discharge hearing with Johannes Hahn, Commissioner responsible for Budget and Administration in the presence of ECA President Tony Murphy (AR), ECA reporting Members Jan Gregor (Financial and Budgetary Management), Marek Opiola (Revenue) and François-Roger Cazala (Performance)

Co-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 CONT Committee will hold a hearing with Commissioner Hahn in the context of the discharge procedure for the Commission for financial year 2021.

Traditionally this is the occasion for the European Court of Auditors to present a wrap-up of their audit work for the year 2021, with the ECA President, and three reporting Members present.

Budgetary and financial management is covered by chapter 2 in the ECA's Annual Report. ECA concludes that during 2021 an exceptionally low amount of EUR 113.4 billion was committed, lower than in 2014, the first year of the 2014-2020 MFF. The Court noted that in particular the eight shared management funds under the Common Provisions Regulation showed a low implementation rate, with as little as 2% of the available amount committed.

Outstanding commitments for the EU budget decreased significantly from a historic high of €303.2 billion at the end of 2020, to EUR 251.7 billion, mainly due to delays to the start of the implementation of shared-management funds under the 2021-2027 MFF. However total outstanding commitment, that include the EU Budget and NextGenerationEU, reached EUR 341.6 billion.

The total exposure of the EU budget to contingent liabilities – liabilities that depend on a specific future event occurring – increased from EUR 131.9 billion at the end of 2020 to EUR 277.9 billion by the end of 2021, an increase of 111 %. The two main reasons for this substantial rise were the introduction of NextGenerationEU and the increase in the amount of loans provided under the SURE (the European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency).

The Court additionally notes that the EU is mobilising its budget and adding additional flexibility to react to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It states that this will increase the EU's budgetary needs and lead to a higher risk of contingent liabilities to the EU budget being triggered. At the end of 2021, Ukraine had outstanding loans with a nominal value of EUR 4.7 billion under the Macro-Financial Assistance and Euratom programmes. In addition, the European Investment Bank (EIB) has granted loans to the value of EUR 2.1 billion to Ukraine, loans which are supported by EU guarantees.

Revenue, amounting to a total amount of EUR 239.6 billion, is covered by chapter 3 in the ECA's Annual Report. ECA concludes that the level of error in revenue was not material, but highlights, as in previous years, persistent weaknesses in the effectiveness of control systems at the level of both the Commission and Member States.



Administration is covered by chapter 9 in the ECA's Annual Report. Spending on administration amounted to EUR 10.7 billion in 2021. The Court notes that this amount comprised spending on human resources and pensions (about 68 % of the total), buildings, equipment, energy, communications and information technology. ECA concludes that the overall audit evidence indicates that the level of error in spending on administration was not material.

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

In accordance with the timetable for the discharge procedure, the written questions for this meeting were sent to the Commission on 21 November 2021, answers were received on Wednesday 30 November and forwarded to the CONT Members immediately.

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

- Introductions by the reporting Members of the European Court of Auditors, who will present the findings of the Annual Report 2021 on this area;
- Commissioner Hahn 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
Deadline for amendments	CONT	17 February 2023
Adoption of draft report	CONT	22-23 March 2023
Adoption of report	Plenary	May 2023

Monday 05 December 2022, 16:30 – 18:00

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS AT EU LEVEL AND DEVELOPED AT MEMBER STATES' LEVEL TO PREVENT AND TACKLE FRAUD - ARACHNE

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* See separate draft agenda

Administrators: Paulus Johannes Stander
Diego Rasetti

The CONT Committee coordinators decided to organise in the first half of 2022 a Public Hearing on instruments and tools that the Commission and Member States use to prevent and tackle fraud. The initial aim was to have those Member States that were reluctant to use the Commission's tool, ARACHNE, present their difficulties with the use of the tool. The Members of the Committee should get an opportunity to take these remarks into account in their (legislative) work.

However, the reluctant Member States that were approached to present their views, had objections to being present in the Hearing, leading to its postponement to the second half of 2022.

In order to prepare for the re-scheduled hearing, the Committee Secretariat sent a short questionnaire to the Member States to have their views represented in the hearing. The Commission launched however a more elaborate survey a little bit later, with several Member States opting to reply to that questionnaire only.

The Commission agreed to share with the Committee the anonymised results of its survey, which will be presented in the hearing, along with presentations of the Commission's Directorates-General for Budget and Urban and Regional Policy (the Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion). Also, Italy and Poland will share their experience with using ARACHNE and with their own developed instruments and tools to prevent and tackle fraud.



