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31.1.2017

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 Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2015
(2016/2162(DEC))

Rapporteur: Marian Harkin

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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 into its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2015 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2015 is fairly represented;
2. Acknowledges the Foundation's progress in the implementation of the current four-year programme for 2013 to 2016 on research to assist the development of social and labour policies; welcomes its input to policy development through a consistently high number of quality surveys, studies, presentations, events and projects in order to constantly improve the living and working conditions in the Union; notes the start of the European Parliament's pilot project, 'The future of manufacturing in Europe'; considers it to be important to maintain strong cooperation between the Foundation and the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs in order to continue to engage in constructive and evidence-based discussions; calls on the Foundation to continue to closely monitor, analyse and report on living and working conditions and to provide expertise for their improvement;
3. Notes the high-level impact of the Foundation, particularly in supporting the Union institutions, as reflected in the performance indicators presented in the consolidated annual activity report;
4. Strongly commends the high budget implementation rate in 2015 (99,9%) and the good overall target delivery;
5. Notes that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2016 was high for Title III (31,2 % compared to 53,7 % in 2014); notes that this is mainly related to multi-annual projects implemented according to schedule; stresses, however, that further efforts are needed to meet the target of a timely delivery of planned activities;
6. Welcomes the Foundation's follow-up measures in relation to the comments of the discharge authority made regarding the implementation of the budget of previous years;
7. Welcomes the conclusion of a headquarters agreement between Ireland and the Foundation in November 2015.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	25.1.2017
Result of final vote	+: 48 -: 3 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Laura Agea, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ole Christensen, Martina Dlabajová, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Marian Harkin, Czesław Hoc, Agnes Jongerius, Rina Ronja Kari, Jan Keller, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Javi López, Thomas Mann, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, João Pimenta Lopes, Georgi Pirinski, Terry Reintke, Sofia Ribeiro, Robert Rochefort, Claude Rolin, Anne Sander, Sven Schulze, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Romana Tomc, Yana Toom, Ulrike Trebesius, Marita Ulvskog, Renate Weber, Jana Žitňanská
Substitutes present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Lynn Boylan, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Evelyn Regner, Csaba Sógor, Helga Stevens, Flavio Zanonato
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Marco Valli

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ALDE	Enrique Calvet Chambon, Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom, Renate Weber
ECR	Arne Gericke, Czesław Hoc, Helga Stevens, Ulrike Trebesius, Jana Žitňanská
EFDD	Laura Agea, Marco Valli
GUE/NGL	Lynn Boylan, Rina Ronja Kari, Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, João Pimenta Lopes
PPE	Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Sofia Ribeiro, Claude Rolin, Anne Sander, Sven Schulze, Csaba Sógor, Romana Tomc
S&D	Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Ole Christensen, Agnes Jongerius, Jan Keller, Javi López, Edouard Martin, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Marita Ulvskog, Flavio Zanonato
VERTS/ALE	Jean Lambert, Terry Reintke

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ENF	Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin
NI	Lampros Fountoulis

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention