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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Sylvie Guillaume

(PE541.388v01-00)

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex) for the financial year 2013
(2014/2113(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that there is insufficient assurance of the legality and regularity of grant transactions in the area of joint land/sea/air operations, but that, unlike in 2012, the impact was confined to certain areas; applauds, therefore, in that connection, the introduction by Frontex as from June 2013 of a more comprehensive system of *ex ante* verifications for grant agreements;

Amendment

2. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that there is insufficient assurance of the legality and regularity of grant transactions in the area of joint land/sea/air operations, but that, unlike in 2012, the impact was confined to certain areas; applauds, therefore, in that connection, the introduction by Frontex as from June 2013 of a more comprehensive system of *ex ante* verifications for grant agreements; ***points out that this risk-based approach focuses on ex ante checks (for example, prior to payment) carried out on supporting documents for 50 to 70% of expenditure incurred by Member States in deploying experts, vessels and aircraft; welcomes the fact that all invoices for expenditure on chartering aircraft for return operations have been verified since 2012;***

Or. it

Amendment 2
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that there is insufficient assurance of the legality and regularity of grant transactions in the area of joint land/sea/air operations ***and in some cases in joint return operations***, but that, unlike in 2012, the impact was confined to certain areas;

introduction by Frontex as from June 2013 of a more comprehensive system of ex ante verifications for grant agreements;

applauds, therefore, in that connection, the introduction by Frontex as from June 2013 of a more comprehensive system of ex ante verifications for grant agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes note of the Court of Auditors' observation that none of the 2013 grant transactions was subject to ex post control.

Or. en

Amendment 4
Petr Ježek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the need for the effective analysis of the use of Union funds in joint land/sea/air operations; refers in particular to the case highlighted by the Court of Auditors in its Annual Report regarding helicopters in Spain which were 75% funded by the Union, yet have only been used an estimated 25% of the time in activities related to external border control.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***5a. Criticises the fact that a large portion
(some 30%) of the budget allocated to
Frontex is taken up by administrative
expenditure;***

Or. it