



NOTULEN

Vergadering van 26 juni 2023, 15.00 - 18.00 uur

en 27 juni 2023, 9.00 - 13.00 en 15.00 - 17.00 uur

BRUSSEL

De vergadering wordt op maandag 26 juni 2023 om 15.06 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Mikuláš Peksa (vervanger CONT).

26 juni 2023, 15.00 – 18.00 uur

1. Aanneming van de agenda

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

2. Mededelingen van de voorzitter

3. Goedkeuring van notulen van vergaderingen

- 24-25 mei 2023

PV – PE749.180v01-00

De notulen worden goedgekeurd.

4. *Bijeenkomst van de interparlementaire commissie betreffende rol van de nationale parlementen bij het toezicht op de besteding van EU-fondsen en het plan NextGeneration EU*

- *Zie afzonderlijk ontwerpprogramma*

Sprekers: Mikuláš Peksa, Christian Leysen (Belgische Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers), Vojtěch Munzar (Kamer van Afgevaardigden, Parlement van de Tsjechische Republiek), Hugo Carneiro (Commissie Begroting en Financiën, Assembleia van de Republiek Portugal), Duarte Alves (Assemblee van de Republiek Portugal), Marko Pavić

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De vergadering wordt om 17.52 uur geschorst.

27 juni 2023, 9.00 – 11.00 uur

De vergadering wordt om 9.07 uur geopend onder voorzitterschap van Isabel García Muñoz (eerste ondervoorzitter).

5. Verkiezing van de tweede ondervoorzitter

Sándor Rónai (S&D, HU) wordt bij acclamatie verkozen tot tweede ondervoorzitter van de commissie CONT.

6. Verkiezing van de vierde ondervoorzitter

Caterina Chinnici (PPE, IT) wordt bij acclamatie verkozen tot vierde ondervoorzitter van de commissie CONT.

De vergadering wordt om 9.13 uur hervat onder voorzitterschap van Caterina Chinnici (vierde ondervoorzitter).

7. Jaarverslag 2022 van OLAF

CONT/9/12136

Rapporteur:

Petri Sarvamaa (PPE)

- Gedachtewisseling met Ville Itälä, directeur-generaal van OLAF

Spreekers: Caterina Chinnici, Ville Itälä (directeur-generaal, OLAF), Petri Sarvamaa, Isabel García Muñoz, Maria Grapini

8. Jaarlijks activiteitenverslag 2022 van het Comité van toezicht van OLAF

CONT/9/12137

Rapporteur:

Maria Grapini (S&D)

- Gedachtewisseling met de voorzitter van het Comité van toezicht, Dušan Sterle

Sprekers: Dušan Sterle (voorzitter, Comité van toezicht), Caterina Chinnici, Petri Sarvamaa, Ville Itälä (directeur-generaal, OLAF)

9. Jaarlijks activiteitenverslag 2022 van de toezichthouder op de procedurewaarborgen (OLAF)

CONT/9/12138

- Gedachtewisseling met de toezichthouder op de procedurewaarborgen, Julia Laffranque

Sprekers: Caterina Chinnici, Julia Laffranque (toezichthouder op de procedurewaarborgen), Petri Sarvamaa.

De vergadering wordt om 11.09 uur geschorst en om 11.25 uur hervat.

27 juni 2023, 11.15 – 12.15 uur

10. Workshop over het sponsoren van EU-voorzitterschappen: inventarisatie en perspectieven

CONT/9/12280

- Presentatie door de beleidsondersteunende afdeling Begrotingszaken (PolDep D)

Sprekers: Caterina Chinnici, Lara Wolters, Rosita Hickey (directeur, Europese Ombudsman), Alice Krutilova (Afdeling voor het Tsjechische voorzitterschap), Shari Hinds (Transparency International)

De vergadering wordt om 12.20 uur geschorst.

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27 juni 2023, 12.15 – 13.00 uur

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

11. Coördinatorenvergadering

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De vergadering wordt om 15.04 uur hervat.

27 juni 2023, 15.00 – 17.00 uur

12. Openbare hoorzitting over persoonlijke en andere middelen bij EU-agentschappen, organen en gemeenschappelijke ondernemingen

CJ13/9/12260

- Zie afzonderlijke notulen

PV – PE750.213v01-00

13. Rondvraag

14. Volgende vergaderingen

- 17-18 juli 2023
- 4 september 2023

De vergadering wordt om 16.52 uur gesloten.

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*Committee on Budgetary Control
- The Secretariat -*

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday 27 June 2023 12.15-13.00 Brussels
SPAAK 5B1

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Coordinators present:

EPP: Petri SARVAMAA
 S&D: --
 Renew: Written contribution sent by Olivier CHASTEL
 Greens: Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL
 ID: Joachim KUHS
 ECR: Written contribution sent by Ryszard CZARNECKI concerning item 6
 The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN

Items for decision

1. New referrals

1.1.1 1.1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union customs code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, COM(2023)0258

<u>Decision:</u>
Coordinators decided that CONT should deliver an opinion to this proposal.
Coordinators are asked to decide which group will take the opinion for the price of 1 point and communicate the name of the rapporteur to the Secretariat by 7 July (cob).

1.1.2 1.2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime Safety Agency and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002, COM(2023)0269

<u>Decision:</u>
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
Special report 14/2023 <i>Annex I</i>	Programming the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation	7 June 2023	EPP	Refer to DEVE for presentation
	Instrument - Global Europe			
Special report 15/2023 <i>Annex II</i>	The EU's industrial policy on batteries	19 June	RENEW	Refer to ITRE for presentation
Special report 16/2023 <i>Annex III</i>	NGEU debt management at the Commission	12 June 2023	EPP	Joint presentation with BUDG
Special report 18/2023 <i>Annex IV</i>	EU climate and energy targets	26 June 2023	EPP	Refer to ENVI for presentation

Decision:

Coordinators decided to approve the proposals by the Secretariat/the Chair with the exception of SR 18/2023, which should be presented in a joint CONT/BUDG/ENVI meeting.

3. Discharge Calendar 2022 - modalities

Decision:

Coordinators approved the Discharge Calendar 2022 as it stands now. An updated and

completed calendar will be presented for final approval at the Coordinators meeting in July.

All groups were encouraged to alert their presidencies that the discharge 2022 plenary vote need to happen at the April Strasbourg plenary next year.

4. Updated planning of CONT meetings - 2023

Decision:

Coordinators approved the updated planning of CONT meetings for 2023 where the meeting on 28 September 2023 has been rescheduled to 5 October 2023 in Strasbourg.

5. DEVE request to appoint a CONT member to a DEVE network for Policy Coherence in Development policy (PCD)

The Chair of the DEVE Committee, Mr Tomas Tobé, has sent a letter to the Chair asking for CONT to appoint a member to participate in the DEVE network for Policy Coherence in Development policy (PCD). This network was foreseen in the resolution adopted by Parliament on 14 March 2023.

Decision:

Coordinators decided that there was no interest from CONT in participating in the network for Policy Coherence in Development policy (PCD).

6. Request from The Left (Mr Flanagan on behalf of Mr Schirdewan) to add question for written answer P-001138/2023, "Authorisation and use of private planes" to the agenda of the next CONT meeting

On 4 April Mr Schirdewan asked question P-001138/2023 on "Authorisation and use of private planes" to the Commission. The question can be found in *Annex VIII*.

Under RoP 138, para 5, if a question with priority have not been answered within the deadline (3 weeks), the committee responsible may decide to place it on the agenda for its next meeting.

Decision:

Coordinators could not reach a decision representing a majority of the Members in the Committee and decided to re-launch the request in written procedure.

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7. Further cooperation between CONT committee and budget committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Following the very successful first meeting between the CONT Committee and the committees on Budget and Anti-Corruption of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 25 May there is a need to decide on how to take the cooperation between the CONT and the committee(s) of the Ukrainian Parliament further.

The Secretariat would suggest that a joint meeting every 3 months would be the maximum realistic and that such meetings should focus on clearly defined and well prepared subjects. Furthermore, from a CONT perspective both the Committee on Budget and the Committee on Anti-Corruption are important counterparts for the CONT Committee but that it might be preferable to have separate meetings with each of the Ukrainian committees.

