



2018/2181(DEC)

17.1.2019

OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2017 (2018/2181(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Romeo Franz

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ("The Centre") present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2017 and that its transactions are legal and regular; welcomes especially the lack of remarks of the Court of Auditors regarding the financial execution of the 2017 budget of the Centre;
2. Notes that the accounting officer of the Centre currently administratively reports to the Head of Administration/Corporate Services instead of the Director of the Centre as advised by the Court of Auditors for all decentralised agencies; notes that according to the Centre the current reporting line is adapted to its size and does not affect the independence of the accounting officer; requests nevertheless that the Centre strictly follows the recommendation of the Court of Auditors and makes its accounting officer's report directly to the Director of the Centre for administrative matters and to the Management Board for functional aspects; encourages the Centre to delegate its accounting functions to the accounting officer of the Commission on a contractual basis as this will increase the efficiency of the preparation of the annual accounts and ensure their reliability;
3. Regrets that the recommendation of the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in January 2016 to improve the Centre's management of IT projects could not be closed at the end of 2017; insists specifically that the Centre develops an overarching long-term strategic vision for IT systems supporting its core operational processes, and that it adopts IT project and system management methodologies suited to its needs; requests the Centre to close this outstanding audit recommendation of 2016 as soon as possible;
4. Takes note of the comments of the Court of Auditors with regard to publishing vacancy notices on the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) website; acknowledges the concerns of the Centre with regards to additional translation costs due to the fact that EPSO requires publication of vacancy notices in all official languages of the institutions of the Union; requests therefore that the Centre continues to publish all of its vacancy notices on the inter-agency job board developed by the EU Agencies network, and where relevant to also post vacancy notices on the EPSO website;
5. Welcomes the commitment of the Centre to address the recommendations identified by the IAS in their 2017 audit report on "Management of Data Collection, Validation and Quality Assurance"; stresses the importance of the Centre to deliver on its commitment.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.1.2019
Result of final vote	+: 43 -: 2 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Martina Anderson, Heinz K. Becker, Monika Beňová, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Laura Ferrara, Romeo Franz, Kinga Gál, Ana Gomes, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Sophia in 't Veld, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Judith Sargentini, Csaba Sógor, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský, Auke Zijlstra
Substitutes present for the final vote	Dennis de Jong, Anna Hedh, Lívia Járóka, Marek Jurek, Jean Lambert, Jeroen Lenaers, Andrejs Mamikins, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Norbert Erdős, Fernando Ruas, Adam Szejnfeld

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

43	+
ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Cecilia Wikström
ECR	Marek Jurek, Monica Macovei, Helga Stevens
EFDD	Laura Ferrara
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson, Dennis de Jong, Marie-Christine Vergiat
PPE	Asim Ademov, Heinz K. Becker, Michał Boni, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Norbert Erdős, Kinga Gál, Monika Hohlmeier, Livia Járóka, Jeroen Lenaers, Roberta Metsola, Fernando Ruas, Csaba Sógor, Adam Szejnfeld, Traian Ungureanu, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Monika Beňová, Caterina Chinnici, Ana Gomes, Sylvie Guillaume, Anna Hedh, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Andrejs Mamikins, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Josef Weidenholzer
VERTS/ALE	Romeo Franz, Jean Lambert, Judith Sargentini, Bodil Valero

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ENF	Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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ECR	Kristina Winberg

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention