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NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Delegations

Subject: Summary of the meeting of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Committee of the European Parliament, held in Brussels on 20 March 2014

LIBE and CONT adopted the report on the Directive on Fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law. The report is expected to be voted in the Plenary in April, however negotiations with the Council could only start under the new legislature. Mr Manservigi, Director General for Home Affairs, presented the outcome of policy dialogues for financial programmes in the field of Home Affairs.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Aguilar (S&D, ES).

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the agenda

Adoption of the agenda and Chair's announcements

The agenda was adopted with the following changes: the vote on *Arrangement with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office* was postponed (item5).

Joint LIBE and CONT committees (Rule. 51)

***** Electronic vote *****

Fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law

*****I 2012/0193(COD)**

Rapporteurs Ingeborg Gräßle (PPE)

Juan Fernando López Aguilar (S&D)

PR – PE524.832v01-00

AM – PE528.001v03-00

Responsible: CONT, LIBE –*

Opinions: ECON – Decision: no opinion

JURI (AL) – Eva Lichtenberger (Verts/ALE)

AL – PE500.747v02-00

JURI – Tadeusz Zwiefka (PPE)*

AD – PE514.816v02-00

AM – PE519.502v01-00

CM – PE498.056v01-00

Draft report was adopted with 44 votes favour (2 votes against and 5 abstentions).

***** End of electronic vote *****

Item 6 on the agenda

Outcome of policy dialogues - financial programmes in the field of Home Affairs (pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum and Migration Fund, and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime and crisis management)

In his introduction, Mr Manservisi, Director-General for Home Affairs, explained that 32 dialogues had been held with Member States. Regarding the process, he noted that a pragmatic approach was necessary as the instrument serving as a legal basis has been negotiated in parallel. The Commission had tried to identify key issues in the area of Home Affairs for each Member State in order to have a common basis to assess the current situation and objectives for the future.

He in particular stressed the importance of a 'process driven by objectives' and the need for Member States' ownership of such a process. In general he gave a very positive assessment of these dialogues and explained that understandings had been reached on indicators of results, which will allow for the monitoring of developments. He acknowledged that Member States had different levels of preparedness to cope with immigration pressures, however all agreed on the need to have contingency planning and to work on the implementation of the early warning, preparedness and crisis management mechanism within the Dublin system. Member States also had different approaches towards integration issues and one of the areas discussed was also access to labour markets migrants. He stressed the need to create synergies with the Structural funds. Member States also supported the modernisation of border equipment and were interested in additional pooling of resources in delivering Schengen visas. In the multiannual strategies for security law enforcement training is given a prominent place as well as the fight against organised crime, drugs trafficking, in particular new drugs, that are produced in the EU, as well as the fight against cybercrime and trafficking in human beings. The Commission would like to receive these national programmes by summer as the legal basis would enter into force in July. These could then be adopted by the end of 2014 and the implementation could start at the beginning of 2015.

During the discussion the MEP raised the following issues : consultations with NGOs and international organisations, funding of activities outside the EU, criticism of smart borders package, and more detailed breakdown by areas of programmes for individual Member States.

In his replies Mr Manservisi explained that at the current stage the Commission had not yet received any detailed information from Member States on percentages. He said that the Commission tried to involve as much as possible regular consultations of civil society and would also continue its work on the Smart Borders Package.

Item 6 on the agenda

LIBE Delegation to Sweden on the Swedish Judicial System and on the Swedish Asylum Procedures with a special focus on unaccompanied minors, 2 - 3 May 2013

The delegation report is available in document (DV – PE514.810v01-00).

Item 7 on the agenda

Delegation to the EU Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), 18 - 19

July 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

LIBE/7/15467

Mr ENCIU briefly presented the delegation written report.

Item 9 on the agenda

Study "EU financing for NGOs in the area of Home Affairs, Security and Migration"

LIBE/7/15468

Mr Van Schoubroeck, Deloitte Belgium presented the main findings of the study prepared in cooperation with Policy Department D. He highlighted the fact that there was no agreed legal definition of NGOs at EU level, which resulted in very limited information being available on the EU's financing of the NGOs. Under the EU's Financial regulation NGOs were treated as any other beneficiary.

Ms PIRKER regretted that the study was not able to identify in a more detailed manner the patterns of EU financing for NGOs in the JHA as requested by LIBE, when commissioning the study.

Next meeting(s)

- **31 March 2014 - 1 April 2014**