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Committee on Transport and Tourism

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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Railway Agency for the financial year 2012
(2013/2228(DEC))

Rapporteur: Michel Dantin

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the finding of the Court of Auditors that the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the 2012 financial year are in order;
2. Notes that the Agency's annual budget for 2012 was EUR 25.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations, and that the implementation rates were 94.9%;
3. Highlights the Agency's vital role in ensuring the safety and interoperability of rail systems in Europe; also notes that a review of the Agency's powers is currently under way as part of the Fourth Railway Package; stresses that, should it be accorded greater powers, the Agency will need to be given the financial, material and human resources it needs to perform its tasks successfully;
- 3a. Calls for a single seat. The Agency shall be based at a single location being easily accessible by public transport in order to save scarce resources and increase the efficiency of the Agency.
4. Notes that the Court of Auditors highlighted some uncertainties on how the internal auditing function would be carried out, following a change to the Agency's auditing structures; notes the response from the Agency, which expects to appoint its Internal Control Coordinator at an early date;
5. Notes that the Court of Auditors has highlighted the Agency's failure to comply with its Internal Control Standard regarding continuity of ITC activities; calls on the Agency to take the appropriate corrective measures;
- 5a. Stresses the importance of the Agency improving its recruitment procedures as rapidly as possible, this measure having been commenced in 2011, so as to ensure transparency and equal treatment for applicants.
6. Proposes that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	20.2.2014
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 4 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Michael Cramer, Joseph Cuschieri, Philippe De Backer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Jacqueline Foster, Franco Frigo, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Dominique Riquet, Brian Simpson, Giommara Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Patricia van der Kammen, Artur Zasada
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Spyros Danellis, Isabelle Durant, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Alfreds Rubiks, Bernadette Vergnaud, Janusz Władysław Zemke
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Birgit Sippel, Robert Sturdy