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ACTA

Reunión de los días 24 de mayo de 2023, de las 9.00 a las 12.30 horas y de las 15.00 a las 18.00 horas,

y 25 de mayo de 2023, de las 9.00 a las 11.00 horas

BRUSELAS

La reunión comienza el miércoles 24 de mayo de 2023, a las 9.05 horas, bajo la presidencia de Monika Hohlmeier (presidenta).

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 9.00 a las 9.15 horas

1. Aprobación del orden del día

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

2. Comunicaciones de la presidencia

3. Aprobación de actas de reuniones

- 25 de abril de 2023

PV – PE746.897v01-00

Se aprueba el acta.

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

4. Control de las actividades financieras del Banco Europeo de Inversiones: informe anual 2022

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2023/2046(INI)

Ponente:

Viola von Cramon-Taubadel (Verts/ALE)

PR – PE745.517v01-00

AM – PE746.916v01-00

Fondo:

CONT

Opiniones:

DEVE

- Aprobación del proyecto de informe

Decisión: Se aprueba el proyecto de informe por 19 votos a favor, 3 en contra y 0 abstenciones (véanse los resultados de la votación en el anexo I).

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

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 9.15 a las 11.30 horas

5. Audiencia pública sobre la aplicación de las normas sobre conflictos de intereses en la gestión de los fondos de la UE en los Estados miembros

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- Véase el proyecto de orden del día correspondiente

Intervenciones: Monika Hohlmeier, Michael Erhart (Comisión Europea, DG BUDG), Gregorio Moreno López (Consejería de Economía, Hacienda y Empleo de la Comunidad de Madrid), Uwe Lingen (Ministerio de Alimentación, Agricultura y Silvicultura de Baviera), Gabrielle Stolle (Ministerio de Alimentación, Agricultura y Silvicultura de Baviera), Silviu Popa (Agencia Nacional de Integridad de Rumanía), Maria Grapini, Isabel García Muñoz, Marie Bourjou (Comisión Europea, DG AGRI), Joachim Kuhs, Lothar Kuhl (Comisión Europea, DG EMPL/DG REGIO).

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 11.30 a las 12.30 horas

6. Informe Especial n.º 6/2023 del TCE titulado «Conflictos de intereses en el gasto agrícola y de cohesión de la UE»

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Ponente:

Maria Grapini (S&D)

- Presentación del informe a cargo de Pietro Russo (miembro ponente del TCE)
- Intercambio de puntos de vista con la participación de miembros de la Comisión de Desarrollo Regional (REGI) y de la Comisión de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (AGRI) (pendiente de confirmación)

Intervenciones: Monika Hohlmeier, Pietro Russo (Tribunal de Cuentas Europeo), Maria Grapini, Michael Erhart (Comisión Europea, DG BUDG).

Se suspende la reunión a las 12.35 horas.

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Se reanuda la reunión a las 15.06 horas.

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 15.00 a las 15.45 horas

- 7. Renovación parcial de los miembros del Tribunal de Cuentas – candidato HU**
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2023/0803(NLE) 07926/2023 – C9-0126/2023

Ponente:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

Fondo:

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- Audiencia de Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, candidata designada por Hungría
- Aprobación del proyecto de informe

Intervenciones: Monika Hohlmeier, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz (candidata al TCE), Ryszard Czarnecki, Markus Pieper, Maria Grapini, Olivier Chastel.

Se suspende la reunión a las 15.54 horas y se reanuda a las 15.59 horas.

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 15.45 a las 15.50 horas

***** *Votación electrónica* *****

- 8. *Votación para la renovación parcial de los miembros del Tribunal de Cuentas – candidato HU***

Decisión: Se rechaza la propuesta de nombramiento por 13 votos a favor, 13 votos en contra y 0 abstenciones.

***** *Fin de la votación electrónica* *****

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 15.50 a las 16.30 horas

***** *A puerta cerrada* *****

- 9. *Reunión de los coordinadores***

***** *Fin de la parte de la reunión a puerta cerrada* *****

Se suspende la reunión a las 16.19 horas y se reanuda a las 16.36 horas.

