Basic information

2018/0801(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Court of Auditors: appointment of a Belgian member **Subject** 8.40.05 Court of Auditors	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	TARAND Indrek (Verts /ALE)	17/01/2018
	Shadow rapporteur AYALA SENDER Inés (S&D) DLABAJOVÁ Martina (ALDE) FLANAGAN Luke Ming (GUE/NGL)	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3607	2018-03-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Secretariat-General	TIMMERMANS Frans

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/01/2018	Legislative proposal published	05161/2018	
18/01/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/02/2018	Vote in committee		
22/02/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0027/2018	Summary
01/03/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0046/2018	Summary
19/03/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

19/03/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/03/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0801(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Appointment
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 286-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/8/12053

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE616.842	30/01/2018	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0027/2018	22/02/2018	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0046/2018	01/03/2018	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	05161/2018	10/01/2018	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2018/0472
OJ L 079 22.03.2018, p. 0023

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2018/0801(NLE) - 22/02/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Indrek Tarand (Greens/EFA, EE) on the proposed nomination of Annemie Turtelboom (BE) as a member of the Court of Auditors.

The committee evaluated the credentials of the nominee, in particular in view of the requirements laid down in Article 286(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). At its meeting of 20 February 2018, the committee heard the Council's nominee for membership of the Court of Auditors.

Members called on the European Parliament to **deliver a favourable opinion** on the nomination of Annemie Turtelboom as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

Annemie Turtelboom is currently a **Member of the Belgian Federal Parliament**, having held four different ministerial posts, in the following order: (1) Minister of Migration and Asylum Policy, (2) Minister of Home Affairs, (3) Minister of Justice, and (4) Deputy First Minister, Minister for Budget, Finance and Energy, Government of Flanders.

During the **hearing**, the candidate stressed that public finances have always played a vital role in her work throughout her political career. As a Minister of the Belgian Government, having been responsible for security departments, asylum and migration, home and justice affairs, the candidate drafted the budget proposals for each department, as well as coordinating their control.

The candidate stated that the overall **reform of the Ministry of Justice**, which she supervised, is one of the greatest achievements in her professional career. The main objective of this reform is the decentralisation of financial powers, which gives more autonomy to magistrates, and a shift towards a performance-oriented culture, in which management agreements would be used and audited by the Belgian Supreme Audit Institution to increase efficiency and assess effectiveness.

In order to guarantee her full **independence**, the candidate stated that she would resign from her political mandates and that she would not engage in any activity that could compromise her independence in the future. She showed willingness to communicate all financial interests and other commitments to the President of the Court of Auditors, and to make them public.

Lastly, the candidate stipulated that the establishment of a **close dialogue and regular contact between the Court of Auditors and the European Parliament** was essential. She seeks to understand the European Parliament's information needs in terms of audit approach and deliverables and supports the ECA's annual work programme integrating more audits focussing on the EP's priorities for the EU citizens.

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2018/0801(NLE) - 01/03/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament delivered a **favourable opinion** (501 votes to 91, with 32 abstentions) on the Council's nomination of **Annemie Turtelboom** as a Member of the Court of Auditors.