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Committee on Budgetary Control
The Chairman

To the Chair(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) will organise an interparliamentary committee meeting with national Parliaments on **Thursday 14 November 2013 from 9.00 to 12.30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels on the following subject:

"Towards better spending - Models of parliamentary scrutiny of expenditure".

In a period of economic constraints it turns out difficult to strike a balance between setting budgetary priorities and ensuring their implementation in respect of the principles of sound financial management - Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness. The European Parliament released a study on Parliamentary Control of Budget Implementation which compares the ex-post control of the EU budget to the ex-post control of national budgets carried out by national Parliaments¹.

It is clear that each Parliament has its own model and experience on how to deal with this exercise. Even if procedures differ, your best practices can be very useful to other Parliaments - for instance by sharing updated methodologies or just bringing a lighter approach to the procedures used. The purpose of this meeting is therefore to promote that exchange of experiences and the sharing of good practices between Parliaments.

I am therefore pleased to invite up to four members of the relevant Committee(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting. Should you be unable to attend we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

The practical details regarding the meeting as well as a detailed draft programme will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 14 November 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Theurer

¹<http://europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/cont/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=76051>