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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2012 (2013/2213(DEC))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the continued contribution of the Agency to the promotion of high standards of health and safety at work in the EU and points out the Agency's important key activities in 2012, such as the Foresight project linked to risks associated with green jobs and the launch of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign; looks forward to the new multiannual strategic programme of the Agency closely linked to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and supporting the much needed and expected European strategy on health and safety at work 2013-2020;
2. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2012 to be legal and regular;
3. Welcomes the positive developments in negotiations with the Spanish authorities on the premises of the Agency and that a seat agreement may be concluded in 2013;
4. Notes with regret the comments of the Court of Auditors concerning the level of the committed appropriations carried over to 2013; understands the carry-overs in cases of multiannual projects; calls however for measures to improve the organisation of procurement procedures in the future;
5. Notes the comments of the Court of Auditors concerning the high cancellation rate for title I (9.5%); points out however the year-on-year decrease in the rate of cancellations in titles II and III, as well as the decreased overall cancellation rate compared to year 2011.