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AMENDMENTS

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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 Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust's budget for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust's budget for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Grants the Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust'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 Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust's budget for the financial year 2016*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust's budget for the financial year 2016;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Administrative Director of Eurojust discharge in respect of the implementation of Eurojust'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 Eurojust for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Acknowledges from*** the Court's report ***the fact that*** with respect to follow-up to comments from previous years, corrective actions have been taken ***and*** one comment related to the definition of the respective roles and responsibilities of the Director and the College of Eurojust is marked as "Ongoing";

Amendment

1. ***Notes that, according to*** the Court's report, with respect to follow-up to comments from previous years, corrective actions have been taken ***but*** one comment related to the definition of the respective roles and responsibilities of the Director and the College of Eurojust is ***still*** marked as "Ongoing";

Or. en

Amendment 5
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the Court's report, the level of committed appropriations carried over for Title II (administrative expenditure) was at EUR 6 446 530 (40 %) compared to EUR 1 600

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the Court's report, the level of committed appropriations carried over for Title II (administrative expenditure) was ***high*** at EUR 6 446 530 (40 %) compared to EUR 1

000 or 22 % in 2015; acknowledges the fact that these carry-overs are mainly related to works beyond year-end and purchases ordered in preparation of Eurojust's move to new premises in 2017 (EUR 4 867 482);

600 000 or 22 % in 2015; acknowledges the fact that these carry-overs are mainly related to works beyond year-end and purchases ordered in preparation of Eurojust's move to new premises in 2017 (EUR 4 867 482);

Or. en

Amendment 6
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Asks the Court to keep the volume to be carried over to the next year as low as possible;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that Eurojust signed 30 contracts with a value above EUR 15 000, representing an increase of 30 % **compare** with 2015; observes that open procurement procedure was used for 80 % of the contracts, representing 92,50 % of the procured amount;

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Luke Ming Flanagan

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that Eurojust's vacancy rate at 31 December 2016 **was 3,4 % compared to 2,4 %** on 31 December 2015; notes with satisfaction that 96,6 % of the 2016 establishment plan was executed; observes from the establishment plan that 196 posts (out of 203 posts authorised under the Union general budget) were occupied on 31 December 2016, compared to 200 in 2015;

Amendment

9. Notes that Eurojust's vacancy rate at 31 December 2016 **increased to 3,4 % from 2,4 %** on 31 December 2015, **a trend that needs to be monitored**; notes with satisfaction that 96,6 % of the 2016 establishment plan was executed; observes from the establishment plan that 196 posts (out of 203 posts authorised under the Union general budget) were occupied on 31 December 2016, compared to 200 in 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets that by the number of all posts occupied on 31 December 2016, gender balance **has not been met since the ratio is 69 % female to 31 % male**;

Amendment

11. Regrets that by the number of all posts occupied on 31 December 2016, gender balance ratio **was 69 % female to 31 % male; notes with concern also the imbalances in senior management and the management board**;

Or. en

**Amendment 10
Luke Ming Flanagan**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets that **by the number of** all posts occupied on 31 December 2016, gender balance has not been met **since the ratio is 69 % female to 31 % male**;

Amendment

11. Regrets that **with a ratio of 69% female to 31% male on** all posts occupied on 31 December 2016 - **more than two to one** - gender balance has not been met;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that on average Eurojust's staff was on sick leave seven days per member of staff in 2016; observes **with some concern** that the number of days spent per member of staff on well-being activities in 2016 was low at 0,13 days; **notes** that Eurojust did not name different well-being activities put in place in 2016 as asked by the Parliament;

Amendment

12. Notes that on average Eurojust's staff was on sick leave seven days per member of staff in 2016; observes that the number of days spent per member of staff on well-being activities in 2016 was low at 0,13 days; **regrets** that Eurojust did not name different well-being activities put in place in 2016 as asked by the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that from 13 April 2015 to 13 April 2017 the network of confidential counsellors has been approached by 26 members of staff; notes that out of the 26 contacts, 16 cases were closed after only one session; notes however that 9 cases have been classified

