

Committee on Budgetary Control
The Chair

Subject: CONT committee meeting on “*Common experiences and challenges in exercising budgetary control functions*”, 16 June 2022

Dear Colleague,

Exercising parliamentary budgetary control functions is of paramount importance to ensuring that public money is spent economically, efficiently and effectively and that potential misuse or fraud is prevented or detected.

At EU level, the Budgetary Control Committee (CONT) in the European Parliament is competent to control the implementation of the Union budget and to prepare decisions on discharge to all Union institutions, agencies and bodies to be taken by Parliament. Furthermore, the Committee is responsible for the relations with the Court of Auditors, their reports and relations with the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and EPPO.

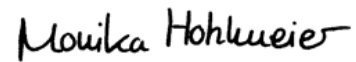
Exercising these audit and control functions comes with many challenges and considerations and the CONT Committee has decided to invite a number of national parliaments to a discussion about common experience and challenges.

This interparliamentary meeting will take place on 16 June 2022 from 9.00 to 12.00 (CET).

The CONT committee would kindly invite one Member per Parliament as a key-speaker - perhaps the Chair of the respective parliamentary committee - to begin with a short introductory speech (no more than 10 minutes) on your parliament’s experiences and challenges in exercising budgetary control functions. As you will see from the enclosed programme we have divided the discussions in two panels and each panel will be opened with a short introduction by one of our colleagues from the CONT Committee here in the European Parliament. After the introductory speeches, it is planned to hold a joint exchange of views with both MPs and MEPs (approximately 2-3 minutes per member). Following the exchange of views, the three initial speakers are invited to give feedback and/or closing remarks.

The CONT committee is convinced that this event will provide an opportunity to learn from each other, to raise awareness of common challenges and to share ideas and best practices. We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the CONT Committee meeting on 16 June 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Monika Hohlmeier

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