

Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2018/0801(NLE)	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
	 Budgetary Control		17/01/2018
		 TARAND Indrek	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 AYALA SENDER Inés	
		 DLABAJOVÁ Martina	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3607	19/03/2018
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Secretariat-General	TIMMERMANS Frans	

Key events			
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	Consultation of Parliament

Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 286-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/8/12053

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	05161/2018	10/01/2018	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE616.842	30/01/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0027/2018	22/02/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0046/2018	01/03/2018	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2018/472](#)
[OJ L 079 22.03.2018, p. 0023](#)

Court of Auditors: appointment of a Belgian member

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 ECAs annual work programme integrating more audits focussing on the EP's priorities for the EU citizens.

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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.