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that from 13 April 2015 to 13 April 2017 the network of confidential counsellors has been approached by 26 members of staff; notes that out of the 26 contacts, 16 cases were closed after only one session; notes **again with concern** however that 9 cases have

by the confidential counsellors as harassment cases and 2 informal procedures have been initiated; observes that other cases concerned conflicts, work related stress or information seeking;

been classified by the confidential counsellors as harassment cases and 2 informal procedures have been initiated; observes that other cases concerned conflicts, work related stress or information seeking;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Acknowledges the fact that Eurojust's draft internal rules on the protection of whistleblowers were prepared in 2016 and a first discussion took place in the College on 4 October 2016; notes however that the adoption of the internal rules was put on hold when, at the beginning of 2016, the Commission informed agencies that a model decision for the agencies is being prepared; looks forward to the finalisation of the draft and its implementation by Eurojust;

Amendment

16. Acknowledges the fact that Eurojust's draft internal rules on the protection of whistleblowers were prepared in 2016 and a first discussion took place in the College on 4 October 2016; notes **with concern** however that the adoption of the internal rules was put on hold when, at the beginning of 2016, the Commission informed agencies that a model decision for the agencies is being prepared; looks forward to the finalisation of the draft and its implementation by Eurojust;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and referral body with sufficient budgetary

resources, in order to help whistleblowers 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 15
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that Eurojust maintains a register of declarations of absence of conflict of interest signed by management board members which is regularly updated but *regrets* these declarations of interests and the CVs management board are not publicly available; calls on Eurojust to report to the discharge authority on progress on this issue, *including* publication on its website;

Amendment

17. Notes that Eurojust maintains a register of declarations of absence of conflict of interest signed by management board members which is regularly updated but *points out that* these declarations of interests and the CVs *of the* management board *members* are not publicly available; calls on Eurojust to report to the discharge authority on progress on this issue *and consider the publication of the declarations of interests and the CVs* on its website;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that Eurojust maintains a register of declarations of absence of conflict of interest signed by management

Amendment

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board members which is regularly updated but regrets these declarations of interests and the CVs management board are not publicly available; calls on Eurojust to report to the discharge authority on progress on this issue, including publication on its website;

board members which is regularly updated but regrets these declarations of interests and the CVs management board are not publicly available; calls on Eurojust to report to the discharge authority on progress on this issue, including publication on its website; ***points out that this practice does nothing to further transparency, and calls for the declarations to be checked and updated;***

Or. de

Amendment 17
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Performance-based budgeting

Main achievements

Or. en

Amendment 18
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Acknowledges from Eurojust's annual report the fact that the Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS) conducted an audit on "Monitoring and Reporting/Building Blocks of Assurance" in January 2016; notes that the IAS issued two recommendations categorised as "very important" and four recommendations rated as "important"; notes with satisfaction that Eurojust implemented corrective action for these

22. Acknowledges from Eurojust's annual report the fact that the Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS) conducted an audit on "Monitoring and Reporting/Building Blocks of Assurance" in January 2016; notes that the IAS issued two recommendations categorised as "very important" and four recommendations rated as "important"; notes with satisfaction that Eurojust implemented corrective action for these

recommendations;

recommendations *thus proving the value of such a service*;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes with satisfaction that Eurojust has in cooperation with Europol formalised a combined approach for the ISO14001/EMS Certification; *disagrees with* Eurojust that while in 2016 *Eurojust* was only renting temporary premises from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Eurojust as a tenant was not in a position to reduce the CO2 emissions;

Amendment

25. Notes with satisfaction that Eurojust has in cooperation with Europol formalised a combined approach for the ISO14001/EMS Certification; *notes that* Eurojust *considered* that while in 2016 *it* was only renting temporary premises from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Eurojust as a tenant was not in a position to reduce the CO2 emissions;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes from Eurojust's answers that for the time being there is no information exchange between Eurojust and the Commission with regard to the preparation for carrying out Eurojust's future activities after Brexit; calls on both Eurojust and the Commission to ensure an efficient flow of the necessary information bearing in mind that a cooperation agreement with the United Kingdom will need to be put in place;

Amendment

26. Notes *with concern - given the fast-reducing time frame* - from Eurojust's answers that for the time being there is no information exchange between Eurojust and the Commission with regard to the preparation for carrying out Eurojust's future activities after Brexit; calls on both Eurojust and the Commission to ensure an efficient flow of the necessary information bearing in mind that a cooperation agreement with the United Kingdom will

need to be put in place;

Or. en