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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
(2017/2167(DEC))

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 Chemicals Agency 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 Chemicals Agency 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 Chemicals Agency 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

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Points out that in 2016, the fees and charges collected covered 46 % of the Agency's expenditure including for the first time a high proportion of fees from authorisation applications; ***acknowledges that managing the annual budget was more challenging for the Agency than in previous years, as the magnitude of the fee-based financing was difficult to foresee, particularly for the biocide applications; notes that, as a result, a considerable amount of the initially-foreseen Union subsidy financing was not necessary due to more favourable fee income receipts and a slight downward revision of the expenditure; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken to face this challenge in the coming years;***

Amendment

2. Points out that in 2016, the fees and charges collected covered 46 % of the Agency's expenditure including for the first time a high proportion of fees from authorisation applications; ***calls in this respect for safeguards to be built into the Agency's work so that it can remain independent vis-à-vis the industry, and, in particular, to retain a critical, independent attitude towards industry's own research;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes with appreciation that by the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016 gender balance ***has been met since the ratio is 53 % female to 47 % male;***

Amendment

10. Notes with appreciation that by the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016, gender balance ***is practically perfect, with a ratio of 53 % female to 47 % male;***

Or. en

Amendment 5

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

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Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that on average the Agency's staff was on sick leave for 7,9 days in 2016; observes with some concern that the number of days spent per member of staff on well-being activities in 2016 has been less than one day; *notes* that the Agency *did not name different* well-being activities put in place in 2016 *as requested by the discharge authority*;

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13. Notes that on average the Agency's staff was on sick leave for 7,9 days in 2016; observes with some concern that the number of days spent per member of staff on well-being activities in 2016 has been less than one day; *acknowledges* that the Agency *implemented its first health and wellbeing action plan at organizational level and reported on the* well-being activities *it* put in place in 2016, *such as team-buildings, away days, seasonal events, sports facilitation, health education, medical screening, family support, psychological counselling*;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

13. Notes that on average the Agency's staff was on sick leave for 7,9 days in 2016; *calls for the Agency to examine the reasons for these absences, with a view particularly to establishing whether workplace stress is a major factor and if so, to address and eliminate it*; observes with some concern that the number of days spent per member of staff on well-being activities in 2016 has been less than one day; notes that the Agency did not name different well-being activities put in place in 2016 as requested by the discharge authority;

Or. en

Amendment 7
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 8
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6

Performance-based budgeting

Main achievements

Or. en

Amendment 10
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 11
Luke Ming Flanagan

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Or. en

Amendment 12 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 30**

Motion for a resolution

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