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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

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15.2.2012

## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agencies for the financial year 2010: performance, financial management and control of European Union agencies  
(2011/2232(DEC))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Regards it as absolutely essential that the committees responsible for the agencies should scrutinise the agencies' Annual Work Programmes as closely as possible and ensure that they reflect current circumstances and political priorities;
2. Expects, in that respect, the agencies to work more closely with the Commission when drafting their Annual Work Programmes;
3. Calls for close cooperation between the agencies as a means of ensuring an efficient coordination of their Annual Work Programmes;
4. Welcomes the fact that steps have been taken to respond to the suggestions made by the Court of Auditors concerning the introduction of closer monitoring and control of transfers of appropriations, and expects, in addition, that in the future the agencies' budgets will continue to be subject to close scrutiny; takes the view that problems related to activity-based budgeting occur due to practical difficulties to separate staff, administrative and operating expenditure where the activity areas cover information, consultancy services and confidence-building measures;
5. Calls on the agencies to indicate staff numbers, including contract staff, in a more transparent manner in their activity reports; awaits the agreement of the Interinstitutional Working Group on Agencies as this will give considerable input into the agencies budgeting and operating;
6. Points out that before any outsourcing or mergers, a thorough cost-benefit analysis is necessary in order to assess whether administrative costs can be reduced in, for example, the fields of budget planning and personnel management; refers in this respect to the study 'Opportunity and Feasibility of Establishing Common Support Services for EU Agencies' which was carried out by Parliament as early as 2009.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	13.2.2012
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 36 -: 1 0: 4
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Regina Bastos, Pervenche Berès, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Philippe Boulland, Alejandro Cercas, Derek Roland Clark, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Karima Delli, Thomas Händel, Marian Harkin, Roger Helmer, Nadja Hirsch, Martin Kastler, Ádám Kósa, Jean Lambert, Veronica Lope Fontagné, Olle Ludvigsson, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Csaba Őry, Siiri Oviir, Rovana Plumb, Konstantinos Poupakis, Sylvana Rapti, Licia Ronzulli, Elisabeth Schroedter, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Jutta Steinruck, Traian Ungureanu, Andrea Zaroni, Inês Cristina Zuber
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Georges Bach, Tamás Deutsch, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Anthea McIntyre, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Evelyn Regner
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Phil Bennion, Zuzana Brzobohatá, Anna Záborská