




Procedure file

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

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| |  Budgetary Control |  TARAND Indrek | 01/03/2019 |
| Council of the European Union | Commission DG | Commissioner | |
| European Commission | Secretariat-General | JUNCKER Jean-Claude | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 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 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 16/04/2019 | Decision by Parliament | T8-0364/2019 | Summary |
| 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 | |
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| Procedure reference | 2019/0802(NLE) |
| Procedure type | NLE - Non-legislative enactments |
| Procedure subtype | Appointment |

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| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 286-p2 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | CONT/8/15598 |

Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal | | 06341/2019 | 12/02/2019 | CSL | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE636.163 | 01/03/2019 | EP | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A8-0194/2019 | 10/04/2019 | EP | Summary |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T8-0364/2019 | 16/04/2019 | EP | Summary |

Final act

[Decision 2019/846](#)
[OJ L 138 24.05.2019, p. 0089](#)

Court of Auditors: appointment of a Romanian member

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

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) on the nomination of Viorel Țefan 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 Țefan as a Member of the Court of Auditors.

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