



**2018/2114(INI)**

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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 10**

**Draft opinion**

**Jens Geier**

(PE628.606v01-00)

Implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring  
parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies  
(2018/2114(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that fee-financing of agencies currently amounts to a total of about EUR 1 billion annually; considers fee-financing to be an effective way of financing agency activities in cases where the business model so allows; notes, however, that safeguard measures need to be in place to avoid any kind of conflict of interest;

*Amendment*

1. Notes that fee-financing of agencies currently amounts to a total of about EUR 1 billion annually, ***thereby significantly decreasing the pressure on the Union budget***; considers fee-financing to be an effective way of financing agency activities in cases where the business model so allows; notes, however, that safeguard measures need to be in place to avoid any kind of conflict of interest;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***1 a. Notes that, even though in terms of budgetary management, decentralised agencies share a number of similarities, one-size-fits-all approaches have proven to be detrimental to the efficient and effective management of certain agencies; considers the 5% reduction target of staff and the redeployment pool among agencies a one-time exercise; reiterates its intention to oppose any such approach in the future;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 a. Stresses that the location of the seat of an agency should not affect the execution of its powers and tasks, its governance structure, the operation of its main organisation or the main financing of its activities; underlines, however, that the location of an agency might allow for better budgetary efficiency through the sharing among Union agencies of administrative support and facility management services;**

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Asks the Commission to swiftly present an evaluation of agencies with multiple locations, using a consistent approach to assess their added value by taking costs incurred into account; calls for significant measures to be taken on the basis of the evaluation results with the aim of reducing the number of multiple locations, if and where appropriate;

**3. In line with the recommendations of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on decentralised agencies' resources,** asks the Commission to swiftly present an evaluation of agencies with multiple locations, using a consistent approach to assess their added value by taking costs incurred into account; calls for significant measures to be taken on the basis of the evaluation results with the aim of reducing the number of multiple locations, if and where appropriate;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

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*Draft opinion*

4. Notes with concern that a number of agencies have difficulties in attracting qualified staff on account of unfavourable employment conditions and limitations caused by the salary coefficient; believes that Union bodies need to be in a position to attract qualified staff in order to fulfil their tasks effectively and efficiently;

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4. Notes with concern that a number of agencies have difficulties in attracting qualified staff on account of unfavourable employment conditions and limitations caused by the salary coefficient; believes that Union bodies need to be in a position to attract qualified staff in order to fulfil their tasks effectively and efficiently; ***therefore calls for concrete action to correct salary coefficients to better reflect real costs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Notes that the strengthened cooperation between the Agencies in sharing of services has resulted in savings, e.g. by the creation of a joint procurement portal; encourages further exploration of the potential of sharing of services either among Agencies or between the Commission and Agencies to create new synergies and optimise existing ones;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Nicola Caputo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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oversight can be strengthened by ensuring the participation of representatives nominated by Parliament in Management Board meetings; ***believes that ensuring the best value for money for the European citizen, represented by the European Parliament, should be an important factor in this decision making process***; notes that the Union institutions have refrained on a number of occasions from making use of this possibility provided for in the Common Approach;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Notes that agencies' budgets should be prepared in accordance with the principle of performance-based budgeting, taking into account the agency's objectives and the expected results of its tasks; calls for a thematic approach in decentralised agencies' budgeting in order to better prioritize the agencies' tasks, increase cooperation and avoid overlaps especially in agencies working within the same policy field***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Notes with concern that a certain number of administrative requirements***

*are disproportionate for agencies which did not reach a critical size; expects the Commission and the Council to ensure that applicable administrative requirements are commensurate with the financial and human resources of all agencies.*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Jens Geier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5 b.** *Recalls that the legislative procedure results in modifications of the initial Commission proposal; notes with concern that updated financial statements generally become available at the end of the legislative procedure if at all; recalls the twin roles of the European Parliament and the Council as legislative authority and budgetary authority.*

Or. en