24 de mayo de 2023, de las 16.30 a las 18.00 horas (procedimiento de comisiones conjuntas, artículo 58)

10. Aplicación del Reglamento relativo a la condicionalidad del Estado de Derecho
CJ13/9/08816

Ponentes

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)

- Intercambio de puntos de vista con Johannes Hahn, comisario de Presupuesto y Administración

Intervenciones: Janusz Lewandowski, Monika Hohlmeier, Johannes Hahn (comisario de Presupuesto y Administración), Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jan Olbrycht, Lara Wolters, Moritz Körner, Daniel Freund, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Andor Deli.

La reunión termina a las 17.39 horas.

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La reunión comienza el jueves 25 de mayo de 2023, a las 9.07 horas, bajo la presidencia de Monika Hohlmeier (presidenta).

25 de mayo de 2023, de las 9.00 a las 10.00 horas

11. Intercambio de puntos de vista con las comisiones parlamentarias sobre el presupuesto y las políticas anticorrupción del Parlamento ucraniano (Rada Suprema)

Intervenciones: Monika Hohlmeier, Roksolana Pidlasa (Rada Suprema), Anastasiia Radina (Rada Suprema), Isabel García Muñoz, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Ivan Krulko (Rada Suprema), Anna Purtova (Rada Suprema), Liubov Shpak (Rada Suprema), Yaroslav Yurchyshyn (Rada Suprema), Olena Moshenets (Rada Suprema), Viktoria Siumar (Rada Suprema), Volodymyr Tsabal (Rada Suprema), David Lega, Rostyslav Tistyk (Rada Suprema).

Se suspende la reunión a las 10.30 horas y se reanuda a las 10.33 horas.

25 de mayo de 2023, de las 10.00 a las 11.00 horas

12. Estudio titulado «The use of Contract Agents in decentralised EU Agencies» (El recurso a agentes contractuales en las agencias descentralizadas de la UE)
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Ponente:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

- Presentación a cargo del Departamento Temático D

Intervenciones: Monika Hohlmeier, Thierry Van Schoubroeck (experto, Deloitte), Danny Janssen (Red de Agencias de la UE).

13. Asuntos varios

14. Próximas reuniones

- 26-27 de junio de 2023
- 17-18 de julio 2023

La reunión termina a las 11.10 horas.

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

4. Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank - Annual Report 2022 (2023/2046(INI))

4.1. Final vote

19	+
NI	Sabrina Pignedoli
PPE	Arnaud Danjean, José Manuel Fernandes, Monika Hohlmeier, Jan Olbrycht, Markus Pieper, Emil Radev, Simone Schmiedtbauer
Renew	Gilles Boyer, Ilana Cicurel, Alin Mituța, Michal Wiezik
S&D	Corina Crețu, Isabel García Muñoz, Hannes Heide, Sándor Rónai
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel

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ECR	Cristian Terheș
ID	Matteo Adinolfi, Joachim Kuhs

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Arnaud Danjean (1), Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (1), Maria Grapini (1), Hannes Heide (1), Niclas Herbst (1), David Lega, Ryszard Antoni Legutko (1), Marian-Jean Marinescu (1), Mikuláš Peksa (1), Sabrina Pignedoli (1), Elzbieta Rafalska, Simone Schmiedtbauer (1), Ramona Strugariu (1), Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Michal Wiezik (1)	

209 (7)	
Emil Radev (1), Attila Ara-Kovács (AGRI) (1)	
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Herbert Dorfmann (1), Tamasz Deutsch (1)	
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Committee on Budgetary Control

PROGRAMME

Public hearing on

The application of the rules on conflicts of interests in the management of EU funds in the Member States

24 May 2023 (9.15-11.15)

Brussels, SPINELLI 1G2

Programme

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Committee on Budgetary Control
- The Secretariat -

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday 24 May 2023

15.50-16.30

Brussels

SPINELLI 1G2

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Coordinators present:

EPP: Petri SARVAMAA (remotely)
S&D: Written comments sent by Claudiu MANDA
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
Greens: Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL
ID: -- --
ECR: Ryszard CZARNECKI
The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN

Items for decision**1. New referrals**

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Decision:

Coordinators decided not to deliver an opinion to this proposal.

