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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2015: EU general budget - European Economic and Social
Committee
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Amendment 1

Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2015 /***
Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Proposal for a decision 1 1

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Or. it

Amendment 3
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Considers it advisable for a proper assessment to be conducted of the effective usefulness of the Committee's role by the end of 2018, so that the function of the Committee itself can be reconsidered in the next financial programming period;*

Or. it

Amendment 4
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Notes that the opinions of the Committee are not well integrated in the Parliament's work and calls upon the Committee to develop proposals together with the Secretary-General of the Parliament to streamline the procedures of the Committee and Parliament in this respect;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Takes note of the conclusion of a new administrative bilateral cooperation agreement between the Committee and the Committee of the Regions, signed in 2015; trusts that that agreement ensures further efficiency in both committees' performance;

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Or. it

Amendment 6
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the administrative changes applied in 2015, in particular the full implementation of a cost-based system for reimbursement of members' travel expenses and the full revamp of the members' portal; calls on the Committee to provide ***an*** overview of the members' expenses ***during the last five years;***

Amendment

12. Welcomes the administrative changes applied in 2015, in particular the full implementation of a cost-based system for reimbursement of members' travel expenses and the full revamp of the members' portal; calls on the Committee to provide ***a comparative annual*** overview of the members' ***travel*** expenses ***for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern the continued shortage of women holding senior and middle management posts (only 30 % in senior management); notes also the geographic imbalance in the senior and middle management posts, in particular the shortage of staff from the eastern countries; calls on the Committee for those imbalances to be corrected and the results communicated to Parliament as quickly as possible;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 9
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment

14. Notes with concern the continued gender imbalance in senior and middle management posts (i.e. 30 % / 70 % in senior management); notes also the geographic imbalance in the senior and middle management posts, in particular the shortage of staff from the eastern countries; calls on the Committee to take action to correct those imbalances and report back to the discharge authority on the measures taken, and furthermore on the results achieved;

Amendment 10
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the Committee's plan to comply with the inter-institutional agreement to reduce staff by 5 % over a period of five years; asks to be informed as to how this reduction matches the situation in 2016 that includes three new posts; suggests that the Committee reports back to Parliament on any alternative savings achieved to compensate the possible delay in the reduction of staff;

Amendment

15. Notes the Committee's plan to comply with the inter-institutional agreement to reduce staff by 5 % over a period of five years; asks to be informed as to how this reduction matches the situation in 2016 that includes three new posts, ***in addition to the increasing number of temporary agents employed by the Committee***; suggests that the Committee reports back to Parliament on any alternative savings achieved to compensate the possible delay in the reduction of staff;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Takes note that, according to the Committee's rules of procedure, its members are completely independent in the performance of their duties, in the general interest of the Union; notes that the declarations of interests of the members are available on the Committee's website; invites the Committee to set up the lobbyists' register on its website ***and by doing so make all meetings between the Committee's members and third parties public***;

Amendment

17. Takes note that, according to the Committee's rules of procedure, its members are completely independent in the performance of their duties, in the general interest of the Union; notes that the declarations of interests of the members are available on the Committee's website; invites the Committee ***also*** to set up the lobbyists' register on its website;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

17. Takes note that, according to the Committee's rules of procedure, its members are completely independent in the performance of their duties, in the general interest of the Union; notes that the declarations of interests of the members are available on the Committee's website; *calls on* the Committee to *join the future Inter-Institutional Agreement on a Mandatory Transparency Register*;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18 a. Considers it fundamental that the Committee work together with the COR to immediately follow-up on the EU's Civil Service Tribunal's ruling in a harassment case involving officials from both institutions[1], report to the Parliament on the progress and that it review its procedures for handling future allegations of harassment to ensure that they are in line with the jurisprudence of the Civil Service Tribunal.

Amendment

[1] Affaire F-124/10: Vassiliki Labiri contre Comité économique et social

Amendment 14
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Cannot give its opinion on the level of the staff absenteeism due to sick-leave, due to the poor report provided by the Committee on that matter; calls on the Committee to report on their staff's sick leave divided by the number of working days on sick leave per individual staff member;

Amendment

19. Cannot give its opinion on the level of the staff absenteeism due to sick-leave, due to the poor report provided by the Committee on that matter; **regrets this shortcoming**; calls on the Committee to report on their staff's sick leave divided by the number of working days on sick leave per individual staff member;

Amendment 15
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Takes note that the Committee decreased the average costs of its 'away days' for 35 % per participant compared to 2014 and that only 218 staff took part in the event, compared to 415 in 2014; calls on the Committee to target its well-being activities to include as many staff as possible to help further improving the staff's well-being;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 16
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Takes note of the Committee's efforts and achievements in stepping up its information and communication policy;

Amendment

21. Takes note of the Committee's efforts and achievements in stepping up its information and communication policy, ***although it is more important in the light of the Committee's mandate that the effectiveness of its opinions on European decision-making is improved than its general publicity;***

Or. en