

MEPs reject the Polish nominee to the Court of Auditors

- EP recommends that Marek Opioła should not be appointed to the Court of Auditors
- The post of the Polish member has been vacant for over a year

MEPs on Tuesday voted to reject a candidate nominated by the Polish government to become a member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA).

The European Parliament, by 536 votes to 156 and 3 abstentions delivered, in a secret ballot, a negative opinion on Mr Marek Opioła, who was nominated by Poland to become a member of the European Court of Auditors.

After a [hearing with the Polish candidate](#) Mr Marek Opioła on 7 December, the EP Budgetary Control Committee recommended that the Parliament should not endorse his candidacy.

Mr Opioła is currently Vice President of the Polish Supreme Audit Office – [read his full CV](#).

Background

The ECA candidates (one per member state) are put forward by member states and approved by the Council, after consulting the European Parliament. MEPs can either back the candidate or ask for the nomination to be withdrawn.

The Council is not bound to follow the Parliament's recommendation. In 2016, MEPs delivered a [negative opinion on the previous Polish ECA nominee Janusz Wojciechowski](#), who was nevertheless appointed to become a member of the ECA.

The Polish post has been vacant since Mr Wojciechowski became the European Commissioner for Agriculture on 1 December 2019.

Further information

[Adopted text \(15.12.2020\)](#)

[Video recording of the hearing in committee \(7.12.2020\)](#)

[More info on the procedure \(EP Research\)](#)


[Procedure file](#)


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