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# MINUTES

Meeting of 27 January 2025, 15:15-17:30,

and 28 January 2025, 09:00-12:30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened on Monday 27 January 2025 at 15:30, with Tamás Deutsch (CONT most senior Member present in the room, PfE Coordinator) presiding. Niclas Herbst (Chair) took the chair at 15:49.

**27 January 2025, 15.15 – 15.45**

**1. Chair's announcements**

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

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

**3. Adoption of minutes**

- 11-12 November 2024 PV – PE765.342v01-00
- 21 November 2024 PV – PE766.673v01-00
- 4-5 December 2024 PV – PE766.825v01-00
- 9 December 2024 PV – PE766.867v01-00

The minutes were approved.

**4. Protection of the European Union's financial interests – combating fraud – annual report 2023**

CONT/10/01294  
2024/2083(INI)

Rapporteur:

Gilles Boyer (Renew)

PR – PE766.940v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**The following spoke:** Tamás Deutsch, Gilles Boyer, Eero Heinäluoma, Virginie Joron, Daniel Freund, Niclas Herbst, Caterina Chinnici.

**27 January 2025, 15.45 – 16.45**

**5. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Joint Undertakings**

CONT/10/00694

2024/2031(DEC) COM(2024)0272[13] – C10-0079/2024

Rapporteur:

Michal Wiezik (Renew)

PR – PE765.276v02-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

TRAN

Gheorghe Falcă (PPE)

AD – PE765.328v02-00

AM – PE766.840v01-00

- Consideration of draft report

**The following spoke:** Niclas Herbst, Michal Wiezik, Eero Heinäluoma, Tamás Deutsch.

The meeting adjourned at 16:12 and resumed at 16:48.

**27 January 2025, 16.45 – 17.30**

**6. Discharge 2023: Other Institutions**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions**

CONT/10/00638

2024/2026(DEC) COM(2024)0272[08] – C10-0074/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.992v02-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council**

CONT/10/00558

2024/2021(DEC) COM(2024)0272[03] – C10-0069/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.997v02-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

AFCO Sven Simon (PPE)

AM – PE766.886v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman**

CONT/10/00657

2024/2027(DEC) COM(2024)0272[09] – C10-0075/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.991v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European**

**Union**

CONT/10/00577

2024/2022(DEC) COM(2024)0272[04] – C10-0070/2024

Rapporteur:

Cristian Terheş (ECR)

PR – PE764.996v03-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

JURI Ilhan Kyuchyuk (Renew)

PA – PE765.287v01-00

AM – PE766.844v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Public Prosecutors Office**

**(the 'EPPO')**

CONT/10/00679

2024/2029(DEC) COM(2024)0272[11] – C10-0077/2024

Rapporteur:

Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

PR – PE764.989v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

LIBE Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

PA – PE765.282v01-00

AM – PE766.666v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European External Action Service**

CONT/10/00615

2024/2024(DEC) COM(2024)0272[06] – C10-0072/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.994v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

AFET Michael Gahler (PPE)

PA – PE765.237v01-00

AM – PE766.779v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Data Protection**

**Supervisor**

CONT/10/00676

2024/2028(DEC) COM(2024)0272[10] – C10-0076/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.990v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

LIBE Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

PA – PE765.277v01-00

AM – PE766.665v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Auditors**

CONT/10/00596

2024/2023(DEC) COM(2024)0272[05] – C10-0071/2024

Rapporteur:

Dick Erixon (ECR)

PR – PE764.995v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social**

**Committee**

CONT/10/00619

2024/2025(DEC) COM(2024)0272[07] – C10-0073/2024

Rapporteur:

Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

PR – PE764.993v02-00

Responsible:

CONT

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**The following spoke:** Niclas Herbst, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Cristian Terheş, Dick Erixon, Tomáš Zdechovský, Caterina Chinnici, Kinga Kollár, Andrey Kovatchev (written statement), Csaba Molnár, Virginie Joron, Gilles Boyer, Vlad Vasile-Voiculescu, Pasquale Tridico, Arno Bausemer.

The meeting adjourned at 17:37 and resumed on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 9:04 with Niclas Herbst, Chair.

**28 January 2025, 9.00 – 10.00**

**\*\*\* Voting time \*\*\***

**7. Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova**

CONT/10/01178

\*\*\*I 2024/0258(COD) COM(2024)0469 – C10-0127/2024

Rapporteur for the opinion:

Jonas Sjöstedt (The Left)

AD – PE766.703v03-00

AM – PE766.858v01-00

Responsible:

AFET, BUDG Sven Mikser (S&D)

PR – PE766.648v02-00

– Siegfried Mureşan (PPE)

AM – PE766.941v01-00

- Adoption of draft opinion

**Decision:** The draft opinion was adopted: 24 votes in favour, 3 against, and 0 abstentions (see results of roll-call votes).

**\*\*\* End of vote \*\*\***

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**8. 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament**

CONT/10/00539

2024/2020(DEC) COM(2024)0272[02] – C10-0068/2024

Rapporteur:

Monika Hohlmeier (PPE)

PR – PE764.999v01-00

Responsible:

CONT

Opinions:

AFCO Sven Simon (PPE)

AM – PE766.887v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **4 February 2025, 14.00**

**The following spoke:** Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Giuseppe Lupo, Tamás Deutsch, Daniel Freund, Jonas Sjöstedt, Julien Sanchez.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

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The meeting resumed at 10:10 with Johan Van Overtveldt (BUDG Chair) and Niclas Herbst (CONT Chair) co-presiding.

**28 January 2025, 10.00 – 11.15**

***Joint meeting with Committee on Budgets***

**9. Special report 24/2024: EU Civil service – A flexible employment framework, insufficiently used to improve workforce management**

CONT/10/01822

- Presentation of the report by ECA reporting Member Jorg Kristijan Petrovič
- Exchange of views with representatives from EP, Commission and Council
- Exchange of views with invited Members from the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI)

**The following spoke:** Johan Van Overtveldt, Niclas Herbst, Jorg Kristijan Petrovič (ECA Member), Christian Linder (European Commission, DG HR), Ellen Robson (European Parliament, DG PERS), Cesare Onestini (Council, DG ORG), Kinga Kollár, Angéline Furet, Thomas Geisel.

**28 January 2025, 11.15 – 12.30**

***Joint meeting with Committee on Budgets***

**10. Special report 14/2024: Green transition – Unclear contribution from the Recovery and Resilience Facility**

CONT/10/01821

- Presentation of the report by ECA reporting Member Joëlle Elvinger
- Exchange of views with invited Members from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and from the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI)

**The following spoke:** Niclas Herbst, Johan Van Overtveldt, Joëlle Elvinger (ECA Member), Maria Teresa Fabregas Fernandez (European Commission, SG RECOVER), Ondřej Knotek, Janusz Lewandowski, Jean-Marc Germain, Julien Sanchez, Bogdan Rzońca, Rasmus Nordqvist, Nikolas Farantouris, Angéline Furet.

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**28 January 2025, 15.00 – 16.00**

**\*\*\* *In camera* \*\*\***

**11. Coordinators' meeting**

**12. Any other business**

**13. Date of next meeting**

17 - 18 February 2025

6 March 2025 (TBC)

17 - 18 March 2025

The meeting closed at 11:45.

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#### Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention



7. Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova

7.1. Final vote

**FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION**

<b>24</b>	<b>+</b>
ECR	Dick Erixon, Cristian Terheş
PfE	Tamás Deutsch, Ondřej Knotek
PPE	Georgios Aftias, Caterina Chinnici, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Kinga Kollár, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Gilles Boyer, Vlad Vasile-Voiculescu, Michal Wiezik
S&D	José Cepeda, Mohammed Chahim, Maria Grapini, Giuseppe Lupo, Csaba Molnár, Carla Tavares
The Left	Jonas Sjöstedt, Pasquale Tridico
Verts/ALE	Daniel Freund, Erik Marquardt

<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
ESN	Alexander Jungbluth
PfE	Virginie Joron, Julien Sanchez

<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Niclas Herbst (P), Caterina Chinnici (VP1), Cristian Terheş (VP3)	
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Georgios Aftias, Arno Bausemer, Gilles Boyer, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (1), José Cepeda (2), Caterina Chinnici, Tamás Deutsch, Dick Erixon, Daniel Freund, Monika Hohlmeier, Virginie Joron, Ondřej Knotek (2), Kinga Kollár, Giuseppe Lupo (2), Csaba Molnár (2), Jacek Protas, Julien Sanchez (2), Jonas Sjöstedt, Carla Tavares (2), Pasquale Tridico, Tomáš Zdechovský	
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Maria Grapini (2), Eero Heinäluoma, Alexander Jungbluth (2), Erik Marquardt (2), Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza (2), Vlad Vasile-Voiculescu, Michal Wiezik	

216 (7)	
Mohammed Chahim (2), Antonio López-Istúriz White (2)	
222 (3)	
57 (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)	
Johan Van Overtveldt (BUDG Chair), Isabel Benjumea Benjumea (BUDG), Nikolas Farantouris (BUDG), Angéline Furet (BUDG), Jens Geier (BUDG), Thomas Geisel (BUDG), Jean-Marc Germain (BUDG), Michalis Hadjipantela (BUDG), Janusz Lewandowski(BUDG), Jana Nagyová (BUDG), Rasmus Nordqvist (BUDG), Jacek Protas (BUDG), Bogdan Rzońca (BUDG), Nils Ušakovs (BUDG), Dainius Žalimas (JURI)	9 and 10

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<p>Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nðukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Vijeće/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/ Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)</p>	
<p>Cesare Onestini</p>	
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<p>Christian Linder, Maria Teresa Fabregas Fernandez</p>	
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# CONT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

15.00 - 16.00

Room: SPINELLI 3G2

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### **Coordinators present:**

**EPP:** Tomáš Zdechovský  
**S&D:** Carla Tavares  
**PfE:** Tamás Deutsch  
**ECR:** Dick Erixon (deputy coordinator)  
**Renew:** Olivier Chastel - written contribution  
**Verts/ALE:** Daniel Freund  
**The Left:** Jonas Sjöstedt  
**ESN:** Arno Bausemer

### **Items for decision**

#### **1. *CONT working methods concerning standing rapporteurs (postponed from last meeting)***

At their meeting of 5 November, Coordinators decided to appoint standing rapporteurs in the following six areas:

- The monitoring of the application of the Rule of Law conditionality Regulation (EPP)
- The anti-fraud architecture: OLAF and Europol/Eurojust (ECR)
- The anti-fraud architecture: EPPO (Renew)
- The implementation of the RRF (S&D)
- The monitoring of the financial assistance to Ukraine and relations with the budget committee of the Verkhovna Rada (Greens)
- Financial assistance to The Western Balkan (The Left)

#### **Decision:**

Coordinators representing a clear majority in the committee, approved the proposal for working methods concerning standing rapporteurs with an amendment from Renew. The working methods are:

- Standing rapporteurships are attributed at no cost in points for half of the legislative term;
- All files under the corresponding topic shall be attributed to the standing rapporteurs at no cost in points (legislative proposals and opinions to legislative proposals);
- An INI under the scope of a standing rapporteurship may be attributed without any points to the political group that submitted the proposal, unless the standing rapporteur objects, in which case she/he will be attributed the report without any points;
- Standing rapporteurs may be delegated responsibilities related to the file under their responsibility, e.g. the Chair may delegate to a standing rapporteur the responsibility to issue an opinion in the form of a letter;

#### **2. *Own-initiative reports***

##### **2.1. *New own-initiative report (INI)***

On 4 December 2024 Coordinators decided to request the authorisation to draw up five own-

initiative reports (INI). Afterwards Coordinators decided in a written procedure to change the nature of the INI-report on the Future of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regime into a joint BUDG-CONT implementation report. Since implementation reports do not count against the quota for INI reports, this change freed up a slot for an additional INI report for the first half of the legislature.

**Decision:**

Coordinators representing a clear majority in the committee selected the following report from the reserve list: “20 years of Progress: Evaluating the Successes and Lessons in implementing the EU Budget from EU Enlargement in 2004”.

## ***2.2. Attribution of the requested INI reports***

Following the Coordinators meeting of 4 December 2024, the Chair requested authorisation of the following five INI reports:

- 1) Implementation report jointly with BUDG under Rule 59 RoP: Implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regime
- 2) Control, transparency and traceability of performance based instruments
- 3) Budget 2024: Assessing the implementation of the gender mainstreaming methodology in the EU Budget
- 4) Combating VAT fraud - the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation between Member State tax authorities, particularly in the digital domain.
- 5) Which performance indicators relevant for audit and budgetary control should be implemented in the context of financing measures taken to support the implementation of a future European competitiveness?

LIBE asks to be associated under Rule 59 to the implementation report under 1).

FISC/ECON have contested the INI report under 4) on Combating VAT fraud.

**Decision:**

Coordinators decided the following distribution of reports:

- 1) Given to EPP without points because of the standing rapporteurship;
- 2) Given to the EPP for 1,5 points;
- 3) Given to S&D for 1,5 points;
- 4) Awaits clearance of competence;
- 5) Given to Renew for 1,5 points;
- 6) The additional report selected under agenda item 2.1 was given to the EPP for 2,5 points.

## ***3. Selection of ECA Special Reports for presentation in CONT up to quarter 3, 2025***

Based on the latest version of ECA’s indicative timetable of 21 January 2025, the Secretariat proposes to present the following SRs and reviews in CONT (screened including quarter 3, 2025).

For the sake of having a complete overview also of the already selected special reports and reviews mentioned in the list, they are included in the below list (the title and expected timing of publication might have slightly changed):

The Chair orally added the last SR in the following list, which by mistake had been omitted in



the note to Coordinators.

<b>SRs and reviews already selected on 5 November 2024</b>		
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Time for expected publication</b>	<b>Possible jointly with or with invitation to the following committee(s)</b>
SR 04/2025: EU Military mobility	5 February 2025	SEDE and TRAN
SR on Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE)	12 February 2025	LIBE and REGI
SR on MS RRF control systems	March 2025	BUDG and ECON
SR on European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)	March 2025	BUDG and ECON
SR on VAT fraud on imports	March 2025	FISC
SR on RRF digital transition	Quarter 2, 2025	BUDG and ECON
SR on RRF labour market reforms	Quarter 2, 2025	BUDG and ECON
<b>New proposals for selection of SRs and reviews</b>		
SR on EU funding to NGOs	Quarter 2, 2025	
SR on RRF business environment reforms	Quarter 2, 2025	BUDG and ECON
Review on RRF	Quarter 2, 2025	BUDG and ECON
Review on the Commission's reflection paper on EU finances	Quarter 2, 2025	BUDG
Review on Future of cohesion: drawing lessons from the past	Quarter 3, 2025	REGI
SR on Financial corrections in cohesion policy funds	Quarter 3, 2025	REGI
SR on Budget flexibility in times of crisis	Quarter 3, 2025	BUDG
SR on Audit of cooperation between EU bodies fighting fraud	Quarter 3, 2025	LIBE

**Decision:**

Coordinators approved the above list of selected reports and reviews to be presented in CONT.

**4. *Proposals for missions in 2025***

According to the rules, missions should be organised in the turquoise weeks (weeks for external activities). It requires a special authorisation to organise missions outside these weeks.

**Decision:**

Coordinators decided to ask authorisation for the following missions in 2025:

- Week 22, Slovakia: The mission should be arranged Monday-Wednesday, 26-28 May to Bratislava;
- Week 38, Albania and Montenegro: The mission should be arranged Monday to Wednesday, 15-17 September to Tirana and Podgorica;
- Week 44, The Hague (European Cybercrime Centre (JRC)): The mission should be arranged Monday to Tuesday, 27-28 October.

##### **5. *Input to the 2026+ ECA work programme***

The CCC Chair invited committees to provide their audit suggestions for the 2026+ ECA Work Programme to the CCC Secretariat by Wednesday 21 February 2025. An exchange of views with ECA President Tony Murphy is foreseen for the CCC meeting of 11 February 2025.

The Secretariat received 23 proposals for ECA audits from the groups.

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators representing a clear majority in the committee selected the following audit suggestions for the 2026+ ECA Work Programme to be sent to the CCC Secretariat on behalf of the CONT Committee:

Merging the following proposals:

- No 5 (EPP), no 7 (S&D) and no 17 (Renew)
- No 6 (S&D) and no 20 (Renew)
- No 8 (Pfe) and no 21 (Greens)
- No 12 (Pfe) and no 22 (Greens)

Not to select the following proposals: 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 23.

A clean list with suggestions from CONT, including a suggested text for the merged proposals, will be sent to Coordinators for final approval.

##### **6. *Letter to Commissioner Dombrovskis concerning the 100 largest recipients of RRF funding per country***

The Coordinator from the Greens proposed to the Chair to write a letter to Commissioner Dombrovskis concerning the 100 largest recipients of RRF funding per country.

The CONT Committee has for many years been asking for information concerning the biggest final beneficiaries from traditional EU policies like agriculture and structural funds and during the last couple of years also the RRF. For the RRF, the Commission only provided a list of recipients consisting to a large extent of public entities and ministries who are not the final recipients since these entities will then spend the money and thereby pay contractors.

##### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the draft letter to Commissioner Dombrovskis.

## **7. *Opinion concerning the 2026 budget guidelines in the form of a letter from the Chair/Commission 2023 rapporteur***

At the meeting on 4 December 2024, Coordinators decided that CONT should provide an opinion to the 2026 budget guidelines in the form of a letter and agreed to continue the standing practice of appointing the Commission discharge 2023 rapporteur (the Chair) as Budget 2026 Rapporteur.

### **Decision:**

Comments to the letter in written should be sent to the Secretariat at the latest on Friday 31 January.

The final letter will be voted in the Committee at the meeting on 17-18 February as a single vote.

## **8. *Possible invitation to the President of the Hungarian Integrity Authority***

In the light of recent allegations of corruption against the President of the Hungarian Integrity Authority and the obstacles he already denounced earlier, an exchange of views with the President of the Integrity Authority could be envisaged in connection with the preparation of the joint implementation report of BUDG and CONT on the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation.

### **Decision:**

Coordinators representing a clear majority in the committee decided:

- To invite the President of the Hungarian Integrity Authority to a meeting in the CONT Committee;
- That the Chair together with the President of the Hungarian Integrity Authority may decide if the meeting should be In Camera or public;

- The Secretariat will examine the possibilities for having the President of Hungarian Integrity Authority attending the meeting in person or whether his participation will have to be remote.

## **9. *EP Discharge - Budget item 400 (2024 first semester)***

In the framework of the EP discharge, the Secretary-General forwarded the financial reports of six of the political groups i.e. the audit reports and the financial reports for the first semester 2024 to CONT and asked the Committee to keep him informed about the steps of the procedure that it will follow before the reports can be submitted for adoption by the Bureau

### **Decision:**

Coordinators approved the draft reply from the Chair to the Secretary-General.

## **Items for information**

### **10. *Petition(s) received for information***

The Chair of the Committee on Petitions, has sent the following petitions to the CONT

committee for information:

- **Petition No 0947/2024** by T.K. (Polish) on the environmental consequences stemming from the planned construction of the N-S Route in Ruda Śląska, Poland

#### 11. *BUDG-ECON working group*

On 27 November 2024, the Conference of Presidents endorsed the renewal of the mandate of the joint BUDG-ECON working group on the scrutiny of the RRF (RRF WG) for the 10<sup>th</sup> term. The CoP endorsed all aspects of the draft mandate submitted by the BUDG-ECON Chairs on behalf of the Coordinators, with one important change in relation to missions. Accordingly, the BUDG-ECON working group will be composed of 27 Members designated by the political groups on the basis of d'Hondt, which translates to the following breakdown: 8 EPP, 5 S&D, 3 P/E, 3 ECR, 3 Renew, 2 Greens/EFA, 2 The Left, 1 ESN. The RRF WG Members should be primarily drawn from BUDG and ECON but it should be ensured that each of the associated committees (EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, TRAN) and CONT (responsible for the RRF discharge) are also represented by one Member, to be counted within the quota. The CONT Member to the BUDG-ECON working group is Ms Carla TAVARES. Concerning RRF WG missions, the CoP departed from the BUDG-ECON proposal to count these missions outside the quota. As a rule, RRF WG missions will be treated in the same way as ordinary committee missions, that is inside the quota for missions. However, the CoP decision allows for the possibility of mission requests above the quota of both BUDG and ECON. The CoP will decide on the authorisation of such requests on a case-by-case basis.

#### 12. *Outcome of written procedures*

In response to the written procedure of 11 December 2024, a large majority of Coordinators agreed with the Secretariat's proposal to request for the INI on "***Future of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regime***" an implementation report rather than a non-legislative initiative report. This implementation report will be drawn-up jointly with BUDG.

#### 13. *State of play of appointments on CONT files*

- [Work in progress document](#)
- [Overview of the points](#)

#### 14. *Any other business*

The Chair referred to the addendum to the Coordinators note, which had been sent to Coordinators on 23 January 2025 concerning a draft letter to Commissioner Serafin on "Additional request for access to documents under Annex II of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission".

The EPP suggested to delete the reference to Transparency International in the letter and instead include a reference to grant agreements signed in 2023 with NGOs by DG AGRI, DG JUST and DG HOME.

The letter would be sent to Coordinators for their possible comments together with the summary of Coordinator's recommendations.

15. *Date of next Coordinators' meeting*

- 18 February 2025