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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 Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) for the financial year 2017
(2018/2194(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 Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) ('the Agency') present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2017 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Stresses that the relocation of the Agency to Budapest in 2014 and the revision of its mandate in 2016 triggered modifications to the Agency's accounting procedures that have not been revalidated since 2013; takes note of the Agency's response that the re-validation is currently subject to discussions and planning within DG BUDG;
3. Reminds the Agency of the need to address its high staff turnover, as it may impact its business continuity and the Agency's ability to implement the activities foreseen in its work programme; notes that high staff turnover is a problem faced by many agencies and that, in this case, this is also linked with the recent move from the UK to Hungary; regrets that this issue opened in 2016 by the Court could not be closed in 2017;
4. Regrets that the Agency only publishes vacancy notices on its own website, in social media and in the inter-agency network and not on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO); acknowledges the concerns of the Agency with regards to additional translation costs due to the fact that EPSO requires publication of vacancy notices in all official languages but points out that there are only a limited number of vacancies concerned in the specific case of the Agency; agrees with the Court of Auditors that this would be relevant and useful as EPSO publications increase transparency and publicity and allow citizens to identify vacancies published by the different European institutions and agencies collectively; requests therefore that the Agency also publishes all of its vacancy notices on the EPSO website; invites the European Commission to consider measures aimed at reducing the financial burden for the translation of vacancy notices upon the agencies, including by establishing an ad hoc framework agreement with the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT);
5. Notes that at the end of 2017 the Agency had not carried a comprehensive analysis of the likely impact of the United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from the European Union on its organisation, operations and accounts; welcomes the remedial actions taken by the Agency and notes its limited exposure, also due to the move from Hampshire to Budapest;
6. Welcomes the commitment of the Agency to follow-up on the Commission's Internal Audit Service report on "Needs assessment, Planning and Budgeting of Training activities"; stresses the importance of the Agency to deliver on its commitment;
7. Calls upon the Agency to further incorporate in its curriculum and its training activities a significant element of anti-radicalisation, anti-racism and anti-discrimination training, wherever possible; requests the Agency to as well develop specific training on the

procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused in criminal proceedings;

8. Welcomes that the Agency continued organising webinars to provide law enforcement officers with information and best practice on identifying and investigating hate crimes and different forms of gender-based violence, and that it offered training to raise awareness of the challenges experienced by Roma communities and LGBTI persons (such as over- and under-policing and the lack of trust towards members of the police force), and how these can be addressed at the level of law enforcement; calls for the continuation of the provision of trainings in the field of fundamental rights and the related sensitisation of the police force.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.1.2019
Result of final vote	+: 45 -: 2 0: 0
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, Birgit Sippel, 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

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ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Cecilia Wikström
ECR	Marek Jurek, Monica Macovei, Helga Stevens, Kristina Winberg
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, Birgit Sippel, 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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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention