



### MEETING

**MONDAY 15 MARCH 2010**

15h00 - 18h30

**TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010**

09h00 - 12h30

**BRUSSELS  
ROOM JAN 4Q2**



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#### **1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA**

The draft agenda (in EN) was emailed to Members on 4 March 2010.

#### **2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wishes to make the following announcements:

##### *2.1 Languages available:*

On 15 March: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, EL, ET, EN, FI, FR, IT, LT, LV, HU, MT, NL, PL, RO, SK, SL and SV.

On 16 March: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, EL, ET, EN, FI, FR, IT, LT, LV, HU, NL, PL, RO, SK, SL and SV.

##### *2.2 Webstreaming:*

Members are informed that this CONT meeting will **not** be webstreamed.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF TEN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS: HEARING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

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- ◇ *Rapporteur: Mrs Inés Ayala Sender*
- ◇ *Administrator responsible: Mrs Carmen Castillo del Carpio*
  
- Hearing of **Szabolcs Fazakas**  
Candidate nominated by the Hungarian authorities
  
- Hearing of **Rasa Budbergytė**  
Candidate nominated by the Lithuanian authorities
  
- Hearing of **Louis Galea**  
Candidate nominated by the Maltese authorities
  
- Hearing of **Augustyn Bronisław Kubik**  
Candidate nominated by the Polish authorities
  
- Hearing of **Ladislav Balko**  
Candidate nominated by the Slovakian authorities
  
- Hearing of **Eoin O'Shea**  
Candidate nominated by the Irish authorities

#### Background

The mandate of nine Members of the Court of Auditors expires on 6 May 2010.

The Members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. In accordance with Article 286(2) of the TFEU the Council, after consulting the European Parliament shall adopt the list of Members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

The following candidates have been proposed by the Member States:

**Szabolcs Fazakas** Hungary

**Rasa Budbergytė** Lithuania

**Louis Galea** Malta

**Augustyn Bronisław Kubik** Poland

**Ladislav Balko** Slovakia

**Milan Martin Cvikel** Slovenia

**Jan Kinšt** - Czech Republic (*renewal*)

**Kersti Kaljulaid** - Estonia (*renewal*)

**Igors Ludboržs** - Latvia (*renewal*)

The Council decided on 4 February 2010 to consult the Parliament on these appointments.

Moreover, following the resignation of a former Member of the Court of Auditors, the Council decided on 17 February 2010 to consult the Parliament concerning the nomination of **Mr Eoin O'Shea**, candidate proposed by Ireland.

Appointments or re-appointments to the ECA are submitted to Parliament's plenary on the basis of a report from CONT, which takes into account, among others circumstances, Article 286(1) of the TFEU: "the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from among persons who belong or have belonged in their respective States to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt."

#### A. Procedure

According to Rule 108 (1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, "candidates nominated as Members of the Court of Auditors shall be invited to make a statement before the committee responsible and answer questions put by members. The committee shall vote on each nomination separately by secret ballot."

#### I. Questionnaires and statements

In preparation for the hearings, the *seven new candidates* have been asked to answer the *questionnaire* prepared by CONT. Following the coordinators' suggestions, the questions in the

questionnaire were those used in the 2006 and 2007 hearings.

The *three candidates for reappointment* were invited to supply a *summary* of their experiences as a Court Member and their objectives for a possible future mandate.

Each candidate's replies to the questionnaire or their summary of experiences as Court Members, in the case of those who are seeking reappointment, have been annexed to his/her draft report. The same applies to the CV of each candidate.

The candidates' Curriculum vitae (EN version) were emailed to members on 25 February 2010. The EN version of the replies to the questionnaire sent by candidates Ms Budbergytė, Mr Galea, Mr Balko, Mr O'Shea and Mr Cvikl and the summaries from Members reappointed Mrs Kaludjaid, Mr Kinšt and Mr Ludboržs were emailed to members on 5 March 2010.

The EN replies to the questionnaire from Mr Fazakas and Mr Kubik were emailed to Members on 10 March 2010.

The draft reports will also be emailed to Members (original version) as soon as they are available and they will be found on the committee's website, at the following address:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/hearingsCom.do?language=EN&body=CONT>

The relevant articles of the Treaty and the Rules of Procedure can also be found at this address.

## II. The hearings

The hearings will take place according to the timetable set out in the draft agenda.

As regards the *new candidates*, each candidate will have a separate hearing. The candidate will be invited to make an opening statement (5 minutes) and the remainder of his/her hearing will be devoted to replies to questions from Members (25 minutes).

As regards the *candidates for reappointment*, the hearings will take the form of a joint *exchange of*

*views*. Members will have the possibility to put questions to the candidates.

## III. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft reports

Once all hearings have been completed, the committee will hold an evaluation of the candidates and then proceed to vote. Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft reports **will be in camera**.

According to Rule 108, the committee shall vote by secret ballot separately on each nomination. Members will receive a list of the ten candidates and should indicate for each candidate whether they give a favourable opinion, a negative opinion or abstain.

In accordance with Rule 169 (4), between two and eight Members shall be chosen by lot to count the votes cast.

The discussion and vote in plenary is scheduled to take place on 24-25 March 2010.

## B. The reports

The format of opinions on candidates for membership of the Court of Auditors is defined as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- "a) Each opinion shall be submitted in the form of a report to be adopted by a simple majority; the report shall not contain recitals and shall merely state a view on the appointment and
- b) the report shall consist of an explanatory statement, which shall not be put to the vote, citations summarising the circumstances of the referral to Parliament, which shall likewise not be put to the vote, and an operative part which may constitute only:
  - a favourable opinion, or
  - an unfavourable opinion,

Reports should not contain any recitals to be put to the vote".

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<sup>1</sup> Parliament's resolution of 19 January 1995

These strict rules on format adopted by Parliament *do not allow any amendments* to be tabled to the draft report.

The draft reports, including the candidate's CV and replies to the questionnaire (or summary for candidates for reappointment) will be finalised, according to the outcome of the evaluation and the vote in committee (see above). The report for plenary will state that Parliament delivers either a favourable or a negative opinion on the appointment of the candidate and in case of negative opinion calls on the Council to withdraw its nomination and submit a new one to Parliament.

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Candidate nominated by the Slovenian authorities
- Hearing of candidates for reappointment, in the form of an exchange of views

**Jan Kinšt** - Candidate nominated by the Czech authorities

**Kersti Kaljulaid** - Candidate nominated by the Estonian authorities

**Igors Ludboržs** - Candidate nominated by the Latvian authorities

- Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft reports (**in camera**)

Please see item 3.

#### **5. EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EIB) - ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

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- ◇ *CONT/7/01372*
- ◇ *Rapporteur: Mr Tamás Deutsch*
- ◇ *Administrator responsible: Mr József Blaszauer*
- ◇ *Adoption of draft report*

Following the discussion of the draft report at the last committee meeting (on 25 January 2010) the deadline for amendments was set at 12h00 on 11 February and **27 amendments** were received by the secretariat. Moreover, REGI and ECON have adopted opinions to the draft report.

The original version of the amendments was emailed to Members on 18 February 2010. The other linguistic versions will be found on the committee's website.

The voting list will be sent to Members as soon as available.

The adoption in plenary is scheduled for the 19-22 April 2010 session.

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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#### **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Committee on Budgetary Control will take place in Brussels on:

- Monday 22 March 2010, 15.00-18.30
- Tuesday 23 March 2010, 09.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30

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