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MINUTES

Meeting of 20 September 2023, 14.30-18.30,
and 21 September 2023, 10.00-12.30 and 14.00-16.30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 14.36 on Wednesday, 20 September 2023, with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding.

20 September 2023, 14.30 – 15.10

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

1. Coordinators' meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 14.51 and resumed at 15.05

20 September 2023, 15.10 – 15.15

2. Adoption of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

3. Chair's announcements

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

4. 2021 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council

Rapporteur:

Mikuláš Peksa (Verts/ALE)

AM – PE752.834v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Adoption of draft report

Decision: The proposal to reject discharge was adopted by: 16 votes in favour to 0 against, with 0 abstentions

*** *End of vote* ***

20 September 2023, 15.15 – 16.00

5. Presentation of the Members of the new OLAF Supervisory Committee

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Dušan Sterle (OLAF SUPCOM), Thirry Cretin (OLAF SUPCOM), Teresa Anjinho (OLAF SUPCOM), Angelo Maria Quaglini (OLAF SUPCOM), Marita Salgrāve (OLAF SUPCOM), Petri Sarvamaa, Michèle Rivasi

20 September 2023, 16.00 – 17.00

6. Discharge 2021: General budget of the EU - European Parliament

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- Exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the European Parliament, Alessandro Chiochetti on the follow-up of the 2021 discharge

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Alessandro Chiochetti (Secretary-General of the European Parliament), Hannes Heide, Petri Sarvamaa

20 September 2023, 17.00 – 18.30

Joint meeting with Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

7. ECA Special Report 18/2023: EU climate and energy targets

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Rapporteur:

Marian-Jean Marinescu (PPE)

DT – PE752.965v01-00

- Presentation of the special report by ECA reporting Member Joëlle Elvinger
- Exchange of views with the participation of Members of Committee on Budgets

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Joëlle Elvinger (ECA Member), Bas Eickhout, Yvon Slingenberg (European Commission, DG CLIMA), Paula Abreu Marques (European Commission, DG ENER), Tiemo Wölken, Jutta Paulus

The meeting adjourned at 17.57

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The meeting opened at 10.06 with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding.

21 September 2023, 10.00 – 12.30

8. 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission

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Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Exchange of views with the Directors-General of the Commission on their Annual Activity Reports (AAR):
 - Mr Gert Jan Koopman, Director-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
 - Mr Maarten Verwey, Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)
 - Ms Céline Gauer, Director-General for Recovery & Resilience Task Force (SG RECOVER)
 - Ms Ditte Juul-Joergensen, Director-General for Energy (DG ENER)

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Gert Jan Koopman (European Commission, DG NEAR), Isabel García Muñoz, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs, Céline Gauer (European Commission, SG RECOVER), Maarten Verwey (European Commission, DG ECFIN), Massimo Garribba (European Commission, DG ENER)

The meeting adjourned at 12.28 and resumed at 14.08.

21 September 2023, 14.00 – 16.30

9. 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission

CONT/9/12735

Rapporteur:

Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

- Exchange of views with the Directors-General of the Commission on their Annual Activity Reports (AAR):
 - Ms Stéphanie Riso, Director-General for Budget (DG BUDG)
 - Ms Themis Christophidou, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)

- Mr Wolfgang Bartscher, Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)
- Mr Marc Lemaître, Director-General for Research and innovation (DG RTD)

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Stéphanie Riso (European Commission, DG BUDG), Isabel García Muñoz, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Joachim Kuhs, Themis Christophidou (European Commission, DG REGIO), Wolfgang Bartscher (European Commission, DG AGRI), Marc Lemaître (European Commission, DG RTD)

10. Any other business

11. Next meetings

- 5 October 2023 (STRB)
- 12 October 2023 (BRU)

The meeting ended at 17.03.

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4. 2021 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council

4.1 Final vote on Decision

16	+
ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Cristian Terheş
ID	Joachim Kuhs
PPE	Carlos Coelho, Monika Hohlmeier, Petri Sarvamaa, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Eleni Stavrou
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Sophia in 't Veld
S&D	Clara Aguilera, Hannes Heide, Victor Negrescu, Sándor Rónai
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Viola von Cramon-Taubadel

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Key to symbols:

+ : refuses discharge

- : grants discharge

0 : abstention

4. 2021 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council

4.2. Final vote on Motion for a Resolution

18	+
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ECR	Ryszard Czarnecki, Cristian Terheş
ID	Joachim Kuhs
PPE	Carlos Coelho, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Petri Sarvamaa, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Eleni Stavrou
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Ilana Cicurel, Sophia in 't Veld
S&D	Clara Aguilera, Hannes Heide, Victor Negrescu, Sándor Rónai
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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

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Hannes Heide (1), Niclas Herbst (1), Marian-Jean Marinescu (1), Elżbieta Rafalska (1), Simone Schmiedtbauer (1), Sophia in 't Veld (1), Viola von Cramon-Taubadel

209 (7)
Clara Aguilera
216 (3)
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Bas Eickhout, Jutta Paulus, Stanislav Polčák, Tiemo Wölken
Item 7

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 20.9.2023
(2) 21.9.2023

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*Committee on Budgetary Control
- The Secretariat -*

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

14.30-15.10

Brussels

SPAAK 5B1

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Coordinators present:

EPP: Petri SARVAMAA
S&D: Victor NEGRESCU
Renew: Olivier CHASTEL
Greens: Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL

ID: Joachim KUHS
 ECR: --
 The Left: Luke Ming FLANAGAN (remote participation)
Items for decision

1. Screening of ECA reports

<i>Report</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date of publication</i>	<i>Pol.group</i>	<i>Secretariat's/Chair's proposal</i>
Special Report 21/2023	The Spotlight Initiative to end violence against women and girls	11 September	EPP	Refer to DEVE and FEMM for presentation
Special Report 22/2023	Offshore renewable energy in the EU: Ambitious plans for growth but sustainability remains a challenge	18 September	EPP	Refer to ITRE for presentation

Decision:

Coordinators approved the proposals by the Secretariat/Chair with the addition that the Special Report 22/2023 will also be referred to ENVI.

2. Discharge calendar 2022

At their meeting on 18 July Coordinators approved the discharge calendar for 2022 as it stood at that time. Over the summer the calendar has been updated with precise information about which Commissioners will be heard at the specific time slots for these hearings. In addition, the deadlines of for the questionnaires have been set. Finally, hearing dates have been reshuffled for the committee meetings of 25-26 October and 6-7 November.

Decision:

Coordinators approved the updated discharge calendar.

3. Mission to Luxembourg on 30-31 October 2023

On 12 June 2023 the Bureau has authorised CONT to organise a mission to Luxembourg on

3031 October 2023 with a view to having the annual meeting with ECA and to visit the EIB and the EPPO.

<u>Decision:</u>
Coordinators approved the draft program for the mission to Luxembourg.
The Chair once more invited Coordinators to enquire if further Members would like to join this mission since some groups are not represented.

4. Prolongation of delegation to the Chair to decide on remote Coordinator's meetings

<u>Decision:</u>
Coordinators approved the extension of the delegation to the CONT Chair to decide to hold Coordinators meetings in a hybrid format until the end of the current legislature.
A decision to organise a Coordinators meeting in hybrid format will continue to happen only upon a specific request from at least one of the Coordinators at least five working days ahead of the meeting.

5. Calendar of CONT meetings for January - March 2024

<u>Decision:</u>
Coordinators approved the draft calendar for CONT meetings from January to March 2024.
Votes will as far as possible be organised with a view to finalise the voting on Thursday mornings.