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Decision:

Coordinators decided to deliver an opinion to this proposal.

The Greens and EPP Group expressed their interest in having the rapporteurship. Coordinators will consult and inform the Secretariat about which group will take it for the price of 1 point.

1.3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council - Laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents - COM(2023) 209

Decision:

Coordinators decided not to deliver an opinion to this proposal.

2. Screening of ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Pol.group	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
ECA's SR 12/2023	EU supervision of banks' credit risk	12 May 2023 at 7.00	S&D	Refer to ECON for presentation
Special Report 13/2023	Authorised Economic Operators	5 May 2023 at 7.00	ID	Refer to IMCO for presentation

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat/Chair.

3. Program for the mission to France on 19-21 June 2023

Decision:

The originally foreseen mission to France in week 25 (19 to 21 June 2023) has been cancelled. The mission to Romanian foreseen for week 30 has also been cancelled.

Coordinators decided to have a written procedure in order to decide whether to organise a trip to Luxembourg or to France in autumn (week 44).

4. Program for the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on 26 June 2023

On 5 September 2022 Coordinators decided to request the authorisation to organise an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) in June 2023 under the title "*The role of national parliaments in overseeing the spending of EU funds and the Next Generation EU plan*". The ICM has been authorised to take place on Monday 26 June in the afternoon 15:00 - 18:00.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the draft program.

5. Public Hearing on Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings

The joint BUDG-CONT hearing on "*personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings*" will take place in a CONT meeting on 27 June from 15.00 to 17.00.

The purpose of this hearing is to address the recurring issue of the lack of staff and other resources in the agencies; focusing notably on the use of contract agents, human resources strategies and IT tools.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the draft programme and tasked the Secretariat to finalise the programme in coordination with the BUDG Committee Secretariat.

6. Presentation of the programme of the Belgian Presidency for the first half of 2024 in CONT

Belgium will have the Presidency of the Council in the first half of 2024. The Permanent Representation of Belgium has written to the CONT Secretariat asking if the CONT Committee would like to have a presentation of the BE Presidency programme.

Decision:

Coordinators approved that the incoming BE Presidency is invited to a meeting in CONT early in 2024 to present their Presidency programme.

7. Next BUDG-CONT-FEMM meeting on gender budgeting issues

As agreed under the Gender mainstreaming roadmap, once per year the BUDG, CONT and FEMM Committees, the Gender Mainstreaming Network, and the High-Level Group, should meet in order to take stock of thematic progress on gender mainstreaming in the budget and discuss ways forward on this matter. For the last two years, Commissioner Hahn has been invited to these meetings, first (2021) to explain the Commission's plans regarding the gender tracking methodology for the EU budget, and the next year (2022) to present the gender tracking methodology.

This year, the BUDG Secretariat proposed that the meeting is informed by a briefing prepared by the Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs on national parliaments' practices regarding gender budgeting, and to invite the following actors:

- The UN or UN Women, to explain how they supervise gender budgeting at international level and testify whether the EU budget has been feeding their actions;
- The OECD: to present best practices from their network of officials working on gender budgeting;
- EIGE or the Commission (DG BUDG): since they supervise gender budgeting and designed the gender tracking methodology for the EU budget.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the meeting and to invite the above-listed organisations (including practitioners) to an upcoming meeting (which still needs to be planned, in agreement with the BUDG and FEMM Committee).

Items for information**8. State of play of appointments on CONT files**

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

9. Documents received for information - see Annex VI**10. Any other business**

Renew asked when the discharge calendar for the 2022 discharge would be ready. The Chair explained that we were still waiting for the EP calendar for 2024 and thereafter the discharge calendar would be prepared by the Secretariat as quickly as possible.

11. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

- June 2023

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023

09:00 – 12:30 and 15:00 - 15:50 and 15:50 - 16:30 (coordinators meeting)
and 16:30 - 18:00 joint committee procedure (Rule 58)

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023

09:00 – 11:00

Brussels, SPINELLI 1G - 2

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 09:00 – 09:15

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 (all slots except from 9.00-10.00 on 25 May)

ES, PT, CS, HU, PL, RO, HR and UK (partially from 9.00-10.00 on 25 May)

Webstreaming

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

Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

Summary of coordinators' recommendations from the Coordinator's meeting of 25 April 2023 was circulated to the Members on 28 April 2023.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 25 April 2023

PV – PE746.897 v01-00

*** **Voting time** ***

4. CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - ANNUAL REPORT 2022

CONT/9/11648

2023/2046(INI)

PR – PE745.517v01-00

AM – PE746.916v01-00



Rapporteur:

[Taubadel](#) (Greens)

[Viola Von Cramon-](#)

Shadow Rapporteurs: Petri Sarvaama (EPP) Corina Cretu (S&D) Alin Mituta (Renew)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

Opinions:

DEVE

Adoption of draft report

Following the presentation for consideration in the CONT Committee, on 25 April 2023, 96 amendments have been tabled to the draft text of the own-initiative report.

The proposed amendments encompass many aspects of the EIB's business model, and refer to the EIB as a major actor in fostering the digitalisation and greening of the EU economy. Some amendments underline the role of the EIB in specific initiatives, such as the Pan-European Guarantee Fund (EGF), and the importance of the support that the Group provides to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Some amendments draw attention to data and figures only recently made available by the EIB, following the Rapporteur's requests, on the EIB's overall performance levels, on the complaint mechanism and on activities carried out by the Inspectorate General. Further amendments have been inspired by the recent publication (on 8 May 2023) of the EIB Group Financial Report 2022 and (on 25 April 2023) of the Annual Activity Report of the EIF Audit Board for the 2022 financial year.

Some amendments call on the Bank to strive for levels of excellence as provider of advice and support to the regional and local implementing authorities in the framework of technical assistance actions and advisory services. The amendments presented acknowledge the EIB's strategic role in overcoming the challenges brought in by the technical complexity of the different set of rules for the Multiannual Financial Framework and for the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

Some of the tabled amendments also tackle the implementation of the EIB's transparency policy, the disclosure of information related to environmental projects financed either directly or through intermediaries, the geographical distribution of the EIB financial support and the importance of human rights, inclusiveness and sustainability.

Following the debate between Shadows and Rapporteur, additional content has been added to the comprehensive analysis of the EIB activities carried out in 2022, and 13 compromise amendments -covering 28 amendments- are proposed for voting. Last but not least, also the activities carried out by EIB Global, operational as per 1 January 2022, have been considered on the basis of the Opinion in form of a letter adopted on 23 May 2023 by the DEVE Committee..

The INI Report is scheduled for voting at the July Plenary.

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 09:15 – 11:30

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES ON CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF EU FUNDS IN THE MEMBER STATES

CONT/9/11648

Administrator: Christelle Courtade

- See separate draft agenda

In accordance with Article 61 of the [Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Union](#), “a conflict of interests exists where the impartiality and objective exercise of the functions of a financial actor or other person (...) is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest”. In 2021, the European Commission issued a [guidance](#) on the avoidance and management of conflicts of interests under the Financial Regulation, to help financial actors implement those rules in practice.

Two years later, what are the experiences of Member States in avoiding and managing conflicts of interests based on EU financial rules? The CONT Committee will hear the views from regional managing authorities, from the Romanian National integrity Agency and from the European Commission and discuss lessons learned linked to the application of the rules on conflicts of interests in relation to the management of EU funds in the Member States.

