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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 Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2012 (2013/2208(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. Acknowledges the essential role of the Centre in the promotion of vocational education and training (VET) in the European Union and in the contribution to policies which aim to use VET's potential to support economic development and facilitate transition from learning to employment, particularly in the context of the economic recession; welcomes that the different stakeholders show an increased demand for the Centre's expertise and analytical capacity;
2. Notes from the Centre's Annual Report that the work programme of the Centre was implemented as planned; welcomes the Centre's achievements in the fields set out in the medium-term priorities (2012-2014) as indicated by the Centre's performance measurement system (PMS) linked to the work programme;
3. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2012 to be legal and regular;
4. Welcomes the fact that the third selection procedure launched in 2012 was successful and the post of the Director of the Centre was finally filled in October 2013 after two years of vacancy;
5. Notes the high budget implementation rates for all titles and that the number of budget transfers was reduced by more than 25% from previous year (down to 55 transfers in 2012 from 77 in 2011); notes furthermore that the high carry-over of committed appropriations mainly resulted from reasons beyond the Centre's control, such as the delays in the repair works carried out by Greek authorities on the Centre's premises, which were not completed in 2012;
6. Notes the comments of the Court of Auditors concerning the verifications of grants awarded by the Centre; calls for more detailed checks of staff costs claimed by beneficiaries.