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*Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety*

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**2014/2102(DEC)**

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European  
Medicines Agency for the financial year 2013  
(2014/2102(DEC))

Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that authorised appropriations in the initial budget for 2013 of the European Medicines Agency's ("the Agency") totalled EUR 231 560 000 representing a 4,08 % increase over the 2012 initial budget (EUR 222 489 000); notes that one amending budget was introduced in 2013 to account for an increase in revenue from services rendered of EUR 20 000 000, bringing the budget total to EUR 251 560 000 and making for a 13,1 % increase over the 2012 final budget (EUR 222 489 000); notes that the balancing expenditure was allocated to the on-going project to fit out the Agency's new headquarters;
2. Notes that in 2013, out of the total resources available to the Agency of EUR 251 560 000, 16,3 % (EUR 40 937 454) had been Union budget contributions (including an important and essential special contribution for orphan medicines fee reductions of EUR 6 509 360); likes to stress that this amount represents 0,027 % of the overall Union budget;
3. Welcomes the fact that 583 of 611 available posts had been filled by the end of 2013 and that 144 contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff were employed by the Agency; notes that the occupation rate has decreased compared to 2012 and that the proportion of contract staff, seconded national experts and employment agency staff has decreased compared to 2012; notes that the Agency is dedicating 81 % of its human resources to operational tasks and that this represents a slight increase compared to the situation in 2012; encourages the Agency to make further progress on this path;
4. Reiterates the Agency's important role in protecting and promoting public and animal health by assessing and supervising medicines for human or veterinary use; welcomes the annual declarations and the policy on the handling of conflicts of interests, last updated and endorsed by the Management Board in March 2012; invites the Agency to further strengthen its policy on the management and handling of conflicts of interests in order to ensure independence and transparency in all of the Agency's work areas;
5. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors considers the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2013 as legal and regular in all material respect;
6. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	29.1.2015
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 52 -: 9 0: 3
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Marco Affronte, Margrete Auken, Pilar Ayuso, Zoltán Balczó, Catherine Bearder, Ivo Belet, Simona Bonafè, Biljana Borzan, Nessa Childers, Alberto Cirio, Birgit Collin-Langen, Mireille D'Ornano, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Angélique Delahaye, Jørn Dohrmann, Stefan Eck, Bas Eickhout, José Inácio Faria, Francesc Gambús, Elisabetta Gardini, Enrico Gasbarra, Jens Gieseke, Julie Girling, Sylvie Goddyn, Matthias Groote, Françoise Grossetête, Andrzej Grzyb, Jytte Guteland, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Benedek Jávor, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Karin Kadenbach, Kateřina Konečná, Giovanni La Via, Peter Liese, Norbert Lins, Valentinas Mazuronis, Susanne Melior, Massimo Paolucci, Gilles Pargneaux, Piernicola Pedicini, Bolesław G. Piecha, Pavel Poc, Marcus Pretzell, Frédérique Ries, Davor Škrlec, Renate Sommer, Tibor Szanyi, Nils Torvalds, Glenis Willmott, Jadwiga Wiśniewska
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Nicola Caputo, Mark Demesmaeker, Jan Huitema, Peter Jahr, Merja Kyllönen, Nuno Melo, Marijana Petir, Julia Reid, Bart Staes, Kay Swinburne
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Damian Drăghici