Interparliamentary Conference

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AND WESTERN BALKAN PARLIAMENTS

SOUND MANAGEMENT OF EU FUNDS: THE EP BUDGETARY CONTROL POWERS

Organised by the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) in cooperation with the EP Committee on Budgetary Control

Brussels, 11-12 July 2018

Meeting room: JAN 6Q2
European Parliament
Brussels

PROGRAMME
Wednesday, 11 July 2018

14:00 Arrival and registration of the participants

In the Chair: **Ms Inge Graessle**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**14:30 – 14:35** Opening of the conference

**Ms Inge Graessle**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**14:35 – 14:55** Presentation of the activities of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the role of the discharge in sound audit of public institutions

**Ms Inge Graessle**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**14:55 – 15:20** Discharge procedure of the European Commission

**Mr Joachim Zeller**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**Ms Ines Ayala Sender**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**15:20 – 15:40** Discharge procedure of the European Parliament

**Ms Claudia Schmidt**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**15:40 – 16:00** Discharge procedure of other EU institutions, agencies and joint undertakings

**Mr Arndt Kohn**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**Mr Petri Sarvamaa**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**Mr Bart Staes**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**Ms Martina Dlabajova**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control

**16:00 – 16:35** Cooperation of the European Parliament with the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), national audit chambers and national parliaments

**Ms Inge Graessle**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control
16:35 – 17:00  National versus regional approach of EU funds in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Mr Roderick Ackermann, Associate Senior Researcher, Blomeyer and Sanz’

Mr André Lys, Advisor to Director NEAR D – Western Balkans, IPA Coordination, DG NEAR, European Commission

17:00 – 17:40  Questions, replies, debate

17:40 – 17:55  Cross-border cooperation in the Western Balkans and their visibility to the citizens

Ms Simona Pohlova, Team Leader REGIO.DDG.D.1 Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, DG REGIO, European Commission

17:55 – 18:25  Questions, replies, debate

18:25 – 18:30  Closing remarks by the Chair

19:00-20:30  Working dinner offered by the Co-Chairs of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group  
(venue MEPS Salon n° 5 - ASP O G - Ground floor) Only on invitation

Thursday, 12 July 2018

08:30  Arrival of the participants

Attendance of the Committee on Budgetary Control meeting

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09:00 – 10:00  Cooperation of OLAF with the European Public Prosecutor’s Office and the effectiveness of OLAF investigations

Mr Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

10:00 – 10:30  The OLAF Annual Report 2017

Mr Nicolas Ilet, OLAF Deputy Director General

10:30 – 11:00  The OLAF Supervisory Committee Annual Activity Report 2017

Mr Jan Mulder, Chairman of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

11:00 – 11:30  Follow-up of the 2016 discharge to the European Parliament on voluntary pension funds

Mr Klaus Welle, Secretary-General of the European Parliament

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