Such a frequency of meeting would allow for one meeting during autumn and one more in spring before the election break.

Issues that could be subject to discussion at future meetings between the CONT Committee and the committees on Budget and Anti-Corruption of the Verkhovna Rada are:

- methods to keep the executive accountable including how to carry out scrutiny
- efficient tools in the fight against corruption
- Scrutiny and tracking of technical and material support/donations to Ukraine (e.g. weapons and IT equipment)

Representatives from the Commission, OLAF, EPPO, ECA and other relevant institutions might also be invited to participate and give their input to future discussions.

It should also be ensured that the work of the CONT Committee is coordinated with the work, which will be done by a new EP-Rada capacity-building programme with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in the area of macroeconomic and financial affairs, which is about to be set up.

Decision:
Coordinators shared the view that it was important to further develop the cooperation with the committees on Budget and Anti-Corruption of the Verkhovna Rada and decided to aim for the organisation of joint meetings in three months intervals.
The suggested items for future meetings were approved with the addition from EPP on the scrutiny of implementation of EU assistance to Ukraine.
The Chair will write a letter to President Metsola requesting that the EP-Rada capacitybuilding programme in the area of macroeconomic and financial affairs respects CONT competences.

Items for information

8. Outcome of written procedures

- Written procedure - deadline 12 May 2023 - the draft programme of the public hearing on "*The application of the rules on conflicts of interest in the management of EU funds in the Member States* ", was approved without comments.
- Written procedure - deadline 5 June 2023 - CONT mission in the second semester 2023 - based on the feedback received from political groups, a clear majority has expressed their support for keeping the mission to Luxembourg during week 44.

9. State of play of appointments on CONT files

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

10.

Documents received for information - see Annex XI

11. Any other business

12. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 17-18 July 2023

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

15:00 - 18:00

Brussels, ANTALL 4Q1

TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023

09:00 – 12:15 and 12:15 - 13:00 (coordinators' meeting)

and 15:00 - 17:00 (joint meeting)

Brussels, SPAAK 5B1

Monday 26 June 2023, 15:00 – 18:00

- 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

On Monday, the interpretation was requested in the following languages:

DE, EN, FR, IT, NL, DA, EL, ES, PT, FI, SV, CS, ET, LV, LT, HU, PL, SK, SL, RO, BG and HR.

On Tuesday, following languages have been confirmed:

DE, EN, FR, IT, EL, ES, PT, CS, HU, PL, RO and HR.

Webstreaming

The meeting will be web-streamed and can be followed [live](#).

Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

The summary of the coordinators' recommendations from the Coordinators' meeting on 24 May 2023 was circulated to the Members on 30 May 2023.

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

3. INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN OVERSEEING THE SPENDING OF EU FUNDS AND THE NEXTGENERATION EU PLAN

- See separate draft programme

Administrators: Kaare Barslev and Giulia Bastianello

The Interparliamentary Committee Meeting has been organised under the headline “The role of National Parliaments in overseeing the spending of EU funds and the NextGeneration EU plan”. It is organised in two panels.

A short opening and closing speech will be given by a CONT member and by a member of the Belgian House of Representatives.

The first panel titled “The principle of parliamentary oversight of EU spending - the role of national parliaments”, will see keynote speakers from the Czech Chamber of Deputies and the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic.

The second panel titled “The role of national parliaments in relation to NextGeneration EU funds” will see the CONT Chair, as rapporteur for the Commission discharge 2021 chapter II on the Recovery and Resilience Facility, and a member from the Italian Chamber of Deputies as keynote speakers.

After the keynote speeches in each panel, the discussion will be open to other participants from the CONT Committee and from National Parliaments. This setting will allow the participants to share common experiences and best practices, and eventually foster mutual learning while also raising awareness of the common challenges on the subject.

The [website](#) of the event provides useful information, including the agenda of the meeting and [a compiled list of resources on the NextGenerationEU and notably the Recovery and Resilience Facility](#) prepared by the policy department D.

