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MINUTES

**Meeting of 22 February 2021, 09.00-11.30 and 13.45-16.45, and 16.45-18.45
and 23 February 2021, 13.45-15.45**

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 09.04 on Monday, 22 February 2021, with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair drew the attention of Members to the information in the CONT News.

In camera

Extraordinary meeting on Frontex 2019 Discharge

CONT/9/05315

- Exchange of views with Fabrice Leggeri, Executive Director of Frontex in the presence of Ylva Johansson, Commissioner responsible for Home Affairs

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Ryszard Czarnecki, Ylva Johansson (European Commission DG HOME), Fabrice Leggeri (FRONTEX), Tomáš Zdechovský, Sándor Rónai, Ramona Strugariu, Bas Eickhout, Ádám Kósa, Joachim Kuhs, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Caterina Chinnici, Petri Sarvamaa.

22 February 2021, 10.30 – 11.30

In camera

3. Coordinators' meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11.30

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The meeting resumed at 13.55 with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding

22 February 2021, 13.45 – 14.45

5. 2019 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission

CONT/9/03689

2020/2140(DEC) COM(2020)0288[01] – C9-0220/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Kuhs (ID)

PR – PE655.922v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCE, FEMM, PETI

- Consideration of draft report in the presence of Johannes Hahn, Commissioner responsible for Budget and Administration

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Joachim Kuhs, Johannes Hahn (Commissioner for Budget and Administration), Markus Pieper, Tsvetelina Penkova, Olivier Chastel, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Ádám Kósa, Ryszard Czarnecki.

22 February 2021, 14.45 – 15.45

6. 2019 discharge: General budget of the EU - 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs

CONT/9/03947

2020/2190(DEC) COM(2020)0290 – C9-0270/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.249v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

DEVE, BUDG

- Consideration of draft report

The following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, José Fernandes, Tsvetelina Penkova, Olivier

Chastel, Michèle Rivasi.

The meeting adjourned at 15.24

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The meeting resumed at 16.47 with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding

22 February 2021, 16.45 – 17.45

Discharge 2019: Agencies

7. Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2019: performance, financial management and control

CONT/9/04036

2020/2194(DEC) COM(2020)0288[51] – C9-0282/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.227v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

AFET, DEVE, INTA, BUDG, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, AFCE, FEMM, PETI

- Consideration of draft report

8. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

CONT/9/03914

2020/2177(DEC) COM(2020)0288[38] – C9-0257/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.219v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ITRE

9. 2019 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

CONT/9/03916

2020/2178(DEC) COM(2020)0288[39] – C9-0258/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.205v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ITRE, IMCO

- Consideration of draft report

10. 2019 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)
CONT/9/03870

2020/2156(DEC) COM(2020)0288[17] – C9-0236/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.221v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

CULT

- Consideration of draft report

11. 2019 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
CONT/9/03856

2020/2150(DEC) COM(2020)0288[11] – C9-0230/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.222v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

EMPL, ITRE

- Consideration of draft report

12. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)
CONT/9/03890

2020/2166(DEC) COM(2020)0288[27] – C9-0246/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.193v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

13. 2019 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
CONT/9/03880

2020/2161(DEC) COM(2020)0288[22] – C9-0241/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.201v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

TRAN

- Consideration of draft report

14. 2019 discharge: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

CONT/9/03921

2020/2180(DEC) COM(2020)0288[41] – C9-0260/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.216v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

15. 2019 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)

CONT/9/03907

2020/2174(DEC) COM(2020)0288[35] – C9-0254/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.194v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ECON

- Consideration of draft report

16. 2019 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

CONT/9/03884

2020/2163(DEC) COM(2020)0288[24] – C9-0243/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.210v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ENVI

- Consideration of draft report

17. 2019 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

CONT/9/03899

2020/2170(DEC) COM(2020)0288[31] – C9-0250/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.217v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ENVI

- Consideration of draft report

18. 2019 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

CONT/9/03866

2020/2154(DEC) COM(2020)0288[15] – C9-0234/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.206v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ENVI

- Consideration of draft report

19. 2019 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

CONT/9/03897

2020/2169(DEC) COM(2020)0288[30] – C9-0249/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.212v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

PECH

- Consideration of draft report

20. 2019 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

CONT/9/03882

2020/2162(DEC) COM(2020)0288[23] – C9-0242/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.225v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ENVI

- Consideration of draft report

21. 2019 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

CONT/9/03905

2020/2173(DEC) COM(2020)0288[34] – C9-0253/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.204v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

FEMM

- Consideration of draft report

- 22. 2019 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)**
CONT/9/03909
2020/2175(DEC) COM(2020)0288[36] – C9-0255/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.218v01-00
- Responsible:
CONT
- Opinions:
ECON, EMPL
- Consideration of draft report
- 23. 2019 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)**
CONT/9/03919
2020/2179(DEC) COM(2020)0288[40] – C9-0259/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.208v01-00
- Responsible:
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- Opinions:
ITRE
- Consideration of draft report
- 24. 2019 discharge: European Medicines Agency (EMA)**
CONT/9/03872
2020/2157(DEC) COM(2020)0288[18] – C9-0237/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.226v01-00
- Responsible:
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- Opinions:
ENVI
- Consideration of draft report
- 25. 2019 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**
CONT/9/03863
2020/2153(DEC) COM(2020)0288[14] – C9-0233/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.224v01-00
- Responsible:
CONT
- Opinions:
ENVI, LIBE
- Consideration of draft report

- 26. 2019 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)**
CONT/9/03878
2020/2160(DEC) COM(2020)0288[21] – C9-0240/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.199v01-00
- Responsible:
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- Opinions:
TRAN
- Consideration of draft report
- 27. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)**
CONT/9/03886
2020/2164(DEC) COM(2020)0288[25] – C9-0244/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.207v01-00
- Responsible:
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- Opinions:
ITRE
- Consideration of draft report
- 28. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)**
CONT/9/03888
2020/2165(DEC) COM(2020)0288[26] – C9-0245/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.197v01-00
- Responsible:
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- Opinions:
TRAN
- Consideration of draft report
- 29. 2019 discharge: European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)**
CONT/9/03912
2020/2176(DEC) COM(2020)0288[37] – C9-0256/2020
- Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.196v01-00
- Responsible:
CONT
- Opinions:
ECON
- Consideration of draft report
- 30. 2019 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)**
CONT/9/03876

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.200v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

EMPL

- Consideration of draft report

31. 2019 discharge: European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)

CONT/9/03923

2020/2181(DEC) COM(2020)0288[42] – C9-0261/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.195v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

32. 2019 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

CONT/9/03868

2020/2155(DEC) COM(2020)0288[16] – C9-0235/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.202v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

EMPL

- Consideration of draft report

33. 2019 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

CONT/9/03901

2020/2171(DEC) COM(2020)0288[32] – C9-0251/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.209v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ITRE

- Consideration of draft report

34. 2019 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

CONT/9/03859

2020/2151(DEC) COM(2020)0288[12] – C9-0231/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.211v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

EMPL

- Consideration of draft report

35. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)

CONT/9/03874

2020/2158(DEC) COM(2020)0288[19] – C9-0238/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.215v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

36. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL)

CONT/9/03903

2020/2172(DEC) COM(2020)0288[33] – C9-0252/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.223v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

37. 2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

CONT/9/03861

2020/2152(DEC) COM(2020)0288[13] – C9-0232/2020

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE657.213v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

8. 2019 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)

CONT/9/03892

2020/2167(DEC) COM(2020)0288[28] – C9-0247/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.220v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

AFET, LIBE

- Consideration of draft report

39. 2019 discharge: European GNSS Agency (GSA)

CONT/9/03895

2020/2168(DEC) COM(2020)0288[29] – C9-0248/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.198v01-00

Responsible:

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Opinions:

ITRE

- Consideration of draft report

Items 7-39 the following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Joachim Brudziński, Tomáš Zdechovský, Lefteris Christoforou, Sándor Rónai, Alin Mituța, Katalin Cseh, Bas Eikhout, Ramona Strugariu, Caterina Chinnici, Ádám Kósa.

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22 February 2021, 17.45 – 18.45

Discharge 2019: Joint undertakings

40. 2019 discharge: Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU)

CONT/9/03934

2020/2185(DEC) COM(2020)0288[46] – C9-0265/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.251v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

ITRE, REGI

- Consideration of draft report

41. 2019 discharge: Joint Undertaking - Aeronautics and Environment (Clean Sky)

CONT/9/03930

2020/2184(DEC) COM(2020)0288[45] – C9-0264/2020

Rapporteur:

- Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.252v01-00
Responsible:
CONT
Opinions:
ENVI, ITRE, TRAN
• Consideration of draft report
- 42. 2019 discharge: Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL Joint Undertaking)**
CONT/9/03945
2020/2189(DEC) COM(2020)0288[50] – C9-0269/2020
Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.261v01-00
Responsible:
CONT
Opinions:
ITRE
• Consideration of draft report
- 43. 2019 discharge: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH) Joint Undertaking**
CONT/9/03940
2020/2187(DEC) COM(2020)0288[48] – C9-0267/2020
Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.263v01-00
Responsible:
CONT
Opinions:
ITRE
• Consideration of draft report
- 44. 2019 discharge: Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) Joint Undertaking**
CONT/9/03937
2020/2186(DEC) COM(2020)0288[47] – C9-0266/2020
Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.264v01-00
Responsible:
CONT
Opinions:
ENVI, ITRE
• Consideration of draft report
- 45. 2019 discharge: International Fusion Energy Organisation (ITER)**
CONT/9/03925
2020/2182(DEC) COM(2020)0288[43] – C9-0262/2020
Rapporteur:
Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR) PR – PE657.262v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

ITRE

- Consideration of draft report

46. 2019 discharge: Joint Undertaking - Safety of air navigation (SESAR)

CONT/9/03927

2020/2183(DEC) COM(2020)0288[44] – C9-0263/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.265v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

ITRE, TRAN

- Consideration of draft report

47. 2019 discharge: Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (Shift2Rail)

CONT/9/03942

2020/2188(DEC) COM(2020)0288[49] – C9-0268/2020

Rapporteur:

Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

PR – PE657.266v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

ITRE, TRAN

- Consideration of draft report

Decision: Consideration of a draft report

Item 40-47 the following spoke: Monika Hohlmeier, Joachim Brudziński, Marian Jean Marinescu, Caterina Chinnici, Martina Dlabajová, Michèle Rivasi.

The meeting ended at 18.13.

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The meeting opened on 23 February at 13.51 with Monika Hohlmeier (Chair) presiding

23 February 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

48. Workshop on "Use of big data and AI in fighting corruption and misuse of public funds - good practice, ways forward and how to integrate new technology into contemporary control framework"

CONT/9/05312

Rapporteur:

Mikuláš Peksa (Verts/ALE)

Decision: Exchange of views

The following spoke: Isabel García Muñoz, Vítězslav Titl (Asst. Professor, Utrecht University), Mihály Fazekas (Asst. professor, Central European University), Mikuláš Peksa, Ádám Kósa, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Caterina Chinnici, Beatriz Sanz Redrado (OLAF) Petr Suchý (Lead developer at Hlídač Státu), Willem Pieter De Groen (Senior researcher and head of unit at CEPS), Monika Hohlmeier, Joachim Brudziński, Marian Jean Marinescu, Caterina Chinnici, Martina Dlabajová, Michèle Rivasi.

49. Any other business

50. Next meetings

- 1 March 2021, 13.45 – 15.00 and 17.30 – 18.45 (Brussels)
- 22-23 March 2021
- 14-15 April 2021

Meeting ended at 16.00

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/POPIS NAZOČNIH/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRŠ/DALYVIŲ SAŲAŠAS/
JELENLĒTI ĪV/REĢISTRU TA' ATTENDENZA/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA OBECNOŠCI/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/
LISTĂ DE PREZENȚĂ/PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/NÄRVAROLISTA**

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Monika Hohlmeier (Chair)*, Isabel García Muñoz (1 st Vice-Chair)*, Caterina Chinnici (2 nd Vice-Chair), Martina Dlabajová (3 rd Vice-Chair).
Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Βουλευτές/Members/Députés/Zastupnici/Deputati/Deputāti/ Nariai/Képviselők/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter
Leferis Christoforou*, Tomáš Zdechovský*, Olivier Chastel*, Alin Mituța*, Matteo Adinolfi*, Daniel Freund, Claudiu Manda, José Manuel Fernandes, Ryszard Czarnecki, Joachim Kuhs, Angelika Winzig, Martina Dlabajová, Petri Sarvamaa, Michèle Rivasi, Caterina Chinnici, Ádám Kósa, Markus Pieper.
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Hannes Heide*, Ramona Strugariu*, Katalin Cseh*, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Mikuláš Peksa, Bas Eickhout, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Sándor Rónai.

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56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnoĝ reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Τοčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)

(*) – physical presence

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 22.2.2021
(2) 23.2.2021

Наблюдатели/Observadores/Pozorovatelé/Observatører/Beobachter/Vaatlejad/Παρατηρητές/Observers/Observateurs/Promatrači/Osservatori/Novērotāji/Stebėtojai/Megfigyelők/Osservatori/Waarnemers/Obserwatorzy/Observadores/Observatori/Pozorovatelia/Opazovalci/Tarkkailijat/Observatörer

По покана на председателя/Por invitación del presidente/Na pozvání předsedy/Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung des Vorsitzenden/Εσimehe kutsel/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chair/Sur l'invitation du président/ Na poziv predsjednika/Su invito del presidente/Pēc priekšsēdētāja uzaicinājuma/Pirmininkui pakvietus/Az elnök meghívására/ Fuq stedina tač-'Chairman'/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/Na zaproszenie Przewodniczącego/A convite do Presidente/La invitația președintelui/ Na pozvanie predsedu/Na povabilo predsednika/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan
Vítězslav Titl, Mihály Fazekas, Petr Suchý, Willem Pieter De Groen,

Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nðukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Vijeće/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)
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COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 22 February 2021

10.30 – 11.30

Brussels, Visio/Remote meeting

(meeting room József Antall (6Q2))

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Items for decision

1. Opinion to BUDG on Guidelines for the 2022 Budget - Section III

2020/2265(BUI)

Decision: Coordinators are invited to send any remarks to the draft (sent out as Annex I) to the rapporteur by Wednesday, 24 February, 12.00 at latest. If no remarks are received by this deadline the opinion will be deemed approved.

2. Additional own-initiative report

Coordinators identified two options:

Option 1:

One single INI based on the merger of three proposals:

INI on the digitalisation of the European reporting, monitoring and audit with a view to compliance with European values as enshrined in the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget including the guidelines for its application.

Option 2:

Proceed with two INIs. Starting with topic 1 (below) immediately and with topic 2 after the 2019 discharge process.

1. INI on the digitalisation of the European reporting, monitoring and audit.

This could be made as a legislative INI report.

2. INI on the creation of guidelines for the application of the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget. This INI would have to be dealt with jointly with BUDG on basis of Rule 58 of the RoP.

Decision: Coordinators are invited to decide on their preferred option at the latest by Wednesday 3 March at 18:00.

3. Screening of recently published ECA reports

Report	Title	Date of publication	Secretariat's/Chair's proposal
SR 3/2021	Exchanging tax information in the EU: solid foundation, cracks in implementation	26 January 2021	Joint presentation with ECON and FISC.
Review No 02/2021	EU actions to address low digital skills	23 February 2021	No presentation in CONT, Propose to EMPL to present it

Decision: Coordinators approved the proposals from the Secretariat/Chair.

4. ECA Work programme 2022 - CONT priorities

Decision: Coordinators approved the list of proposals to be submitted to CCC on behalf of CONT to the ECA work programme 2022.

5. Consultation procedure of vaccine advance purchase agreements

Decision: Coordinators decided to invite the DG of DG SANTE, Ms Gallina to a CONT meeting.

6. Possible appointment of a standing rapporteur on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

Decision: Coordinators decided:

1. To appoint a standing CONT rapporteur on the TCA.
2. To decide in written procedure on the group and person to take up the role as rapporteur as well as the price (the secretariat proposed a price of 2 points for a one year period).

7. The Making Available Regulation - questionnaire from Commission and revised proposal

Decision: Coordinators approved that:

1. The replies given by BUDG to the Commission questionnaire are satisfactory also for CONT.
2. Not to give an opinion on the revised proposal for the Making Available Regulation due to a lack of resources at the peak of the discharge 2019 procedure.

8. Request of the CONT committee to be associated with ENVI and ITRE as EP representatives in the new Contact Group with the Commission on the vaccine policies

Decision: Coordinators approved the letter, which had been sent out as *Annex VIII*

Items for information

9. Documents received for information

Coordinators will find for information in *Annex IX* all documents the committee received for information since the 18 December 2020 written procedure.