Items for information

6. Outcome of written procedures

Written procedure - deadline 4 August 2023. Summary of Coordinator's recommendations was sent out on 7 August 2023. This procedure concerned the approval of the draft opinion in the form of a letter on the Regulation establishing the Ukraine Facility (2023/0200(COD)), launched on 20 July with a deadline on 4 August 2023. No comments on the Chair's draft were received by the deadline so it was deemed approved by CONT

Coordinators. The draft opinion letter was voted in Committee on 4 September with 23 votes in favour and 1 abstention and forwarded to the committees responsible (BUDG/AFET).

7. Expertise: New Framework Call for Tenders

The current framework contract for expertise in the field of EU budget, serving both BUDG and CONT, will expire in April 2024.

In order to ensure business continuity for both the outgoing and the new committees, the Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs has launched a new procedure, again covering both BUDG and CONT areas of interest.

Deadline for submissions is 20 November 2023. These new framework contracts should then start in July 2024 and run for 5 years, covering the entire 10th parliamentary term. In accordance with the Financial Regulation, the contract notice has been published electronically, and all relevant documents are available online:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=14562>

8. Language profile of the CONT meeting

Since MEP Zdechovsky left CONT there is no longer a full Member speaking CS in the CONT Committee. CS is therefore removed from the CONT language profile, which will henceforth consist of the following 11 languages:

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

9. State of play of appointments on CONT files

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

10. Documents received for information - *see Annex VI*

11. Any other business

The Chair raised the following two points:

1. The CONT Secretariat has been contacted by MEP Charles GOERENS from Renew. Mr GOERENS would like to join the CONT mission to Luxembourg on 30-31 October. Coordinators approved the participation of Mr GOERENS in the CONT mission to Luxembourg.
2. The five rapporteurs in AFCO on the report on EP proposals for treaty revisions have submitted their draft report last week. The draft does unfortunately not include the

proposal from CONT to revise Article 319 TFEU as included in the CONT opinion in the form of a letter.

The Chair reported that the AFCO Rapporteurs invited the CONT Coordinators from the same groups to jointly table an amendment on the revision of Article 319 TFEU, as already proposed by CONT.

12. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 25-26 October 2023

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

14:30 - 15:10 (coordinators' meeting) and 15:10 - 17:00 and
17:00 - 18:30 (joint meeting)

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:00 - 12:30 and 14.00 - 16.30

Brussels, SPAAK, 5B001

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 14:30 – 15:10

**** In camera ****

1. COORDINATORS' MEETING

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

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 15:10 - 15:15

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

Interpretation for was requested in the following languages:

DE EN FR IT ES HU PL RO (20.09 14:30-15:15)

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Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

A follow-up to the summary of Coordinators recommendation of 30 June 2023, item 3, was circulated to Members on 11 September 2023.

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

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

4. 2021 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND COUNCIL

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[2022/2083\(DEC\)](#)

Adoption of draft report



PR – PE749.878v01-00

AM – PE752.834v01-00

Rapporteur [Mikuláš PEKSA](#) (Greens)

Administrator: Kaare Barslev

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Marian-Jean Marinescu** (EPP), **Maria Grapini** (S&D), **Sophia In 'T Veld** (Renew), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

In May 2023, the Plenary again decided to postpone discharge for the Council in the light of the regrettable lack of information and refusal to cooperate with the Parliament and thereby preventing Parliament from taking an informed decision on the granting of discharge.

In the second stage, Members will now have to decide on whether to refuse or to grant discharge for the financial year 2021. The second draft report has deliberately been kept short. It recalls the regulatory background and the well-established and respected practice of the European Parliament on granting discharge to all the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies for their administrative expenditure and the continued refusal by Council to cooperate with Parliament on the discharge procedure, thereby making it impossible for Parliament to grant discharge.

The report thereafter refers to the first discharge report from May and makes one additional observation concerning the limited use of commercial planes by the President of the European Council on his missions, which has come up since the first report.

The voting session will include votes on the 5 amendments, which have been tabled and a vote on the discharge decision.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Vote	CONT	20 September 2023
Vote	Plenary	October II 2023

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

5. PRESENTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW OLAF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Administrator: Diego Rasetti

The Supervisory Committee of OLAF is an independent body established to reinforce and guarantee OLAF's independence. Its mission is to monitor the implementation by the Office of its investigative function. Its main tasks, in particular, are to monitor the duration of investigations and the developments concerning the application of procedural guarantees.

The Committee is composed of five outside independent persons who are highly qualified in the Office's areas of activity, having experience in senior judicial or investigative functions or comparable functions. They are appointed by common accord of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission for a term of five years, not renewable. The Members are replaced by a staggered renewal in order to ensure smooth functioning and to preserve the expertise earned during the mandates. The Members of the Supervisory Committee appoint their Chair and define their Rules of Procedure.

The last round of staggered renewal led to a completely renewed OLAF Supervisory Committee as of September 2022. Today the five new Members will introduce themselves to the CONT Committee, explaining their background and their agenda and portfolios within the overall Supervisory Committee's working programme.

The Supervisory Committee addresses to the OLAF Director-General *opinions* (for instance on the working arrangements between OLAF and EPPO) and *recommendations* (on, inter alia, the resources needed to carry out the investigative function of the Office and on the duration of investigations). Even though the Supervisory Committee must not interfere with the conduct of the investigations in progress, it has access (on request and of course with due regard to the requirements of confidentiality and data protection) to the case-related information and documents that it considers necessary for the performance of its tasks (for instance, to understand the reasons for an excessively long duration of an investigation).

Because of its peculiar and independent role, and of the continuous dialogue that it maintains with OLAF, the work of the Supervisory Committee provides very useful insights to the European Parliament and the Council, allowing thereby the CONT Committee to analyse the effectiveness of the actions aiming at safeguarding the Union's financial interests.

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 16:00 - 17:00

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

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Hearing with the Secretary-General of the European Parliament, [Alessandro Chiocchetti](#) on the follow-up of the 2021 discharge



Rapporteur for the 2022 discharge:

[Andrey NOVAKOV](#) (EPP)

Rapporteur for the 2021 discharge:

[Isabel Garcia Muñoz](#) (S&D)

Administrator: Fernando Gallego Osuna

Shadow Rapporteurs for the 2022

discharge: **Maria Grapini** (S&D), **Gilles Boyer** (Renew), **Daniel Freund**, (Greens), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Matteo Adinolfi** (ID), **Younous Omarjee** ((The Left)

In accordance with the resolution of 10 May 2023 accompanying the decision on discharge for the financial year 2021, the Secretary-General will briefly summarise the replies and follow-up on the European Parliament's administration to the various questions of the 2021 European Parliament discharge resolution before proceeding to an exchange of views.

The Secretary-General's written replies were sent to Members by email of 13 September 2023, and have been published on the [CONT website](#). It is proposed that the discussion is structured following this order of interventions:

- Brief presentation by the Secretary-General of the replies and follow-up of the administration;
- statement and oral questions by the Rapporteur for the follow-up of the 2021 discharge;
- reply by the Secretary-General to the Rapporteur;
- questions by the Rapporteur for the 2022 discharge and by other Members;
- replies by the Secretary-General and closing remarks by the Rapporteur for the follow-up of the 2021 discharge.

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, the report on contracts awarded, Director-Generals' Annual Activity Reports and the replies and follow-up to last year's discharge resolution on the [CONT 2022 budget discharge website](#).



Event	Body	Date
Consideration of draft report	CONT	22-23 January 2024
Deadline for amendments	CONT	30 January 2024, 14:00
Vote	CONT	22 February 2024
Adoption of report	Plenary	April 2023 (TBC)

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 17:00 - 18:30

7. ECA SR 18/2023: EU CLIMATE AND ENERGY TARGETS

Joint meeting with Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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Rapporteur [Marian-Jean Marinescu](#) (EPP)

Administrator: Ana Maria Nogueira

Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Joëlle Elvinger

Climate change is a global challenge, consequently, unlike many other issues, requires a holistic and cross-sectoral approach and cross-the-board transformation of our economies and societies. The impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystems are expected to intensify, while activities such as agriculture, fisheries, transport, industry and energy production continue to cause biodiversity loss, resource extraction and harmful emissions. Over time, the EU has set itself increasingly ambitious climate and energy targets to respond to it. These include 2020 and 2030 targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the use of renewable energy, and promoting energy efficiency.

Climate change and the ways to address it is a highly controversial and divisive topic that attracts a high level of public interest, prompting the European Court of Auditors to analyse whether the achievement of the 2000 targets was based on the EU's own climate actions and compared well to other industrialised countries in the world.

The Court as well examined whether the EU had drawn lessons, by assessing whether the Commission and Member States have identified actions which have proved successful (and unsuccessful) in achieving the 2020 targets, and whether these lessons have fed into the framework for achieving the more ambitious 2023 targets.

The Court found that the EU had achieved the three headline climate and energy targets (greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy share and energy efficiency) for 2020. However, this was also due to the contribution of external factors, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and unexpected GDP fluctuations. The Commission has only a partial overview of the actions that proved successful in achieving the targets. The targets for 2030 are more ambitious than those for 2020, and, according to the report, so far little indication was found that this ambition will translate into sufficient action.



Thursday 21 September 2023, 10:00 – 12:30

8. 2022 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COMMISSION

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Hearing with the Directors-General of the Commission on their Annual Activity Reports (AAR):

- Mr **Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
- Mr **Maarten Verwey**, Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)
- Ms **Céline Gauer**, Director-General for Recovery & Resilience Task Force (SG RECOVER)
- Ms **Ditte Juul-Joergensen**, Director-General for Energy (DG ENER)

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

Administrators: Hans Stander
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Shadow Rapporteurs: **Monika Hohlmeier** (EPP), **Olivier Chastel** (Renew), **Viola von Cramon** (Greens/EFA), **Ryszard Czarnecki** (ECR), **Joachim Kuhs** (ID), **Luke Ming Flanagan** (The Left)

The discharge for the implementation of the EU Budget by the Commission and executive agencies traditionally kicks-off with a hearing of a number of the Directors-General of the European Commission. The Directors-General invited have been chosen because they work on policy areas deemed interesting and relevant for this year's discharge by the Rapporteur, and for which later this year hearings with the associated Commissioners will take place.

The hearing with the Directors-General serves to have a first discussion on these policy areas on the basis of the Annual Activity Reports of these DGs. The topics to be discussed range from the performance related topics such as contribution to the Green Deal objectives, to financial management related topics such as reservations and the error rate.

For the 2022 discharge, the Rapporteur has selected the Directors-General of BUDG, AGRI, ECFIN, ENER, RECOVER, REGIO and RTD who will all make their appearance in this discharge hearing, which will focus on the Annual Activity Reports of the selected DGs. Traditionally, these hearings have a rather technical character, in preparation for the more political hearings with the associated Commissioners later this year.

Hearing with [Gert Jan Koopman](#), Director-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)

In its 2022 Annual Activity report, DG NEAR reported that after the Russian invasion of Ukraine launched on 24 February 2022, the circumstances of its work have radically changed: DG NEAR's priority has been to respond to emergency needs in Ukraine, Moldova, and beyond. The EU and its Member States have mobilised over EUR 19 billion of support to Ukraine and Ukrainian people. DG NEAR also secured an energy support package for the entire Western Balkans, consisting of EUR 1 billion in EU grants, leading to investments of up to EUR 2.5 billion.

Concerning financial management and internal control, DG NEAR relies on the residual error rate (RER) study to identify residual errors not detected by the internal control system, and to conclude on its effectiveness. The RER study covered all types of payments made by DG NEAR, except administrative expenditure (representing 0.1% of the overall payments and contributions).

DG NEAR reported that, in 2022, it suspended the RER ex post controls for contracts implemented in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, due to the political situation and the subsequent impossibility to communicate with and obtain cooperation from the national authorities and the majority of beneficiaries in these countries. The contracts closed between September 2021 and August 2022 related to Ukraine, Russia and Belarus will be included in the RER population once the political situation allows DG NEAR to resume the ex post controls. A reservation covering the situation in Ukraine has been raised and a deficiency having a major impact on the internal control has been registered in relation to the overall impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the implementation of the control strategy. The action plan of the reservation will be followed-up and the impact of the deficiency will be monitored and the corrective and preventive measures will be undertaken, if necessary.

Hearing with *Maarten Verwey*, Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)

In 2022 DG ECFIN's workload has been considerable now that the implementation of the RRF enters its most critical phase, with all National Recovery Plans adopted by the end of 2022, the parallel negotiation on the REPower EU plan leading to amendments to these plans, and 13 performance based payments made, for a total value of EUR 72.2 billion.

Although DG ECFIN and SG RECOVER are the lead services working on the implementation of the RRF, supported by the other Commission Services, it is important to note that DG ECFIN is the authorising officer for the expenditure under the RRF, and thus responsible for the correct implementation.

We know from the Court's report on the NRPs that the emphasis in the first years of implementation of the RRF is on reforms, and meeting milestones, while the emphasis shifts later to investments, and meeting targets, which carry, from a budgetary control perspective, a higher risk.

In that light the Commission in general, and DG ECFIN in particular, has made strides in 2022 in responding to recommendations of the Court of Auditors and the Commission's Internal Audit Service, addressing the identified risks.

In anticipation of the European Court of Auditor's Annual Report, it is noted that the DG ECFIN does not report errors as regards the expenditure under the RRF, and that the error rate for other expenditure under its authority is estimated to be almost 0 %.

Apart from DG ECFIN's responsibilities regarding the implementation of the RRF, the DG is also responsible for the Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) to Ukraine, which totalled EUR 7,3 billion of payments in 2022 under the emergency and exceptional MFA programmes. In addition, DG ECFIN worked on the MFA+ programme which makes it possible to provide another EUR 18 billion to Ukraine in loans.

Hearing with *Céline Gauer*, Director-General for Recovery & Resilience Task Force (SG RECOVER)

The Secretariat-General reported that 2022 was marked by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which has had an impact on nearly all policy areas. The Secretariat-General has played a central role, steering the work of all Commission services in support of Ukraine. Overall assistance to Ukraine and its people from the EU and its Member States amounted to at least EUR 67 billion between the start of the war and February 2023. Responding to the impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the Secretariat-General also helped adopt several sets of amendments to the Common Provisions Regulation. This ensured that funds could be mobilised in a flexible manner to address the consequences of the war, for instance to host people fleeing Ukraine.

In addition, the Recovery and Resilience Taskforce (SG RECOVER) in the Secretariat-General, together with the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), led the work on the recovery and resilience plans. In 2022, all 27 national plans were approved and 13 payments were made to Member States, to a total of EUR 72.2 billion. SG RECOVER and DG ECFIN jointly assessed each payment request against the milestones and targets previously set, and made sure to have sufficient assurances that the national control and audit systems of Member States were suitable.

Concerning reporting under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), and in line with Article 30 of the RRF Regulation, the Commission established on 15 December 2021 a Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard displaying the progress of the implementation of the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States. Equally, SG RECOVER, jointly with DG ECFIN and in close collaboration with other DGs responsible for large funding instruments (BUDG, REGIO, EMPL, ENER), developed an approach aimed at defining the concept of double funding under the RRF.

*Hearing with **Ditte Juul-Joergensen**, Director-General for Energy (DG ENER)*

The Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER) develops and carries out the Commission's policies on Energy, which was in 2022 heavily impacted by the weaponisation of natural gas supplies to the European Union and required the DG's attention to mitigate its impact. This was mainly done through legislative initiatives such as the RePowerEU Plan, the Gas Storage Regulation and, together with the Member States, the EU Energy Platform that brings together governments and stakeholders to support the security of supply and access to affordable energy.

DG ENER's budget for 2022 amounted to EUR 931 million in commitment appropriations, and EUR 761 in payment appropriations. From its budget, DG ENER paid around EUR 600 million to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) and EUR 25 million to the Joint Undertaking Fusion4Energy, the EU's implementing body for ITER. This accounts for over 80 % of DG ENER's expenditure.

From the DGs Annual Activity Report it can be derived that the implementation of the ITER project is plagued by delays, and technical and organisational issues. Most notable in 2022 were the appointment of a new Director-General for the ITER organisation, and the appointment of a new Director for the Joint Undertaking Fusion4Energy. The developments in the ITER project were not of such nature that a financial reservation was necessary, indicating that there are currently no indications of major financial issues.

Thursday 21 September 2023, 14:00 – 16:30

9. 2022 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - COMMISSION

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(RTD)

Hearing with the Directors-General of the Commission on their Annual Activity Reports (AAR):

- Ms **Stéphanie Riso**, Director-General for Budget (DG BUDG)
- Ms **Themis Christophidou**, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)
- Mr **Wolfgang Bartscher**, Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)
- Mr **Marc Lemaître**, Director-General for Research and innovation

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

Administrators: Benoît Lefort
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Hearing with *Stéphanie Riso*, Director-General for Budget (DG BUDG)

DG BUDG is the horizontal Commission service in charge of all budgetary matters, making sure the EU has the resources to deliver on its political priorities. In 2020 DG BUDG contributed to the proposal, negotiations and agreement of the 2021-2027 long-term budget and the NextGenerationEU instrument. In 2022, DG BUDG:

- Contributed to the agreement of the REPowerEU plan, which will enable EU countries to use the available RRF loans for energy projects;
- Borrowed on capital markets to secure a stable flow of funding to the relevant programmes based on the regular disbursement needs' assessment and in execution of the funding strategy. In 2022, DG BUDG continued to attract the strong investor interest towards its issuances even in challenging market conditions;
- Fully mobilised all resources and flexibilities of the EU budget to secure funds for Ukraine and help the neighbouring EU countries face the unprecedented inflow of refugees. In this context, DG BUDG – on behalf of the EU – raised EUR 7.2 billion in loans in 2022 under its Macro-Financial Assistance programme for Ukraine and played a key role in putting together and negotiating the proposal for an unprecedented support package for Ukraine of up to EUR 18 billion for 2023, in the form of a joint borrowing guaranteed by the EU budget headroom;
- Protected the EU budget, including through the rule of law conditionality regulation, of which DG BUDG made use for the first time in 2022.

Concerning internal procedures and reporting, DG BUDG also reported to be the domain leader for financial management, and it is in charge of developing the SUMMA system that is gradually replacing the ABAC's system, with the rollout of SUMMA across the Commission being planned for beginning 2024.

Hearing with *Themis Christophidou*, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)

In its Annual Activity Report, DG REGIO reported that 2022 was again a challenging year with Russia's invasion of Ukraine causing major economic upheaval with a rise in commodity prices, disruption of energy markets and high inflation. It also triggered one of the largest and fastest refugee movements Europe has seen. As was the case in other recent crises, cohesion became one of the first responders. REGIO came forward with the Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) and the Flexible Assistance to Territories (FAST-CARE) initiatives to support those fleeing the war and the ones welcoming them. Furthermore, REGIO adapted its European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI-CBC) programmes to better reflect the new realities in the Eastern neighbourhood and proposed Supporting Affordable Energy (SAFE) to address the consequences of the high energy prices.

DG REGIO's Declaration of Assurance for 2022 was qualified by two reservations:

1. A reservation concerning ERDF/CF management and control systems for 56 programmes of the 2014-2020 period (in 13 Member States and the UK), of which 11 ETC16 and 1 ENI-CBC.