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 11:30 – 12:30

6. ECA SR 6/2023 ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN EU COHESION AND AGRICULTURAL SPENDING

CONT/9/11869



(Renew)

Presentation of the report by ECA reporting Member [Pietro Russo](#)

Exchange of views with invitation of Members of the [Committee on Regional Development \(REGI\)](#) and of the [Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development \(AGRI\)](#)

Rapporteur:

[Maria Grapini](#) (S&D)

Administrator:

Susana Delmas Costa

Shadow rapporteur:

Michal Wiezik

In 2018, a revision of Article 61 of the Financial Regulation explicitly extended conflict of interest prevention to Member States' authorities at any level (regardless of their internal governance arrangements) as well as to any person or entity implementing EU funds under shared management.

In this Special Report the Court of auditors assessed whether conflicts of interest are adequately addressed in the common agricultural policy and cohesion policy, in the light of the above mentioned revised legislation.

The ECA's overall conclusion is that although there is a framework in place to prevent and manage conflicts of interest in EU spending, there are loopholes in promoting transparency and in detecting situations at risk.

Such situations refer mainly to: non mandatory self-declarations in the countries they examined for members of government involved in making decisions about EU programmes and allocating related funding, even though regulations have explicitly required this since 2018; insufficient attention to certain red flags; measures for whistleblowers not yet in place; lack of publicly available information about the scale of conflicts of interest in shared management of EU spending, and no indicators measuring the frequency or magnitude of the issue.

The Commission has accepted all the recommendations proposed by the Court.



Wednesday 24 May 2023, 15:00 – 15:45

7. PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - HU NOMINEE

CONT/9/11756 [2023/0803\(NLE\)](#) PR – PE746.908v01-00



Appointment of Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, candidate nominated for re-appointment by Hungary

Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur:
Administrator:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
Kaare Barslev

The Members of the European Court of Auditors are appointed for a term of six years. The mandate is renewable. In accordance with Article 286(2) of the TFEU the Council, after consulting the European Parliament shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

Appointments to the ECA are submitted to Parliament's plenary on the basis of a report from CONT. The report takes into account the requirement of Article 286(1) of the TFEU: "*The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.*", as well as other considerations.

In Parliament, the procedure is defined in Rule 129 RoP. According to Rule 129 (1), "*candidates nominated as Members of the Court of Auditors shall be invited to make a statement before the committee responsible and to answer questions put by members. The committee shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot.*"

Ms Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz is a member of the European Court of Auditors since 2017. In preparation for the hearing, the candidate has been asked to answer a questionnaire prepared by CONT.

The hearing is structured as follows:

- Opening of the hearing by the Chair;
- The candidate will give an opening statement (maximum of 8 minutes);
- The CONT Rapporteur and shadow-rapporteurs will put questions to the candidate using the ping-pong system;



- Other Members will question the candidate (catch-the-eye if time permits);
- Concluding remarks by the Chair.

After the hearing, the committee will hold an evaluation of the candidate, if required (*in-camera*) and then proceed to vote on the appointment by secret ballot.

The format of reports on candidates for membership of the Court of Auditors is defined in Parliament's resolution of 4 February 2014, which implies that amendments cannot be tabled for this report.

The draft report will be finalised, according to the outcome of the evaluation and the vote in committee. The candidate's CV and the answers to the questionnaire are annexed to the report.

The report for plenary will state that Parliament delivers either a favourable or a negative opinion on the appointment of the candidate. The vote in Plenary is planned for May II (31 May - 1 June). The draft report is available on the [CONT website](#).

Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 15:45 - 15:50

***** Voting time *****

8. VOTE ON THE PARTIAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS - HU NOMINEE

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

Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 15:50 - 16:30

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

9. COORDINATORS' MEETING

***** End of in camera *****

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 16:30 - 18:00 - joint committee procedure (Rule 58)

10. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COMMISSIONER FOR BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULE OF LAW CONDITIONALITY REGULATION

CJ13/9/08816



Co-Rapporteurs:

[Eider Gardiazabal Rubial](#)

(BUDG, S&D) and [Petri Sarvamaa](#) (CONT, EPP)

Administrators:

Claudia Rubach (BUDG) and Benoît Lefort (CONT)

Based on a Commission proposal for budget protection measures under the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation of 18 September 2022, the Council adopted an implementing decision on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary on 15 December 2022.

