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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2017: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the agencies of the European Union for the financial year 2016: performance, financial management and control
(COM(2018)0521 – C8-0361/2018 – 2018/2210(DEC))

Amendment 1
Roberta Metsola

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Paragraph 2

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2. Acknowledges, however, that for EASO, the Court issued an adverse opinion regarding the legality and regularity of its payments due to material and systematic instances of non-compliance of payments with EASO's Financial Regulation and other applicable rules and provisions, mainly related to public procurement and recruitment procedures underlying payments; regrets that the combined error from non-compliant payments amounts to at least 7,7 million euros or 10,3 % of the EASO total payments made in 2017; notes the exponential deterioration of the human resource situation in EASO in 2017; ***regrets that EASO does not currently have the administrative capacity to fill its high number of vacancies causing a significant risk to the continuation of its operations at the current scale***; welcomes EASO's strong commitment to address its organisational and managerial weaknesses without delay; reminds that due to such commitments and certain progress, Parliament has granted belated discharge for the 2016 budget of EASO in October 2018;

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Amendment 2
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regarding the legality and regularity of its payments; **deplores** that the combined error from non-compliant payments amounts to at least 7,7 million euros or 10,3 % of the EASO total payments made in 2017, **which is a substantial increase on the error rate from 2016**; notes the exponential deterioration of the human resource situation in EASO in 2017; regrets that EASO does not currently have the administrative capacity to fill its high number of vacancies causing a significant risk to the continuation of its operations at the current scale; **takes note of** EASO's strong commitment to address its organisational and managerial weaknesses without delay; **recalls that it was** due to **these** commitments and progress **in certain areas, that** Parliament granted belated discharge for the 2016 budget of EASO in October 2018;

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Amendment 3 Caterina Chinnici

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Or. en

Amendment 4 **Petr Ježek**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

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Or. en

Amendment 5 **Roberta Metsola**

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Roberta Metsola

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3 a. *Takes note that CEPOL remains the only JHA agency which has delegated its accounting functions to the Commission accounting officer on a contractual basis; encourages the other agencies to do the same as this will increase the effectiveness of the preparation of the accounts and ensure the reliability thereof*;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Cornelia Ernst

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Petr Ježek

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operations; ***welcomes the actions taken so far by eu-LISA in this respect and requests that eu-LISA put in place adequate measures at both organisational and possibly technological/operational level to mitigate those risks in the long run;***

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Amendment 9 **Roberta Metsola**

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4. Stresses that for the development and implementation of IT projects eu-LISA ***had to make extensive use of external contractors for the operational management of the systems entrusted to the Agency through three framework contracts because it lacks the necessary human resources***; acknowledges that, ***even though the*** IT projects are owned by and under the control of the Agency, ***the use of external contractors*** to such ***a large extent*** creates risks of over-reliance ***and over-dependency on them***; highlights that the small number of staff in key operational units creates risks for the continuity of operations; requests eu-LISA to take adequate long-term measures at both organisational and possibly technological/operational level to mitigate those risks in the long run; requests eu-LISA to ensure that the contractors are not bound by any laws of third countries that could bring them into conflict with the necessary confidentiality arrangements with eu-LISA;

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Amendment 10
Caterina Chinnici

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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5 a. Regrets that different Justice and Home Affairs Agencies only publish vacancy notices on their own website and in a limited number of languages; requests all the Justice and Home Affairs Agencies to systematically publish all their vacancy notices on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) in all Union languages, in order to increase transparency for all Union citizens; acknowledges the additional costs relating to the translation of vacancy notes in all the EU languages and 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);

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