To note that the number of programmes under reservation for the 2024-2020 period (81) was higher than the number of programmes under reservation in 2021 (68).

Equally, as for these 56 programmes from the 2024-2020 period, DG REGIO reported that the reasons for reservations (which might be cumulative) were: significant deficiencies in the functioning of the management and control system (17 containing two cases of possible suspicions of fraud or corruption) or in part of the system (14 cases). In addition, programmes with a residual rate above the materiality level of 2% (12 cases) deficiencies in the functioning of the management and control systems combined with a residual rate above the materiality level of 2% (13 cases).

2. A reservation concerning ERDF/CF management and control systems for 6 programmes of the 2007-2013 period, in 3 Member States.

DG REGIO reports an estimated overall risk at payment for 2022 between 1.8% and 2.7% of the DG's total relevant expenditure for 2022, resulting in an overall estimated overall risk at closure of 1.3% for 2022, well below the materiality threshold.

Hearing with Wolfgang Bartscher, Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)

In 2022, DG AGRI's activities were overshadowed by the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and, to greater extent, the fall-out of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The DG reports, under the heading of the European Green Deal, how EU food security considerations, and the EU's role in ensuring global food security, have shaped the DG's activities, including derogations from certain greening obligations.

The DG also reports that all CAP Strategic Plans have been approved in 2022, following the DG's assessment of these plans that form the basis for the new, performance based CAP for which the first payments will be made to the Member States in 2023.

The DG continued its contribution to (legislative) initiatives related to the European Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy that will have an impact on the future of European farming and agriculture.

In terms of financial management, the DG continues its solid track record of audit and control of the funds it implements in shared management with the Member States. The DG reports an overall estimated error rate (risk at payment) of 1,76 %, while it estimates the risk at closure (after applying and adjustment on the basis of corrections and recoveries) to be 0,35 %. For the Fund that is known to be most error prone, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the DG estimates a risk at payment of 2,6 %, and a risk at closure of 1,1 %.

Hearing with Marc Lemaître, Director-General for Research and innovation (DG RTD)

DG RTD continued to implement the Unions flagship research and innovation programme Horizon Europe in 2022, contributing to the implementation of the Green deal, fighting climate change and contributing to the digital transition.

In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the DG immediately suspended payments to Russian participants in ongoing projects, and no new grants were signed. The DG also contributed to the 5th sanction package that provided the legal basis for the termination of participation of all Russian public entities in ongoing projects.

It committed EUR 1,3 billion, mostly related to Horizon Europe, which was 79,9 % of the budgeted commitment appropriations for 2022, a slight underperformance in comparison with the budget, presenting however an improvement compared to 2021, when it implemented EUR 1,1 billion, or 71 % of the budgeted commitment appropriations.

In terms of financial management, the DG issued a reservation on reputational grounds on the expenditure related to the European Innovation Council. Following the restructuring of the European Innovation Fund, significant delays were created in the implementation of the European Innovation Council Accelerator scheme after investment decisions were put on hold, impacting beneficiaries. The reservation is of a reputational, rather than a financial nature.

As regards the error rate, DG RTD reports that no representative error rate for Horizon Europe is available in 2022 as the ex-post audit campaign for the Programme is planned to be launched by the end of 2023. For Horizon 2020, the DG reports a detected error rate of 2,71 %, with a residual error rate of 1,67 %. DG RTD's cumulative error rate for 2022 for all programmes it implements is calculated at 1,71 %.

The error rate is in large part caused by complex financial rules and the DG aims to address this in Horizon Europe through simplifications. Most notably through the introduction of a single daily rate for personnel costs and the rollout of lump sum funding. For the use of lump sums, the DG reports that the European Court of Auditors recently provided feedback following their assessment of 10 lump sum grants. This feedback will be used, where necessary, to improve the DGs methodology for lump sums.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETINGS

- 5 October 2023 (Strasbourg)
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