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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 2015: performance, financial management and control
(2016/2206(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. Notes the simultaneous publication of proposals to revise the respective regulations establishing the Union's three tripartite agencies in accordance with the principles set out in the Joint Statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies of 19 July 2012 ; underlines the importance of preserving and improving the current full tripartite governance of those agencies ensuring active participation of national authorities, European employers' organisations and European workers' organisations in their governance and functioning; recalls that staffing cuts have been implemented and reiterates its concern that further cuts could limit the agencies' ability to carry out their mandates;
2. Recalls that the discussion of the draft annual work programmes and the multiannual strategies of the agencies in the committees responsible should help to ensure that the programmes and strategies are balanced, reflect the actual political priorities and contribute to achieving the goals set in the Europe 2020 strategy;
3. Emphasises the cooperation and exchange of ideas and practices between the agencies within the framework of the Union agencies performance development network, which contributes to more balanced governance and greater coherence between them; stresses that the network must contribute to greater efficiency and not create additional costs and more bureaucracy;
4. Welcomes the increasing systematisation in cooperation between the ETF and the CEDEFOP, creating further synergies in their respective mandates through their joint annual work programme, in particular through the development of a common Riga Monitoring Framework and their collaboration with the ILO on finalising work on six methodological guides on skills anticipation and matching tools and methods;
5. Notes the second progress report on the implementation of the Common Approach on EUdecentralised agencies¹ and appreciates the progress made in many areas towards rationalising their functioning; welcomes the Commission's and the agencies' efforts and progress made in the implementation of the roadmap;
6. Notes the ongoing evaluation and fitness check of the four Union agencies under the remit of DG EMPL which was due to start in December 2016 and with a planned completion date in December 2017²; takes the view that these evaluations should contribute to Parliament's informed decisions regarding the effectiveness and impact of agencies' contributions; also stresses the need to exploit synergies in overlapping activities of the four agencies, as well as between the agencies and the Commission itself and to avoid duplication of work.

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=COM:2015:179:FIN&from=EN>

² http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/docs/2016_empl_020_evaluation_agencies_en.pdf

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	25.1.2017
Result of final vote	+: 43 -: 8 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
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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ECR	Arne Gericke, Czesław Hoc, Helga Stevens, Ulrike Trebesius, Jana Žitňanská
ENF	Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin
NI	Lampros Fountoulis

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention