

Focus

Post-2020 EU audit



Dear Reader,

The policy makers in the EU are currently discussing the future of EU finances and, in particular, the new budget framework for the post 2020 programming period.

One of the most important challenges ahead is how to grant beneficiaries easy access to funding, while respecting the principles of sound financial management. Setting the tone for future reforms and the vision of post 2020 EU audit represents a window of opportunity for the Committee on Budgetary Control and the European Parliament.

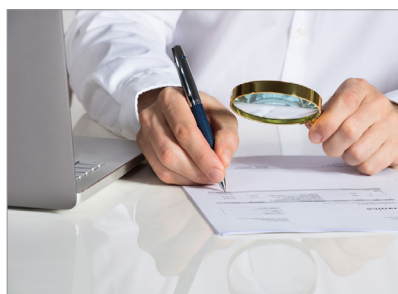
On 11 October 2017, Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs is organising a workshop entitled "Post-2020 Audit Reform in the EU – Mission possible". I take this opportunity to thank the Policy Department for their continuous support by providing high quality studies, briefings, and the organisation of an impressive number of so far eight workshops in 2017.

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Post-2020 Audit Reform in the EU: Mission possible

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

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Audit work has changed over the years. Compliance audits look at the legality and regularity of payments, but they say nothing about whether the political and economic objectives were achieved.

Compliance audits are increasingly supplemented by performance audits, which try to answer the question if the objective was achieved in an economic,

effective and efficient manner. The workshop will try to answer the question on how to strike the right balance between providing easy access to European public funds for beneficiaries, while guaranteeing sound financial management. One element which has to be put in place for this purpose is a single audit chain.



Workshop, 11 October 2017, 09.00 to 11.00, ASP 3G3

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PETI

Workshop

12 Oct 2017 - 09.00 to 11.15 - ASP 1G3

Trade and economic relations between the EU and Gulf countries

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Workshop

18 Oct 2017 - 15.00 to 18.30 - ASP 5G3

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The financing of the 'Islamic State' in Syria and Iraq

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The 'Islamic State' is considered the world's richest terrorist organisation, despite its recently weakened position, due to the decline of its finances and some territory loss. The In-depth analysis, requested by SEDE committee apart from laying down some policy recommendations for the EP, the EU and its Member States, also provides the reader with some historical context, IS's financial management, as well as the possible future directions of its development.



Tackling geo-blocking in the EU

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

July 2017



The practice of geo-blocking poses some unique challenges for EU legislation but ultimately shoppers online and consumers in a shop should have the same rights. Prepared by Policy Department for Economic and Scientific Policies, this report on the 10th meeting of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market summarizes the exchange of views between MEPs, independent academic experts and the European Commission on the topic of geo-blocking in the Digital Single Market.



European Solidarity Corps and volunteering

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

September 2017



The European Solidarity Corps aim to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high quality solidarity activities that benefit communities and people around the EU. The study requested by CULT committee provides an in-depth assessment of the Commission's legislative proposal for the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps. It focuses on the added value of the ESC, challenges linking EU programmes and the complementarity to paid employment.



Victims of terrorism

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

September 2017



Beyond combating terrorism and prosecuting those responsible, meeting the needs of victims is a moral responsibility for our States and societies. This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, presents a glimpse into the international and selected national responses to the rising global threat of terrorism and the consequent increase in victimisation.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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