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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2015: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)
(2016/2162(DEC))

Amendment 1
Inés Ayala Sender

Proposal for a decision 1 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions discharge in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2015 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions discharge in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2015;*

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions discharge in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2015;

Or. es

Amendment 2
Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions discharge in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Inés Ayala Sender

Proposal for a decision 2 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2015 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2015;***

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 4
Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2015 /*** Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regards to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75;*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Court of Auditors' special Report No 15/2012 entitled 'Management of conflict of interest in selected EU Agencies',*

Or. en

Amendment 7

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Ba. whereas in the context of the discharge procedure, Parliament stresses the special importance of further strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the institutions of the Union by improving transparency and accountability, implementing the concept*

of performance based budgeting and good governance of human resources;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges the fact that the Foundation was committed to increasing the number of declarations of interest and CVs available on its website *and that it aimed to collect declarations from all board members as the new governing board was to be appointed after the expiration of the mandate of the current board in November 2016; notes, however, that some of the governing board's CVs and declarations of interests are still missing;*

Amendment

1. Acknowledges the fact that the Foundation was committed to increasing the number of declarations of interest and CVs available on its website; *notes, however, that some of the governing board's CVs and declarations of interests are still missing; urges the Foundation's governing board members to submit those documents without delay with a view to increasing transparency;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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2016; notes, however, that some of the governing board's CVs and declarations of interests are still missing; *deplores the fact that the declarations of conflicts of interest of several management board members are pending; notes that this practice does not further transparency and the remaining declarations should therefore be published without delay;*

Or. de

Amendment 10

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 11

Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 12

Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes ***with satisfaction*** that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2015 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99,9 % and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 87,35 %, representing an increase of 7,55 % compared to 2014;

Amendment

4. Notes ***that the Foundation is making efforts to ensure a full delivery of the work programme, which requires full use of the budgetary funds.*** Notes that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2015 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99,9 % and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 87,35 %, representing an increase of 7,55 % compared to 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Zigmantas Balčytis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Notes that the level of committed appropriations carried forward under Title III (operational expenditure) was high, amounting to EUR 3 814 156, or 53.7% (for 2013 it was EUR 3 375 781, or 48.6%); notes that those appropriations relate primarily to multiannual projects in respect of which operations have been implemented and payments made according to plan, and to a single multiannual project whose implementation was carried forward to 2014, but for which payment fell due only in 2015;*

Or. It

Amendment 14 Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. **Points out** that carry-overs **are** often partly or fully justified by the multiannual nature of the agencies' operational programmes, do not necessarily indicate weaknesses in budget planning and implementation and are not always at odds with the budgetary principle of annuality, in particular if they are planned in advance and communicated to the Court of Auditors; welcomes the fact that the Foundation, together with the Court, established a procedure which allows a transparent distinction between 'planned' and 'unplanned' carry-overs;

6. **Notes** that carry-overs **may** often **be** partly or fully justified by the multiannual nature of the agencies' operational programmes, do not necessarily indicate weaknesses in budget planning and implementation and are not always at odds with the budgetary principle of annuality, in particular if they are planned in advance and communicated to the Court of Auditors; welcomes the fact that the Foundation, together with the Court, established a procedure which allows a transparent distinction between 'planned' and 'unplanned' carry-overs;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Foundation's target of 80 % regarding the number of planned outputs in its work programme was not achieved, even though the Foundation improved its performance in comparison to 2014; ***acknowledges the fact*** that the reasons why the Foundation missed the target are principally related to delays by

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contractors and the *scarcity* of staff resources; notes, furthermore, that a more realistic number of projects and deliverables was planned and implemented in 2016, in line with the Foundation's reduced resources; *is concerned* that, with the current resources outlook, the Foundation's pan-European surveys are not secured in the long term as well as that the Foundation cannot commit to embark on further work, such as on migrants and refugees or undeclared work, despite strongly worded requests by its governing board;

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Or. en

Amendment 17

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Foundation's target of 80 % regarding the number of planned outputs in its work programme was not achieved, even though the Foundation improved its performance in comparison to 2014; acknowledges the fact that the reasons why the Foundation missed the target are principally related to delays by contractors and the scarcity of staff resources; notes, furthermore, that a more realistic number of projects and deliverables was planned and implemented in 2016, in line with the Foundation's reduced resources; is concerned that, with the current resources outlook, the Foundation's pan-European surveys are not secured in the long term as well as that the Foundation cannot commit to embark on further work, such as on migrants and refugees or undeclared work, despite

