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AMENDMENTS

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2015 discharge: European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX)
(2016/2179(DEC))

Amendment 1
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Proposal for a decision 1 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2015 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2015;***

Amendment

1. Grants the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2015;

Or. es

Amendment 2
Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones its decision on granting the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the ***Agency's*** budget for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget ***of the Agency*** 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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015;***

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015;

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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

- *having regard to Special report No 12/2016 of the Court of Auditors, 'Agencies' use of grants...'*,

Or. es

Amendment 6
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Notes with concern* that the Court issued a qualified opinion on the reliability of the Agency's accounts; takes note that the basis for the qualified opinion was the underestimation of the cost incurred in 2015 but not yet invoiced for pre-financed services related to maritime surveillance by EUR 1 723 336; notes moreover that this accounting error affected the accrued charges and resulted in a material misstatement in the Agency's balance sheet and statement of financial performance; points out however that the accounting error did not lead to any irregular or illegal transaction, and that no funds were misspent;

Amendment

1. *Acknowledges* that the Court issued a qualified opinion on the reliability of the Agency's accounts; takes note that the basis for the qualified opinion was the underestimation of the cost incurred in 2015 but not yet invoiced for pre-financed services related to maritime surveillance by EUR **1 723 336**; notes moreover that this accounting error affected the accrued charges and resulted in a material misstatement in the Agency's balance sheet and statement of financial performance; points out however that the accounting error did not lead to any irregular or illegal transaction, and that no funds were misspent;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Points out* that carryovers *are* often partly or fully justified by the multiannual nature of the agencies' operational programmes, and do not necessarily

Amendment

10. *Notes* that carryovers *can* often *be* partly or fully justified by the multiannual nature of the agencies' operational programmes, and do not necessarily

indicate weaknesses in budget planning and implementation nor are they always at odds with the budgetary principle of annuality, in particular if they are planned in advance and communicated to the Court;

indicate weaknesses in budget planning and implementation nor are they always at odds with the budgetary principle of annuality, in particular if they are planned in advance and communicated to the Court;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Acknowledges the Agency's ongoing work on transparency; notes the need for progress and the establishment of the evaluation committees;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Tomáš Zdechovský, Benedek Jávor, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Notes that, according to the Court's report, Frontex did not sufficiently address the potential for conflicts of interest when setting up negotiation teams managing the negotiations of joint operation grants; notes with concern that the negotiation teams have the power to accept or renegotiate the resources proposed by the participating states, while neither the decision on team composition nor on the appointment and resources requested is taken by the Director or by the management board; notes with concern that such a procedure can result in granting finances for joint operations that

do not fully safeguard the principles of transparency and equal treatment; further notes that there is no formal requirement for staff to declare an absence of conflicts of interest before participating in bilateral negotiation teams; calls on the Agency to introduce measures and an appropriate conflict of interest policy that will ensure the transparency of the procedure and the absence of conflicts of interest on the part of the negotiators;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Welcomes the contribution of the Agency to saving more than 250 000 people at sea in 2015; welcomes the increase of the Agency's search and rescue capacity following the tragic events of spring 2015; believes, nevertheless, that a coherent European response to search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean must be independent from border management and control missions and must be designed as a stand-alone mission;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tomáš Zdechovský, Benedek Jávor, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Calls for a greater exchange of information between Frontex, Union

justice and home affairs agencies and the Member States, in full respect of data protection rules and, in particular, the principle of purpose limitation, in order to improve the effectiveness of Frontex grant-funded joint operations; regrets that the actual impact of joint operations is difficult to assess;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 b. Notes that, according to the Court's report, the majority of Frontex operational programmes lack quantitative objectives and specific target values for the joint operations; notes with concern that this, together with insufficient documentation from cooperating countries, might hamper the ex post evaluation of the effectiveness of joint operations in the long term; invites Frontex to improve its strategic programme planning, to set relevant strategic objectives for its grant activities and to establish an effective result-oriented monitoring and reporting system with relevant and measurable key performance indicators;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Notes with concern a significant gender imbalance **both** in the Agency's management board **and in the** members of **its** senior management;

22. Notes with concern a significant gender imbalance **of 93 % / 7 %** in the Agency's management board; **notes also that both** members of **the Agency's** senior management **team are of the same gender**;

Or. en