The decision has suspended 55% (corresponding to 6.3 bn. EUR) of the budgetary commitments under three operational programmes in Cohesion Policy, and prohibited the Commission to enter into legal commitments with public interest trusts, or any entity maintained by such public interest trusts, for programmes implemented in direct and indirect management. Pursuant to Article 3 of this Council decision, Hungary has to inform the Commission by 16 March 2023, and every three months thereafter, on the implementation of the remedial measures to which it committed to address the findings of the Commission's notification sent on 27 April 2022.

The Committees on Budgets and on Budgetary control have invited Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, to a joint meeting to update and exchange views with Members about the implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation, as required by this Regulation. Members of both committees are particularly interested to hear about the steps taken by Hungary with regard to its remedial measures since the adoption of the Council decision of 15 December 2022 as well as about other relevant developments with regard to the application of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation.

Thursday 25 May 2023, 09:00 - 10:00



11. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ON BUDGET AND ON ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES OF THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT VERKHOVNA RADA

Rapporteur: [Monika Hohlmeier](#) (EPP)

Administrators: Giulia Bastianello and Kaare Barslev

The CONT Committee decided to organise a first meeting with sister committees from the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada, namely with the Committee on Budget and the Committee on Anti-Corruption policy.

The meeting between the Chairs of the committees of the European Parliament with their counterparts of the Verkhovna Rada on 12 April 2023 was the starting point of a closer cooperation between the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada. Building a closer cooperation between the two parliaments will undoubtedly be an important element in Ukraine's journey from candidate status to become a full-fledged member of the European Union.

Ukraine has had and still has a major problem with corruption, fraud and lack of control with public spending. Fighting corruption and developing high standards of budgetary control and accountability will be a key element of transformation of Ukraine towards European standards.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish a cooperation between the committees in line with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada. The Committee on Budget and the Committee on Anti-Corruption policy will be represented by their Chairs and further high-level representatives participating remotely. Members of both sides should provide a first overview of the work and role of each respective committee. There could also be an introductory discussion on the EU financial support to Ukraine and how this support is being controlled on both sides.

By e-mail of 11 May, the Policy Department has sent exhaustive briefings with background information to all CONT Members.



Thursday 25 May 2023, 10:00 - 11:00

12. STUDY ON "THE USE OF CONTRACT AGENTS IN DECENTRALISED EU AGENCIES"

CONT/9/11870



Rapporteur:
(EPP)
Administrator:
(Policy Department D)

[Monika Hohlmeier](#)

Stefan Schulz

Presentation by Policy Department D

Over recent decades, the regulating or supporting activities of decentralised EU Agencies have become essential for implementing EU policies. Their number has grown accordingly, currently reaching 35 decentralised EU Agencies with separate budgets, collectively employing over 11.000 people.

In 2014, the EU Agencies too were subject to a 5% staff cut. This impacted the general workforce composition at the Agencies, with many organisations compensating for staffing gaps by employing more Contract Agents, both in absolute terms and as a proportion of the total workforce. Over time, across all decentralised EU Agencies, function groups III and IV have become the most common types of Contract Agents, with staff performing administrative, accounting, or technical tasks. Today, Contract Agents seem to be mostly considered part of the structural workforce, while constituting a separate staff category.

In recent years, feedback from various agencies has hinted at difficulties recruiting and retaining a sufficient number of qualified contract agents, owing to general administrative restrictions on recruiting, local disadvantages of location or salary levels, or a combination of factors.

The study, commissioned by the CONT co-ordinators and carried out by Deloitte, examines various aspects related to the management of Contract Agents in seven decentralised Agencies of the European Union: ECHA, EEA, EIGE, ENISA, ESMA, Eurofound and Europol. It evaluates the evolution of Contract Agents as part of the workforce and presents findings on processes related to personnel budgeting, recruitment and retention, salary and remuneration, and advancement prospects for contract staff.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. NEXT MEETINGS

- 26-27 June 2023 (Brussels)
- 17-18 July 2023 (Brussels)

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