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strongly worded requests by its governing board;

strongly worded requests by its governing board; ***calls on the Foundation and the Commission to tackle the scarcity of staff resources and report back to the discharge authority on the possible solutions;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned that the overall staff reduction of 10 % had an impact on the delay of some of the Foundation's projects and contributed to difficult discussions in relation to negative priorities with the governing board's bureau; acknowledges the fact that the Foundation managed to comply with the reductions imposed by the Commission even though all its establishment plan posts were filled in the previous years; calls on the Commission to ***look into other cost saving options when proposing the Foundation's budget and establishment plan in order not to hinder its*** ability to fulfil its mandate; calls on the budgetary authority to take this into account during the budgetary procedure;

Amendment

9. Is concerned that the overall staff reduction of 10 % had an impact on the delay of some of the Foundation's projects and contributed to difficult discussions in relation to negative priorities with the governing board's bureau; acknowledges the fact that the Foundation managed to comply with the reductions imposed by the Commission even though all its establishment plan posts were filled in the previous years; calls on the Commission to ***ensure that potential further cost saving measures do not hinder the Foundation's*** ability to fulfil its mandate; calls on the budgetary authority to take this into account during the budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. ***Notes*** that the overall staff reduction of 10 % had an impact on the delay of some of the Foundation's projects and contributed to difficult discussions in relation to negative priorities with the governing board's bureau; acknowledges the fact that the Foundation managed to comply with the reductions imposed by the Commission even though all its establishment plan posts were filled in the previous years; ***invites*** the Commission to look ***also*** into other cost saving options when proposing the Foundation's budget and establishment plan in order not to hinder its ability to fulfil its mandate; calls on the budgetary authority to take this into account during the budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Acknowledges*** the fact that in 2016 the Foundation was raising awareness of its conflicts of interests and anti-fraud policies among its staff by using specific training offered to all staff members; notes, furthermore, that those training sessions are intended to become standard elements of the induction programme for new staff members;

Amendment

12. ***Welcomes*** the fact that in 2016 the Foundation was raising awareness of its conflicts of interests and anti-fraud policies among its staff by using specific training offered to all staff members; notes ***with satisfaction***, furthermore, that those training sessions are intended to become standard elements of the induction programme for new staff members;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Acknowledges the fact that in 2016 the Foundation was raising awareness of its conflicts of interests and anti-fraud policies among its staff by using specific training offered to all staff members; notes, furthermore, that those training sessions are intended to become standard elements of the induction programme for new staff members;

Amendment

12. Acknowledges the fact that in 2016 the Foundation was raising awareness of its conflicts of interests and anti-fraud policies among its staff by using specific training offered to all staff members; notes, furthermore, that those training sessions are intended to become standard elements of the induction programme for new staff members; ***calls on the Foundation to adopt an ethics code and to inform the discharging authority about alleged and confirmed conflicts of interests, how it has dealt with them, and how it will prevent them in the future;***

Or. en

Amendment 22
Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Notes that the contracts awarded in 2015 are listed on the Foundation's website; notes that the conditions of employment, as well as the levels of remuneration are published on the Foundation's website;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. *Asks the Foundation to provide the Parliament with the list of meetings with lobbyists and the minutes the these meetings;*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. *Notes the efficiency of the eTendering platform for managing calls for tender, which consists of the publication of tender documents and the management of questions and answers concerning the specifications and the procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Raffaele Fitto, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. *Welcomes the publishing of the current Programming document 2017–2020. It sets out the policy and institutional context for the programme, describes the multiannual programme for the four-year period and sets out the work programme for 2017;*

Amendment 26
Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Stresses that the Foundation's host Member State shall provide the best possible conditions to ensure the functioning of the Foundation, including multilingual, European-oriented schooling and appropriate transport connections;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13d. Notes that necessary arrangements concerning the accommodation to be provided for the Foundation in the host Member State shall be laid down in a Headquarters Agreement between the Foundation and Member State where the seat is located;

Or. en