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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training
(CEPOL)

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Amendment 1

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 2

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

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges that, at year-end, the College had paid 91 % of all its financial commitments on time, thereby exceeding the objective of 85 % of all payments being paid within the legally set timeframe; notes that no interest was charged by suppliers for late payments;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges ***with approval*** that, at year-end, the College had paid 91 % of all its financial commitments on time, thereby exceeding the objective of 85 % of all payments being paid within the legally set timeframe; notes ***with satisfaction*** that no interest was charged by suppliers for late payments;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that a number of staff members brought a legal claim against the

Amendment

4. Notes ***with concern*** that a number of staff members brought a legal claim

College disputing the conditions in which the relocation was carried out and its financial impact on their income; notes that an amicable settlement has been reached with some staff members and the payments were made to this end in 2015 and 2016; notes furthermore that some staff appealed the court judgement, which is expected in 2018; calls on the College to report to the Discharge Authority on the outcome of the appeal;

against the College disputing the conditions in which the relocation was carried out and its financial impact on their income; notes that an amicable settlement has been reached with some staff members and the payments were made to this end in 2015 and 2016; notes furthermore that some staff appealed the court judgement, which is expected in 2018; calls on the College to report to the Discharge Authority on the outcome of the appeal;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Observes that due to the lower correction coefficient applied in Hungary, the geographical balance of staff is shifting and the College is employing more and more Hungarian staff members; notes furthermore that it has an impact on staff cost, which led to the decision to transfer unused funds from Title 1 to Title 3 allowing the implementation of additional operational activities;

Amendment

9. Observes that *partly* due to the lower correction coefficient applied in Hungary (**69 % in 2016**), **the staff turnover is high**, the geographical balance of staff is shifting and the College is employing more and more Hungarian staff members (**approximately 30 % of all staff was from the host Member State in 2016**); notes furthermore that it has an impact on staff cost, which led to the decision to transfer unused funds from Title 1 to Title 3 allowing the implementation of additional operational activities;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes with satisfaction the gender
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balance achieved by the posts occupied in 2016, since the ratio is 50 % female to 50 % male;

balance achieved by the posts occupied in 2016, since the ratio is 50 % female to 50 % male; ***notes, however, the gender balance ratio of 69 % to 31 % in the Management Board;***

Or. en

Amendment 8 Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Observes that, as a consequence of the relocation from the United Kingdom to Hungary, due to the significantly lower correction coefficient applied to staff salaries in the new location, the number of resignations has increased; notes that a number of mitigating actions have been implemented; notes, however, that the low grading of posts combined with low correction coefficient, does not encourage foreigners (especially from West and Northern Europe) to move to Hungary; therefore, the geographical balance is not always ensured; notes from the Court's report that the high staff turnover may impact business continuity and the Agency's ability to implement the activities foreseen in its work programme;

Amendment

12. Observes that, as a consequence of the relocation from the United Kingdom to Hungary, due to the significantly lower correction coefficient applied to staff salaries in the new location, the number of resignations has increased; notes that a number of mitigating actions have been implemented; notes, however, that the low grading of posts combined with low correction coefficient, does not encourage foreigners (especially from West and Northern Europe) to move to Hungary; therefore, the geographical balance is not always ensured; notes from the Court's report that the high staff turnover may impact business continuity and the Agency's ability to implement the activities foreseen in its work programme; ***expresses its concerns regarding the rule of law in Hungary and, in that regard, regarding the quality of the College in the long-term; emphasizes to take into account the efficiency when (re)locating agencies in Member States; stresses that the College, along with another judicial agency, should be located in The Netherlands;***

Or. en

Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 10 Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that with regards to external remunerated experts, the College publishes on its website, as part of the annual list of contractors, the expert contracts awarded by the College; notes, however, that the declarations on conflicts of interest and confidentiality for the remunerated experts are not published on the website; acknowledges that the College will revisit its arrangements on the publication of such declarations; calls on the College to report

Amendment

17. Notes that with regards to external remunerated experts, the College publishes on its website, as part of the annual list of contractors, the expert contracts awarded by the College; notes, however, that the declarations on conflicts of interest and confidentiality for the remunerated experts are not published on the website - ***this lapse needs to be rectified;*** acknowledges that the College will revisit its arrangements on the publication of such

to the discharge authority on the measures taken;

declarations; calls on the College to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that the College does not publish minutes of management meetings; *calls on* the College to *make such* minutes available on its website;

Amendment

18. Notes that the College does not publish minutes of management meetings; *invites* the College to *consider making the* minutes available on its website;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Performance-based budgeting

Amendment

Main achievements

Or. en

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

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and

referral body with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to help whistle-blowers use the right channels to disclose their information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their confidentiality and offering needed support and advice;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that in November and December 2016 the Internal Audit Service audited the College on ‘Training Needs Assessment, Planning and Budgeting’ with focus on the core business activities; notes, moreover, that the draft audit report of March 2017 concludes that while the audit did not result in the identification of any critical or very important issues, the Internal Audit Service considers that there is room for improvement in the utilisation of the Justice and Home Affairs Training Matrix to avoid overlap with training courses organised by other justice and home affairs agencies;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Notes from the College’s answers
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Amendment

28. Notes *with concern - given the*

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that for the time being the College does not have sufficient information to allow a thorough preparation for carrying out future activities after Brexit; notes that Brexit will limit the College's access to the United Kingdom law enforcement expertise and ability to organise training with United Kingdom officials; notes that these aspects might negatively impact the development of common practices, information exchange and ultimately cross-border cooperation on fighting and prevention of crime; calls on the Commission and the College to update the Discharge Authority on the Brexit related risks management;

fast-reducing time-line - from the College's answers that for the time being the College does not have sufficient information to allow a thorough preparation for carrying out future activities after Brexit; notes that Brexit will limit the College's access to the United Kingdom law enforcement expertise and ability to organise training with United Kingdom officials; notes that these aspects might negatively impact the development of common practices, information exchange and ultimately cross-border cooperation on fighting and prevention of crime ***and thus recommends that measures be implemented to maintain - at least - the current level of cooperation***; calls on the Commission and the College to update the Discharge Authority on the Brexit related risks management;

Or. en