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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2014: performance, financial management and control
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Rapporteur: David Casa

SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes the simultaneous publication of the roadmaps initiating the revision of the regulations establishing the three tripartite agencies of the Union, CEDEFOP, EU-OSHA and Eurofound; emphasises that the revisions should preserve the key roles of these highly reputable agencies and their tripartite nature, ensuring active participation of national authorities, trade unions and employer representatives in their governance and functioning;
2. Reaffirms that the discussion of the draft annual work programmes and the multiannual strategies of the agencies in the committees responsible helps to ensure that the programmes and strategies reflect the actual political priorities but stresses the need to align the EU budgetary cycle with the EU 2020 Strategy in order to be able to monitor fully and comprehensively report on the performance of each of the agencies in the context of their contribution to achieving EU 2020 objectives;
3. Acknowledges that staffing cuts have been implemented with great difficulty and opposes further cuts which would limit the agencies' ability to carry out their mandates;
4. Acknowledges the good practice of collaboration among the agencies in the areas of living and working conditions, vocational training and occupational safety and health, which maximise synergies and cooperation and enhance complementarity; also welcomes and encourages the continuation of the exchange of good practices between the Commission and the agencies; stresses however that more synergies can be found with a view to ensuring cost-efficiency;
5. Appreciates the Commission's and the agencies' efforts and progress made in the implementation of the roadmap; considers that this will ensure more balanced governance, improved efficiency and accountability and greater coherence.
6. Welcomes in this regard the guidelines issued by the Commission in consultation with the agencies on performance indicators aiming to assess the results achieved by agencies' executive directors and the guidelines developed by the Commission for the adoption of the implementing rules of the agencies related to the employment of career staff; expects that they will provide further simplification related to saving of time and resources;
7. Draws attention in principle to the importance of the social aspects of the Agencies' headquarter agreement with their hosting country, such as the predictability of staff's social and living conditions (schooling fees, status questions, etc.); urges, therefore, the hosting Member States that have not yet signed such an agreement to do so as soon as possible.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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| Date adopted | 25.1.2016 |
| Result of final vote | +: 27 -: 8 0: 7 |
| Members present for the final vote | Laura Agea, Guillaume Balas, Enrique Calvet Chambon, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Jane Collins, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Thomas Händel, Marian Harkin, Czesław Hoc, Rina Ronja Kari, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Kostadinka Kuneva, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Dominique Martin, Anthea McIntyre, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Emilian Pavel, Georgi Pirinski, Terry Reintke, Sofia Ribeiro, Claude Rolin, Sven Schulze, Jutta Steinruck, Romana Tomc, Renate Weber, Tatjana Ždanoka, Jana Žitňanská |
| Substitutes present for the final vote | Maria Arena, Amjad Bashir, Lynn Boylan, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Evelyn Regner, Michaela Šojdrová |
| Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote | Eleonora Evi, Anneli Jäätteenmäki |