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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European  
Banking Authority for the financial year 2018  
(2019/2090(DEC))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Acknowledges that, in the opinion of the Court, the transactions of the European Banking Authority (the 'Authority') underlying the annual accounts for the year 2018 are legal and regular in all material aspects;
2. Notes that, as the Authority's workload is increasingly shifting from regulatory tasks to enforcing and applying Union law, budgetary and personnel resources have been reallocated internally;
3. Emphasises that the Authority's budget is financed 40 % from Union funds and 60 % through direct contributions from Member States' supervisory authorities and that those mixed financing arrangements may pose a threat to the Authority's independence and supervisory tasks;
4. Regrets that opportunities for economies of scale and efficiency gains were not realised due to insufficient use of joint procurement procedures between the Authority and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA); calls on the Authority to strengthen cooperation with ESMA concerning administrative support services and facility management services, which are not related to the core activities;
5. Recalls that 100 % of the budgetary surplus has been allocated to the Commission whereas Member States consider that 60 % thereof should be refunded to them; calls on the Commission to resolve that issue;
6. Notes that as a result of the completed move of its seat to Paris in 2019, the accounts include provisions for related costs amounting to EUR 4,7 million and provisions for remaining future contractual payments for its offices in London amounting to EUR 10,4 million.