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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)
(2017/2162(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 Union Agency for Railways 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 Railways 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 Railways 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 Railways 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 Railways 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 Railways 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 Railway Agency (now European Union Agency for Railways) for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency (now European Union Agency for Railways) for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency (now European Union Agency for Railways) for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that it is not in the Agency's power to decide to centralize all the Agency's operations into one location; recalls that when it was created in 2004, the Agency's double seat (Lille/Valenciennes) was decided by the Council; takes note of the analysis made by the Agency on the budgetary impact of having a double seat and of its recommendation to keep that double seat;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that it is not in the Agency's power to decide to centralize all the Agency's operations into one location; recalls that when it was created in 2004, the Agency's double seat (Lille/Valenciennes) was decided by the Council; takes note of the analysis made by the Agency on the budgetary impact of having a double seat and of its recommendation to keep that double seat; ***calls on the Council to reconsider its previous decision and opt instead for centralising all the Agency's operations into one location;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Acknowledges that it is not in the Agency's power to decide to centralize all the Agency's operations into one location; recalls that when it was created in 2004, the Agency's double seat (Lille/Valenciennes) was decided by the Council; takes note of the ***Court's remark about the possible savings that could be achieved with a single location solution; notes, however, the*** analysis made by the Agency on the budgetary impact of having a double seat and of its recommendation to keep that double seat;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Notes*** that, in accordance with the provisions of the new Agency Regulation that entered into force in June 2016, the Agency is authorised to charge fees for some of its new competences;

Amendment

3. ***Welcomes the fact*** that, in accordance with the provisions of the new Agency Regulation that entered into force in June 2016, the Agency is authorised to charge fees for some of its new competences;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that 62 % of its staff is male and 38 % is female; recalls that, regarding the gender balance in the management and

Amendment

7. Notes ***with concern*** that 62 % of its staff is male and 38 % is female; ***regrets that there is a significant gender***

Executive Boards, the members are proposed and appointed by the Member States;

imbalance in the senior management level and the Management Board of the Agency; recalls, however, that regarding the gender balance in the management and Executive Boards, the members are proposed and appointed by the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 8 **Luke Ming Flanagan**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that 62 % of its staff is male and 38 % is female; recalls that, regarding the gender balance in the management and Executive Boards, the members are proposed and appointed by the Member States;

Amendment

7. Notes **with regret** that 62 % of its staff is male and 38 % is female, **an almost two to one imbalance**; recalls that, regarding the gender balance in the management and Executive Boards, the members are proposed and appointed by the Member States **but recommends that this issue should nevertheless be addresses as a matter of urgency**;

Or. en

Amendment 9 **Luke Ming Flanagan**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; stresses that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to EUR 228,7 per staff and a staff away day was organised in 2016; observes that the average number of sick leave per staff is 3,2 days;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; stresses that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to EUR 228,7 per staff and a staff away day was organised in 2016; observes that the average number of sick leave per staff is 3,2 days, **well below the average in most other agencies**;

Amendment 10

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 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 11

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Takes **notes** of the grounds for refusal to access to document (1 case out of 44); calls on the Agency to use in the most **restricted** manner the possibility to refuse access to documents while protecting personal data;

16. Takes **note** of the grounds for refusal to access to document (1 case out of 44); calls on the Agency to use in the most **regular and lawful** manner the possibility to refuse access to documents while protecting personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB)

Main achievements

Or. en

Amendment 13

Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Regrets however that the Agency does not use the input indicators to further improve the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs);

18. Regrets however that the Agency does not use the input indicators to further improve the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) **and recommends that this should change**;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes that the Agency is now certified ISO 9001;

21. Notes **with satisfaction** that the Agency is now certified ISO 9001;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Welcomes the adoption of the Agency Regulation, which entered into force on 15 June 2016; notes that by the end of the transitional period (16 June 2019), this expected strategic change will transform the Agency from a mere policy preparation and dissemination role into an authority working directly for the industry as regards authorisations for safety certifications and rolling stock; acknowledges from the Agency that this transition is expected to deliver huge benefits in terms of reduced costs;

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Or. en