Basic information

2019/0802(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Court of Auditors: appointment of a Romanian member **Subject** 8.40.05 Court of Auditors	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	CONT Budgetary Control	TARAND Indrek (Verts /ALE)	01/03/2019
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Secretariat-General	JUNCKER Jean-Claude	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/02/2019	Legislative proposal published	06341/2019	Summary
11/03/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/04/2019	Vote in committee		
10/04/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0194/2019	Summary
16/04/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0364/2019	Summary
16/04/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/05/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/05/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2019/0802(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
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/8/15598

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE636.163	01/03/2019	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0194/2019	10/04/2019	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0364/2019	16/04/2019	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	06341/2019	12/02/2019	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2019/0846
OJ L 138 24.05.2019, p. 0089

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2019/0802(NLE) - 12/02/2019 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to nominate Viorel ŞTEFAN (RO) as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

CONTENT: according to Article 286(1) and (2), first subparagraph, (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;

- the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years. 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 term of office of the Members of the Court of Auditors shall be renewable.

Following a letter dated 11 February 2019 addressed to the Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, the Council proposes to nominate Viorel ŞTEFAN (RO) as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

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2019/0802(NLE) - 10/04/2019 - 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 nomination of Viorel Ştefan as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

The committee assessed the credentials of the proposed candidate, in particular in view of the requirements laid down in Article 286(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and heard the Council’s nominee for membership of the Court of Auditors.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament deliver an unfavourable opinion on the Council’s nomination of Viorel Ştefan as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

Viorel Ştefan was Minister of Public Finance in 2017 and has been Deputy Prime Minister in the Romanian government since 2018. He is a member of the Social Democratic Party.

In his answers to the questionnaire, the candidate stated:

- fully understand the need to strictly respect the principle of independence and therefore to be totally independent in the performance of his or her duties;

- have (neither he nor his close relations) interests in business activities or commitments or actions within companies that could be incompatible with his future responsibilities;

- be prepared to communicate all its financial interests and other commitments to the President of the Court of Auditors and to make them public;

- not be a party to any ongoing legal proceedings;

- intend to resign both from the Romanian Parliament and from all his posts and responsibilities of the party.

Viorel Ştefan stated that the European Court of Auditors plays an essential role in not only promoting and supporting a culture of sound financial management in practice but also in helping to ensure its long-term sustainability in all public institutions.

As regards specific ways of improving cooperation between the Court of Auditors and the CONT Committee, he considered that the way to achieve this was to establish continuous and effective dialogue in which the Court takes into account and responds to Members' expectations while respecting the principle of independence.

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2019/0802(NLE) - 16/04/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament decided (by 222 votes to 352, 57 abstentions) to deliver an unfavourable opinion on the Council’s nomination of Viorel Ştefan as a Member of the Court of Auditors.