10. Any other business

11. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

- 22-23 March 2021 (TBC)

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021

9.00 – 11.30

Room: remote meeting with Interactio (Jozsef Antall 6Q2)

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021

13.45 – 16.15 and 16.45 – 18.45

Room: remote meeting with Interactio (Altiero Spinelli 1G-3)

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021

13.45 – 15.45

Room: remote meeting with Interactio (Altiero Spinelli 1G-3)

Monday, 22 February, 9.00 – 11.30

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda and meeting documents are available in the [meeting file](#).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair draws attention to the following points:

Languages available

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[Webstreaming](#)

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

Monday, 22 February 2021, 9.00 – 11.30

3. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON FRONTEX 2019 DISCHARGE

CONT/9/05315 - [2020/2167\(DEC\)](#)



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Exchange of views with *Fabrice Leggeri*, Executive Director of Frontex in the presence of *Ylva Johansson*, Commissioner responsible for Home Affairs - in camera

Rapporteur: [Ryszard CZARNECKI](#)
(ECR) https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home
Administrator: Hans Stander

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ** (EPP), **Sándor RÓNAI** (S&D), **Ramona STRUGARIU** (Renew), **Bas EICKHOUT** (Greens) and **Younous OMARJEE** (The Left)

In the light of recent media reports about irregularities related to Frontex, for which it was confirmed that OLAF had opened an investigation that is currently ongoing, the coordinators of the CONT committee agreed to have an extraordinary in-camera meeting with the Executive Director of Frontex and the Commissioner for Home Affairs. The meeting takes place in the framework of the discharge procedure for 2019 for Frontex.



4. COORDINATORS' MEETING



Meeting held in camera with the remote participation tool Interactio.

Coordinators present in Brussels can attend the meeting in room: **Jozsef Antall (6Q2).**

Monday, 22 February 2021, 13.45 – 15.45

5. DISCHARGE 2018: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CONT/9/03689 - [2020/2140\(DEC\)](#)



Consideration of draft report in the presence of Commissioner Johannes Hahn

Rapporteur: [Joachim KUHS](#) (ID)

Administrators: Kaare Barslev and Fernando Gallego Osuna

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Markus PIEPER** (EPP), **Tsvetelina PENKOVA** (S&D), **Olivier CHASTEL** (Renew Europe), **Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL** (Greens), **Ryszard CZARNECKI** (ECR), **Luke Ming FLANAGAN** (The Left)

In his draft report, Joachim Kuhs welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors finds the EU accounts for 2019 to be reliable and that the Court concluded that revenue was free from material error in 2019, but deeply regrets, however, that for the first time in four years the Court had to issue an adverse opinion on the legality and regularity of the expenditure underlying the accounts. The rapporteur also expressed his concern that outstanding commitments have continued to grow, reaching EUR 298 billion at the end of 2019.

The Rapporteur calls on the Commission to closely follow payment needs and take action, within its institutional remit, with a view to ensuring the availability of payment appropriations taking into account the risk of insufficient payment appropriations and the extraordinary needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. He calls on the Commission to re-assess, in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, whether the existing mechanisms to mitigate the exposure of the EU budget to risk are sufficient and appropriate and review the target provisioning rates of the guarantee funds covering the guarantees granted from the EU budget. Mr Kuhs also insists that the Commission presents a complete picture of the exposure of the EU budget in the annual 'Report on guarantees covered by the general budget'. The rapporteur calls on the Commission to provide Member States with regular support in selecting the riskiest importers for post-release audits, as well as to revise its procedures in the monitoring of TOR open points and setting deadlines for Member States to address shortcomings.

The draft report is available on the [CONT website](#).

It is proposed that the consideration of the draft report proceeds as follows:

- Presentation of the draft report by the CONT Rapporteur, Joachim Kuhs;
- The Shadow Rapporteurs will present their views on the draft report, followed by, if time allows, a catch-the-eye session;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

CONT Timetable

Event	Body	Date
Deadline for amendments	CONT	2 March at 14.00
Vote	CONT	22-23 March 2021
Adoption of report	Plenary	April 2021



6. 2019 DISCHARGE: GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EU - 8TH, 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH EDFs

CONT/9/03947 - [2020/2190\(DEC\)](#)



Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur:

[Ryszard CZARNECKI](#)

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Administrator:

Hans Stander

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In the course of the preparation of the European Development Fund (EDF) discharge report for 2018, the Committee submitted written questions to the Member of the European Commission responsible for International Cooperation and Development, Ms Jutta Urpilainen, and to the Director General and Deputy Head of Operations of the European Investment Bank (EIB) for Operations outside the EU, Mr Luca Lazzaroli, on 20 November 2019.

On 1 December 2020, CONT Members held an exchange of views with Commissioner Urpilainen on the findings concerning the EDF chapter of the Court of Auditors (ECA) 2019 Annual Report, in the presence of Mr Baudilio Tomé Muguruza, Member of the European Court of Auditors.

In his draft report, the Rapporteur emphasises the following issues: (i) the adverse opinion of the Court of auditors on the legality and regularity of expenditure, which, with an estimated level of error of 3,5 %, surpassed the materiality threshold and which concern mainly recurring errors; (ii) the absence of reservations for 2019 due, inter alia, to a 'de minimis' threshold, taking away a relevant indicator for the EPs scrutiny of the EDFs' operations.



All language versions of the draft report and the reference documents can be consulted on the [CONT website](#).

It is proposed that the consideration of the draft report proceeds as follows:

- Presentation of the draft report by the CONT Rapporteur, Ryszard Czarnecki;
- The Shadow Rapporteurs will present their views on the draft report, followed by, if time allows, a catch-the-eye session;
- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteur.

CONT Timetable

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Deadline for amendments	CONT	2 March at 14.00
Vote	CONT	22-23 March 2021
Adoption of report	Plenary	April 2021

Monday, 22 February 2021, 16.45 – 18.45

DISCHARGE 2019: AGENCIES

- 7. REPORT ON DISCHARGE IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019: PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL**
CONT/9/04036 - 2020/2194(DEC)
- 8. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS (ACER)**
CONT/9/03914 - 2020/2177(DEC)
- 9. 2019 DISCHARGE: OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (BEREC)**
CONT/9/03916 - 2020/2178(DEC)
- 10. 2019 DISCHARGE: TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (CdT)**
CONT/9/03870 - 2020/2156(DEC)
- 11. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING (CEDEFOP)**
CONT/9/03856 2020/2150(DEC)
- 12. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING (CEPOL)**
CONT/9/03890 - 2020/2166(DEC)
- 13. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA)**
CONT/9/03880 - 2020/2161(DEC)
- 14. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE (EASO)**
CONT/9/03921 - 2020/2180(DEC)
- 15. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY (EBA)**
CONT/9/03907 - 2020/2174(DEC)
- 16. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (ECDC)**
CONT/9/03884 - 2020/2163(DEC)
- 17. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY (ECHA)**
CONT/9/03899 - 2020/2170(DEC)

18. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EEA)

CONT/9/03866 - 2020/2154(DEC)

19. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY (EFCA)

CONT/9/03897 - 2020/2169(DEC)

20. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY (EFSA)

CONT/9/03882 - 2020/2162(DEC)

21. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY (EIGE)

CONT/9/03905 - 2020/2173(DEC)

22. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY (EIOPA)

CONT/9/03909 - 2020/2175(DEC)

23. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

CONT/9/03919 - 2020/2179(DEC)

24. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY (EMA)

CONT/9/03872 - 2020/2157(DEC)

25. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION (EMCDDA)

CONT/9/03863 - 2020/2153(DEC)

26. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (EMSA)

CONT/9/03878 - 2020/2160(DEC)

27. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR CYBERSECURITY (ENISA)

CONT/9/03886 - 2020/2164(DEC)

28. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS (ERA)

CONT/9/03888 - 2020/2165(DEC)

29. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY (ESMA)

CONT/9/03912 - 2020/2176(DEC)

30. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION (ETF)

CONT/9/03876 - 2020/2159(DEC)

31. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE (EU-LISA)

CONT/9/03923 - 2020/2181(DEC)

32. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK (EU-OSHA)

CONT/9/03868 - 2020/2155(DEC)

33. 2019 DISCHARGE: EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY (ESA)

CONT/9/03901 - 2020/2171(DEC)

34. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS (EUROFOUND)

CONT/9/03859 - 2020/2151(DEC)

35. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COOPERATION (EUROJUST)

CONT/9/03874 - 2020/2158(DEC)

36. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION (EUROPOL)

CONT/9/03903 - 2020/2172(DEC)

37. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

CONT/9/03861 - 2020/2152(DEC)

38. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY (FRONTEX)

CONT/9/03892 - 2020/2167(DEC)

39. 2019 DISCHARGE: EUROPEAN GNSS AGENCY (GSA)

CONT/9/03895 - 2020/2168(DEC)

Consideration of draft reports



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[Joachim Stanisław BRUDZIŃSKI](#) (ECR): ACER, BEREC, CdT, CEDEFOP, CEPOL, EASA, EASO, EIGE, EU-OSHA, Eurofound and FRA

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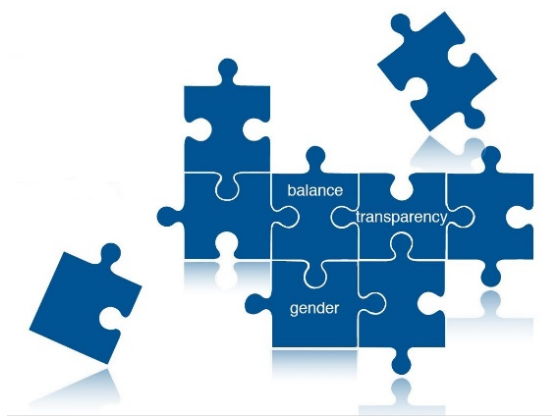
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The number of decentralised agencies being subject to discharge for the financial year 2019 is 32, the same as in the previous year. In addition to the draft reports on the decentralised agencies, the Rapporteurs, Mr R. Czarnecki and Mr J. Brudziński will present a horizontal report, with observations from across the agencies. The draft reports are based on the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the agencies, and the following documents containing information on the agencies' financial management for the 2019 financial year:

- Reports on the follow-up of the previous year's discharge resolutions;
- Reports on 2019 budgetary and financial management;
- 2019 annual activity reports;
- Answers by the Agencies' Network and by individual agencies to the written questions by the CONT Committee; and
- Oral replies provided in the course of the CONT hearing of 7 January 2021.



Out of the 32 decentralised agencies subject to the discharge procedure, the European Court of Auditors issued a clean opinion on the reliability of the accounts for all agencies meaning that the final accounts present fairly, in all material respects, their financial position at year-end.

The European Court of Auditors issued a clean opinion on the legality and regularity of the payments underlying the accounts for all agencies, except for two agencies, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), for which the Court issued a qualified opinion on the legality and regularity of the payments underlying the accounts, mainly caused by procurement related errors.

The draft reports for the other agencies focus, inter alia, on issues related to the reliability of accounts, the legality and regularity of transactions, internal controls, budget implementation, procurement, staff policy, prevention and management of conflicts of interest and transparency.

All language versions of the draft reports and the reference documents can be consulted on the [CONT website](#).

It is proposed that the consideration of the draft report proceeds as follows:

- Presentation of the draft report by the CONT Rapporteurs, Ryszard Czarnecki and Joachim Stanisław Brudziński;
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- Closing remarks by the CONT Rapporteurs.

CONT Timetable

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DISCHARGE 2019: JOINT UNDERTAKINGS

40. 2019 DISCHARGE: BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING (BBI JU)

CONT/9/03934 - 2020/2185(DEC)

41. 2019 DISCHARGE: JOINT UNDERTAKING - AERONAUTICS AND ENVIRONMENT (CLEAN SKY)

CONT/9/03930 - 2020/2184(DEC)

42. 2019 DISCHARGE: ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND SYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP (ECSEL JOINT UNDERTAKING)

CONT/9/03945 - 2020/2189(DEC)

43. 2019 DISCHARGE: FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN (FCH) JOINT UNDERTAKING

CONT/9/03940 - 2020/2187(DEC)

44. 2019 DISCHARGE: INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE (IMI) JOINT UNDERTAKING

CONT/9/03937 - 2020/2186(DEC)

45. 2019 DISCHARGE: INTERNATIONAL FUSION ENERGY ORGANISATION (ITER)

CONT/9/03925 - 2020/2182(DEC)

46. 2019 DISCHARGE: JOINT UNDERTAKING - SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION (SESAR)

CONT/9/03927 - 2020/2183(DEC)

47. 2019 DISCHARGE: SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING (SHIFT2RAIL)

CONT/9/03942 - 2020/2188(DEC)



Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur:

[Ryszard CZARNECKI](#)

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Administrator:

Giulia Bastianello

Shadow Rapporteurs: **Marian MARINESCU** (EPP), **Corina CRETU** (S&D), **Martina DLABAJOVÁ** (Renew), **Michele RIVASI** (Greens), **Younous OMARJEE** (The Left)

The Rapporteur, Mr Czarnecki, will present his draft reports on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Joint Undertakings (JUs) for the financial year 2019. The individual JUs' reports observe various

matters needing improvement such as in the areas of budgetary and financial management, in-kind contributions, internal controls, monitoring of grant payments, procurement procedures, and human resources, and look at outstanding issues, efforts, and progress made by the JUs during 2019.

Currently, seven JUs subject to the 2019 discharge are implementing H2020 projects in the areas of transport (CS, S2R, and SESAR), transport/energy (FCH), health (IMI), bio-based industries (BBI) and electronic components and systems (ECSEL), and are planned to be operational until 2024. Fusion for Energy (F4E), created in 2007 for a period of 35 years, under the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), is responsible for providing Europe’s contribution to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), which aims to demonstrate that nuclear fusion can provide a viable and sustainable source of energy.

On 12 November 2020, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published its annual report on JUs issuing a clean (unqualified) opinion on the reliability of the accounts and compliance of the transactions underlying those accounts for all of the JUs, and including observations on various areas for improvement as well as follow-ups on previous years’ audit findings. The ECA, as in previous years, drew attention by adding an emphasis of matter to the F4E JU, mainly due to the risk of further cost increases and delays in implementing the ITER project.

On 7 January 202, the CONT committee held a hearing with JUs, in the presence of the responsible ECA Member, Ms Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, and the respective Executive Directors of three JUs: Mr Johannes Schwemmer for F4E, Mr Philippe Mengal for BBI, and Mr Pierre Meulien for IMI. In the hearing, held remotely, CONT Members put questions to all the representatives of JUs invited.

The draft reports are based on information from:

- The 2019 Court’s annual report;
- 2019 Annual accounts;
- 2019 Reports on budgetary and financial management;
- 2019 Annual activity reports;
- F4E Follow-up to the 2018 Discharge report;
- F4E 2019 Progress report to the Council and Parliament;
- F4E 8th Annual Assessment report.



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48. WORKSHOP ON "USE OF BIG DATA AND AI IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS - GOOD PRACTICE, WAYS FORWARD AND HOW TO INTEGRATE NEW TECHNOLOGY INTO CONTEMPORARY CONTROL FRAMEWORK"

CONT/9/05312



See separate draft agenda

Rapporteur:

[Mikuláš PEKSA](#)

(Greens) https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/112611/PETRI_SARVAMAA/home

Administrator:

Andras Schwarcz (Budgetary Affairs Policy Department)

This workshop aims to investigate how big data technologies are already being used in the detection and prevention of fraud, corruption, conflict of interest and malpractice, what are their limitations, and how its use could be improved. In addition, on a more theoretical level, it tries to give a glimpse of how data mining and artificial intelligence are able to operate in the budgetary control sphere.

The increasing digitalisation of government services and enhanced transparency rules result in more and more information related to public finances being available on the internet in electronic formats. While fraud is an age-old crime, with the rise of the digital age, criminals are finding new and imaginative ways to deceive public funds and it is often difficult to handle for traditional budgetary control systems. At the same time, the computing capacity and the software availability allows for complex processing of large amount of data in relatively short time. This creates new potential for the detection of fraud and corruption using specialized data analytics techniques such as big data, data mining, and AI technologies on open data. The abundance of open data also represents an opportunity to create reputation systems, which can be used for misuse prevention in a way that was impossible before.



In the first block of the workshop, the presentation by Vitezslav Titl (assistant professor at Utrecht University and affiliated researcher at KU Leuven) will deal with the issues of machine learning: creating algorithm on firms with political connections. Following that, Mihály Fazekas (assistant professor at the Central European University, director & founder of [Government Transparency Institute](#)) will shed light on the questions of detecting corruption in the public sector with the help of big data techniques.

The second part of the workshop will be more practice oriented. Beatriz Sanz Redrado, (Director for Anti-Fraud Knowledge Centre), and Rita di Prospero, (Head of Unit for intelligence and Operational Analysis) from OLAF will

present How is OLAF using Big Data technologies to safeguard the EU's financial interests. Petr Suchý (head programmer) will give an example of the use of Big data technologies for transparency by presenting [Hlídač Státu](#), a Czech NGO fighting corruption by connecting public finance data from different public databases, and making it available and searchable. Willem Pieter De Groen (senior researcher and head of unit at CEPS) will present the legal and technical limitations to the use of big data technologies concerning EU funds based on his experiences as a lead researcher for the study on "The Largest 50 Beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds".

Please check the [event webpage](#) for more information on the workshop. For hardcopies of the brochure, please contact poldep-budg@europarl.europa.eu.

49. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

50. NEXT MEETINGS

- 1 March 2021 (Brussels)
- 22-23 March 2021 (Brussels)
- 14-15 April 2021 (Brussels)

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- Briefing "Special advisers to the European Commission"

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- Study "Locations of the EU decentralised agencies"

- Study "The Management Boards of the Decentralised Agencies"

- Study "The "cost of non-EU – agencies", focusing on the health and safety cluster of the EU decentralised agencies"

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