The meeting was organised in cooperation with the Legislative Dialogue Unit of the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

24-25 May 2023

PV – PE749.180v01-00

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 09:00 – 11:15

5. ELECTION OF THE 2ND VICE-CHAIR

6. ELECTION OF THE 4TH VICE-CHAIR

7. OLAF ANNUAL REPORT 2022

CONT/9/12136

Exchange of views with OLAF Director-General, Ville Itälä



Rapporteur:

[Petri Sarvamaa](#) (EPP)

Administrator:

Diego Rasetti

2022 has been another crucial year for OLAF and for Europe. While the Office was still affected by the post-pandemic limitations in carrying out its investigative activities across Europe, the deployment of unprecedented resources allocated under the new MFF and the NextGenEU package, and in particular the implementation of the actions financed by the Recovery and Resilience Facility, resulted in the disbursement of hundreds of billions to help Member States recover from the pandemic. OLAF contributed to enhance the protection of the Union's financial interests by designing a risk framework for the Recovery and Resilience Facility and providing fraud awareness-training sessions to Commission Departments, Agencies and others including Member States' authorities.

In the meantime, the illegal Russian aggression of Ukraine led OLAF to build on its long-standing cooperation with the Ukrainian authorities on both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget, providing support to the Ukrainian anti-fraud authorities to ensure better protection of current and future EU funding disbursed for support and reconstruction.

In 2022, also the activities of the European Public Prosecutor's Office have developed, and the OLAF cooperation with the new partner has become an important factor in setting OLAF activities, in terms of flexibility, workload, responsibilities, need to adapt internal procedures and to adopt new procedural flows.

As for every year, the 2022 report presents an overview of the investigative results and related OLAF activities regarding fraud prevention and anti-fraud policy. It describes some fraudulent schemes and the recurring cases of collusion, manipulation of procurement procedures, conflicts of interest, inflated invoices, evasion of customs duties, smuggling and counterfeiting.

OLAF Report 2022 is intended to highlight the broad scope of OLAF's work. In fact, even with the EPPO entering into the operational stage of its activity (as per June 2021), OLAF still investigates criminal misconducts occurring in the not participating Member States and in third countries, and its 2022 activities included the countering of cross-border fraud, joint-customs operations, fraud in an archaeological site, nepotism, fictitious employment and unauthorised outside activities.



The debate in CONT, inspired by the observations contained in the OLAF Report, ideally aims at feeding the wider analysis of the new anti-fraud architecture of which OLAF is one of the pillars.

The Rapporteur's analysis has encompassed also other sources of information, such as the annual report from EPPO and the previous OLAF AARs to the College of Commissioners, representing the main instrument of management accountability within the Commission.

Starting from last year, the exchange of views on OLAF Report is complemented by the drafting of a working document, which consolidates the outcome of the debate with a view to provide continuity in the analysis and to offer terms of reference for future discussions on the matters at a stake. The working document will cover the three 2022 annual reports from OLAF, OLAF Supervisory Committee and OLAF Controller of procedural rights.

8. OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

CONT/9/12137



Exchange of views with the Chair of the Supervisory Committee, Dušan Sterle

Rapporteur:
Administrator:

Maria Grapini (S&D)
Diego Rasetti

In 2022, the Supervisory Committee was completely renewed, following the Decision of 28 March 2022 of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, appointing the new members. The taking over of tasks occurred in two stages: the first two members took office on 28 March, and the remaining three on 23 September 2022. The resignation in August 2022 of one of the first two newly appointed members resulted in the appointment of a new member in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 15, paragraph 2 of the OLAF Regulation. These changes affected the work of the Committee, which could only start in September, when it was eventually possible to convene in the new, final, composition.

Against this background, the Chair of the Supervisory Committee presents in CONT the activities carried out in 2022 pursuing the mission to monitor OLAF investigative activity and to provide opinions, recommendations and observations to assist the Director-General in the discharge of his responsibilities.

Overall, the Rapporteur has duly noted that the newly established Committee perpetuates the spirit of mutual trust and sincere cooperation that prevailed in the relations between OLAF and the previous Committee. However, the lengthy process for the taking of the office prevented the Committee from fully benefitting, in 2022, of the improved framework offered, as per 2021, by the amended OLAF Regulation and by the Working Arrangements signed with OLAF (also in 2021).

In spite of the Committee's strengthened right to access OLAF's information and documents and of the partial direct access to OLAF's case management system by Committee and its Secretariat, only one Opinion (1/2022) was adopted, in November 2022, on OLAF's preliminary draft budget for 2023. The Committee reiterated, in the circumstance, its ongoing concerns regarding OLAF's diminishing human resources.

The Rapporteur has carefully looked into the matter of OLAF's resources, which had been discussed to a good extent already in previous years' exchanges, pointing out that significant cuts could result in depriving OLAF of the highly qualified and specialised staff necessary for carrying out its mission. The latter's scope has widened (with the adoption of new funding instruments such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility), and its complexity has increased (in the post-pandemic scenario, in a situation of crisis and urgency, with the deployment of unprecedented resources, managed via innovative methods, requiring appropriate control mechanisms).

The Rapporteur also focused on the Committee's remarks about the increasing average duration of the investigative process, acknowledging that unjustifiably lengthy investigation may bring prejudice to the rights of defence of the persons concerned and to the effective follow-up to the investigation's recommendations. The Rapporteur's analysis emphasises that monitoring the length of investigations allows verifying the sound and efficient use of the human and financial resources allocated to OLAF. In this perspective, there are expectations on the factual contributions by the Committee to the drafting of new OLAF's Guidelines on Investigation Procedures (GIPs), which OLAF should adopt in the second semester 2023, and which should address the duration of the investigative activities.

The relevant outcome of the debate will be integrated in a working document, drafted with a view to provide continuity in the analysis and to offer terms of reference for future discussions on the matters at a stake. The Working Document will cover the three annual reports from OLAF, OLAF Supervisory Committee and OLAF Controller of procedural rights.

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES CONTROLLER

Administrator: Diego Rasetti

Exchange of views with the Controller of procedural guarantees, Julia Laffranque

In May 2022, the Commission proceeded to the appointment of the first Controller of procedural guarantees: Ms. Laffranque is a judge at the Supreme Court of Estonia and former judge at the European Court of Human Rights. She took up office in September 2022 in a completely new function, established by the amended OLAF Regulation whose provisions introduced the review, by a fully independent authority, of complaints submitted by “persons concerned” (that is, by persons of interest for OLAF investigations). The complaints may regard OLAF’s compliance with the procedural guarantees, fundamental rights and rules applicable to investigations. The Controller should examine the complaint in a swift, adversarial procedure, while allowing the Office to continue the ongoing investigation. Recommendations should be issued, where appropriate, in response to such complaints, where necessary suggesting solutions to the issues raised in the complaint.

The Controller of procedural guarantees contributes to increase transparency and accountability in OLAF. Its actions is expected to enhance the confidence of taxpayers into the investigative function and to complement safeguards, already set in the original OLAF Regulation, in such a way to bring the level of guarantees to the very highest standards in the area of administrative investigations. To carry out such a delicate task, the Controller relies on the legal and administrative support provided by the Secretariat of the Supervisory Committee.

The Controller reports yearly on the complaints mechanism indicating the number of complaints received, the types of infringements of procedural requirements and fundamental rights involved, the activities concerned and, where possible, the follow-up measures taken by the Office.

The first annual report ever produced by the Controller is presented, in CONT, in compliance with, Article 9a of the Regulation 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013. However, the implementing provisions for the handling of complaints were adopted by the Controller only on 16 November 2022, following the consultation phase provided for by Article 9b(11) of the OLAF Regulation and after having received from OLAF Supervisory Committee by the end of October its observations and remarks. Its activities, therefore, are just at the beginning.

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Tuesday 27 June 2023, 11:15 – 12:15

10. WORKSHOP ON COUNCIL PRESIDENCY SPONSORSHIPS

Administrator: Diego Rasetti and background information prepared by PolDept D

- See separate draft programme

The Council and the Member State holding the presidency share responsibility for the costs linked to this role. This implies that a Member State holding the Presidency may incur expenses that are not covered by the EU budget (e.g., the organisation of political, business, social and cultural events connected to the presidency in the home country, in Brussels or other Member States requiring venues, transport, security, travel and accommodations, catering, interpretation and translation, technical support and media logistics). The Member State holding the presidency could even bear additional costs for regular Council tasks, which might include the need to reinforce the permanent representation in Brussels, to send more diplomats to be present at all the meetings in Brussels, and also to take care of more officials or politicians visiting the country than usual.

Moreover, because a Council presidency may also be a good opportunity to promote local businesses, tourist attractions or cultural heritage, it is not uncommon that commercial sponsorship intervenes to cover the costs of holding a Council Presidency. Sponsors mostly contribute in kind, most often with transport

solutions, catering, IT or communications. In exchange, these sponsors may be presented with their names and logos alongside official Council Presidency logos and to state that they “support” the Council Presidency.

As a matter of fact, most of the Member States have used corporate sponsorship during their Council presidency.

The European Ombudsman assessed this practice and concluded that the Council should issue guidance on Presidency sponsorship “to mitigate the reputational risks to the EU”. As the Council Presidency has an important and influential role in EU policy and lawmaking, corporate sponsorship may give the impression of sponsors having influence over EU policy, and thus damage the reputation of the Council and of the EU as a whole, and undermine citizens’ trust in the institution.

The Parliament, in the framework of discharge procedure to the general budget of the Union, within the discharge to the Other Institutions, repeatedly expressed its concerns about the corporate sponsorship of Member States hosting the Union Presidency. Consistently, in the adopted resolutions, the Parliament has been stressing the risk of possible reputational damage and the risk of loss of trust that this practice may cause in the eyes of the citizens of the Union.

The Council eventually accepted the Ombudsman recommendation to issue best practices and adopted the Guidance for Presidency best practice on the use of sponsorship. The Guidance invites Member States “to carefully consider the possible impact of the choice of sponsors on the reputation of the Council or the EU” including avoidance of conflict of interests and possible reputational risks for the Council or the EU. However, it is up to the Member State’s discretion to establish clear and transparent rules, based on best practice, on sponsor selection criteria as well as on the terms under which sponsorships are awarded.

More recently, in the Resolution adopted on 10 May 2023 within the Discharge 2021 to the EU general budget - European Council and Council, the Parliament expressed its disappointment on the non-binding nature of the guidance issued on corporate sponsorships by the Council, and called for its revision. The guidance was considered insufficient also by several NGOs.

Today’s debate will be inspired by the contributions from a panel of experts, composed by the Director of inquiries at the European Ombudsman, the Director of the Czech EU Presidency Department at the Government’s Office and a representative of Transparency International entrusted with the EU Political integrity department.

A background note has been circulated by the Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs to facilitate preparation for the debate.

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 12:15 – 13:00

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

11. COORDINATORS’ MEETING

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 15:00 – 17:00 (joint meeting)

12. PUBLIC HEARING ON PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES AT EU AGENCIES, BODIES AND JOINT UNDERTAKINGS

CJ13/9/12260

Administrators: Christelle Courtade (CONT)
Vincent Lagarre (BUDG)

- See separate draft programme

The Committee on Budgets (BUDG) and the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) will hold a public hearing on Personnel and other resources at EU Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings.

Members of BUDG and CONT will exchange views with Commission's representatives, the Chair of the EU Agencies Network, three EU Agencies and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) on resources issues faced by Agencies, Bodies and Joint Undertakings, as regularly flagged in the budgetary cycle and the discharge.

The invited speakers will provide an overview of the budgetary framework in which resources are allocated and managed by Agencies and Joint Undertakings and the general strategies put in place in order to cope with the limited resources. Concrete cases will be presented based on the experience of the European Labour Authority (ELA), the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), the EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and the EPPO.



13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. NEXT MEETINGS

- 17-18 July 2023 (Brussels)
- 4 September 2023 (Brussels)

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