Draft PROGRAMME

Public hearing on

Instruments and tools at EU level and developed at Member States' level to prevent and tackle fraud - ARACHNE

5 December 2022 (16.30-18.00)

Brussels

SPINELLI, SPAAK 5B

16:30 - 16:35	Opening remarks and introduction by the Chair, Ms Monika Hohlmeier
16:35 - 16:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the results of a questionnaire sent to all Member States on the use of IT tools to prevent and tackle fraud• Presentation on the legal base of the Commission's IT-tool to prevent and tackle fraud (ARACHNE) and the latest developments, by Ms Victoria Gil Casado and Ms Mylène Maussire, DG BUDG• Presentation of the technical background and use of ARACHNE and how the tool will further be developed in the future, by Mr Franck Sébert, Director Common
16:55 - 17:15	Questions and answers
17:15 - 17:35	Exchange of views with Member States' representatives on their experience with ARACHNE and/ or their national instruments and tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Italy, Colonel Alberto Nastasia, Guardia di Finanza• Poland, Mr Radosław Antoszek, Director of the Ministry for Funds and Regional
17:35 - 17:55	Questions and answers
18:55 - 18:00	Closing remarks by the Chair

Monday 05 December 2022, 18:00 - 18:30

*** Voting time***

5. PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS - COMBATING FRAUD - ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CONT/9/10204

[2022/2152\(INI\)](#)

Adoption of the own-initiative draft report.



PR – PE737.341v01-00

AM – PE738.710v01-00

Rapporteur:

[Sabrina Pignedoli](#)(NI)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

Shadow rapporteurs:

David Lega (EPP),

Caterina Chinnici (S&D), **Katalin Cseh** (Renew),

Mikuláš Peksa (The Greens), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID),

Richard Czarnecki (ECR),

On 8 November 2022, the draft of the own-initiative report on the protection of the European Union's financial interests was presented for consideration in the CONT Committee. Shadow rapporteurs and other Members made a number of remarks, and heard replies from Commission's representatives. The exchange fed into an interesting debate, translating into 125 amendments to the draft text.

The amendments submitted refer to a wide range of topics: they cover aspects of the so called external dimension of the protection of the Union's financial interests and its relations with third countries beneficiaries of EU financing, as well as profiles related to the collection of own resources. Some amendments emphasise the magnitude of serious threats to the integrity of the Union's finances and to the correct implementation of its co-funding, such as oligarchs groups; other proposed lines refer to the solutions and remedies to such threats: many amendments, bring the attention on recent decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union, and others relate with the intertwined dynamics amongst components of the anti-fraud architecture.

In particular, the number of proposed amendments referring to the conditionality regulation's features and on the important role of the Rule of Law in protecting the Union's budget, confirms the solid grounds of the call for an holistic reporting and analysis of the overall anti-fraud landscape. The correctness of the approach stressing the composite institutional structure of the current anti-fraud mechanism, built on the close interaction amongst components of the multi-layered network of cooperation, is further emphasised by the amendments focused on the adoption of national anti-fraud strategies and on cooperation amongst EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and between EU authorities and national authorities. On that note, the need for enhanced coordination between the services entrusted with checks and controls is pointed out.

Taking into account the positions expressed by the Shadows, the Rapporteur has proposed five compromise amendments.

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6. CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CONT/9/10205

[2022/2153\(INI\)](#)



Adoption of the own-initiative draft report.

PR – PE737.340v01-00

AM – PE738.707v01-00

Rapporteur:

[Winzig Angelika](#) (EPP)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

Shadow rapporteurs:

Corina Cretu (S&D), **Alin**

Mituța (Renew), **Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel** (The Greens/EFA), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Richard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

Following the presentation for consideration in the CONT Committee, on 14 November 2022, 68 amendments were tabled to the draft text of the own-initiative report.

The proposed amendments encompass many aspects of the EIB's business model, emphasising its position of largest multilateral development bank, issuer of green and sustainability use-of-proceeds bonds and acknowledging its leadership in the global green and sustainability bond markets. Some amendments underline the role of the EIB in specific initiatives, such as InvestEU and the Pan-European Guarantee Fund (EGF), and the importance of the support that EIB provides to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Attention is drawn to the actions that the Bank is expected to launch in the sectors of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, which are of key importance for growth and development in rural areas.

The amendments also present calls to the Bank to strive for levels of excellence in the implementation of its transparency policy, they look into the at times sub-optimal geographical distribution of the EIB financial support and underline the importance of human rights, inclusiveness and sustainability as fundamental pillars of the EIB Group's activities and operations.

The strategic support provided by the EIB Group under the form of technical assistance and advisory services is further remarked in some of the tabled amendments, together with references to its activities fostering the digitalisation and greening of the EU economy.

Overall, the debate between Shadows and Rapporteur has brought additional contents to the comprehensive analysis of the EIB activities carried out in 2021.

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*** **End of voting time** ***

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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