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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 Union Agencies for the financial year 2012: performance, financial management and control of European Union Agencies (2013/2256(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. Points out the importance of the presentation of the annual work programmes of the agencies in the committees responsible; recalls that this practice helps to ensure that the work programmes reflect the actual political priorities and facilitates the close monitoring and scrutinising of the implementation of work programmes;
2. Acknowledges the role of the agencies in supporting EU policies from their initial phase to their implementation; calls for the broader use of this expertise and capacity in the relevant stages of the European Semester policy process; underlines the contribution of the agencies in working towards the targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy;
3. Highlights the importance of close cooperation between agencies; points out existing good practices of synergy effects among agencies, such as memoranda of understandings and prior consultation on working programmes, in order to avoid overlapping and repetition of activities;
4. Draws attention to the joint statement on the future management of decentralised agencies and the common approach annexed to it<sup>1</sup>, particularly the chapter on agencies seats; calls in this regard for prompt solutions of any on-going issues related to agency headquarters in order to ensure undisturbed operation;
5. Reiterates its call for a more harmonized and streamlined presentation of the annual accounts containing a number of common elements with the aim to ease their comparison.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/news/2012/07/2012\\_07\\_17\\_joint\\_agreement\\_agencies\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/news/2012/07/2012_07_17_joint_agreement_agencies_en.htm)