



**2019/2082(DEC)**

21.1.2020

# **OPINION**

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) for the financial year 2018  
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Rapporteur for opinion: Roberta Metsola

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## SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Reiterates the role of the European Union Agency of Law Enforcement Training ('CEPOL' or 'the Agency') in providing national law enforcement experts with information on the latest developments in the field of law enforcement, and in facilitating the sharing of best practices;
2. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors ('the Court') has declared the transactions underlying the annual accounts of CEPOL for the financial year 2018 to be legal and regular in all material respects and that its financial position on 31 December 2018 is fairly represented; recalls that the budget of the Agency increased from EUR 9 to 10 million (+11%) while its staff decreased from 53 to 51 (-4%) compared to 2017; deplores however the fact that CEPOL had to refuse numerous valid and legitimate training requests of Member States in crucial areas of law enforcement because of budgetary restraints; is concerned that CEPOL currently cannot sufficiently cover the demand from Member States regarding education and training for law enforcement communities in the Union and its neighbourhood;
3. Notes that CEPOL launched a call in December 2017 for tender for a framework contract for travel services with an estimated market volume of EUR 8.5 million over a period of 4 years; notes that, despite the awarding of the contract to the cheapest tenderer whose offer amounted to 56 % of the average of its two competitors, the payments incurred in 2018 (EUR 2.06 million) almost reached the estimated market volume of EUR 2.13 million; shares the view of the Court that in cases where offers from tenderers seem to be abnormally low, the Agency should analyse the underlying reasons to ensure its estimation of the market volume is correct, and that the contract is awarded to the tenderer offering the best price-quality ratio;
4. Notes with concern that CEPOL continues to experience a high staff turnover and a limited number of applications from other Member States; reiterates its worries that this might impact on the operations of the Agency; notes in this regard that the Staff Regulations offer the necessary flexibility for labour market conditions prevailing in the Union to be taken into account when recruiting officials in order to address the specific needs of the institutions; calls on CEPOL to take measures to improve the situation;
5. Expresses its satisfaction that CEPOL has implemented two out of the six outstanding recommendations of the Court, namely those concerning the revalidation of the accounting system and the comprehensive Brexit impact analysis;
6. Regrets that corrective actions regarding two outstanding recommendations of the Court, i.e. the high staff turnover and the publication of vacancy notices on the European Personnel Selection Office website, are still ongoing, and therefore calls on the Agency to take the necessary steps to finalise these corrective actions in a timely manner and to follow up without delay on the outstanding recommendation regarding e-procurement, namely the introduction of e-submission;

7. Stresses the importance of providing gender-based data in order to be able to analyse the evolution of gender balance within the Agency's staff and governing bodies.

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	13.1.2020
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 48 -: 5 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Konstantinos Arvanitis, Malik Azmani, Pietro Bartolo, Nicolas Bay, Vladimír Bilčík, Vasile Blaga, Saskia Bricmont, Damien Carême, Caterina Chinnici, Tudor Ciuhodaru, Clare Daly, Lena Düpont, Cornelia Ernst, Sylvie Guillaume, Evin Incir, Sophia in 't Veld, Patryk Jaki, Assita Kanko, Fabienne Keller, Alice Kuhnke, Jeroen Lenaers, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Roberta Metsola, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Kostas Papadakis, Nicola Procaccini, Emil Radev, Paulo Rangel, Terry Reintke, Michal Šimečka, Birgit Sippel, Sylwia Spurek, Tineke Strik, Tom Vandendriessche, Bettina Vollath, Ann Widdecombe, Elena Yoncheva, Javier Zarzalejos
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Damian Boeselager, Patrick Breyer, Delara Burkhardt, Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Beata Kempa, Ondřej Kovařík, Kris Peeters, Robert Roos, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Loránt Vincze, Petar Vitanov, Maria Walsh, Tomáš Zdechovský
<b>Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote</b>	Lukas Mandl

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Patryk Jaki, Assita Kanko, Beata Kempa, Nicola Procaccini
GUE/NGL	Konstantinos Arvanitis, Clare Daly, Cornelia Ernst, Miguel Urbán Crespo
PPE	Vladimír Bilčík, Vasile Blaga, Lena Düpont, Jeroen Lenaers, Lukas Mandl, Roberta Metsola, Kris Peeters, Emil Radev, Paulo Rangel, Loránt Vincze, Maria Walsh, Javier Zarzalejos, Tomáš Zdechovský
RENEW	Malik Azmani, Sophia in 't Veld, Fabienne Keller, Ondřej Kovařík, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Michal Šimečka
S&D	Pietro Bartolo, Delara Burkhardt, Caterina Chinnici, Tudor Ciuhodaru, Sylvie Guillaume, Evin Incir, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Birgit Sippel, Sylwia Spurek, Petar Vitanov, Bettina Vollath, Elena Yoncheva
VERTS/ALE	Damian Boeselager, Patrick Breyer, Saskia Bricmont, Damien Carême, Alice Kuhnke, Terry Reintke, Tineke Strik

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ECR	Robert Roos
ID	Nicolas Bay, Tom Vandendriessche
NI	Kostas Papadakis, Ann Widdecombe

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention