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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 10**

**Draft opinion**

**Jutta Haug**

(PE494.536v01-00)

Discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2010  
(2011/2217(DEC))

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*United in diversity*

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**Amendment 1**  
**Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Has always welcomed the professional, reliable and independent provision of information by the European Environment Agency (EEA) for all EU institutions, the EU Member States and policy-making bodies and will further expect this kind of professionalism in the future;

*Amendment*

1. Has always welcomed the professional, reliable and independent provision of information by the European Environment Agency (EEA) **and its Executive Director** for all EU institutions, the EU Member States and policy-making bodies and will further expect this kind of professionalism in the future;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Notes again that in 2010 the Agency put extra emphasis on the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), the International Year on Biodiversity, e.g. via the Green Facade project, the Eye on Earth platform and the State of the Environment report (SOER) 2010 thereby using EU subsidies thematically in a way as intended by the European legislator and the European Budgetary Authority;

*Amendment*

2. Notes again that in 2010, **and following the requirements made by the European Parliament in previous discharge reports of improving the communication of the Agency with the public and the media, the Agency** put extra emphasis on the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), the International Year on Biodiversity, e.g. via the Green Facade project, the Eye on Earth platform and the State of the Environment report (SOER) 2010 thereby using EU subsidies thematically in a way as intended by the European legislator and the European Budgetary Authority;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Kartika Tamara Liotard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Is firmly convinced that necessary steps have to be taken should cases of non-compliance with existing rules occur; believes that, in such cases, the Agency has to draw up an action plan aiming to remedy the shortcomings and its implementation should be monitored by the European Parliament and the European Parliament or the European legislator has to address these problems by changing the existing rules and regulations to eliminate possible loopholes;

*Amendment*

4. Is firmly convinced that necessary steps have to be taken should cases of non-compliance with existing rules occur; believes that, in such cases, the Agency has to draw up an action plan aiming to remedy the shortcomings and its implementation should be monitored by the European Parliament and the European Parliament or the European legislator has to address these problems, **as a matter of priority**, by changing the existing rules and regulations to eliminate possible loopholes;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Rosbach**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Has taken careful note of the extensive and detailed correspondence between the different decision taking levels in the EEA, i.e. the Management Board and the Executive Director, and the CONT rapporteur before and after the plenary decision **of postponing the granting of the** discharge;

*Amendment*

5. Has taken careful note of the extensive and detailed correspondence between the different decision taking levels in the EEA, i.e. the Management Board and the Executive Director, and the CONT rapporteur **both** before and after the plenary decision **to postpone the decision to grant** discharge;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Has also, in those contexts, repeatedly requested that the Agency should continue its efforts to further develop its communication methods in order to attract more media coverage for its findings on important environmental issues; encourages the Agency to develop further innovative communication techniques to feed the public debate;

*Amendment*

8. Has also, in those contexts, repeatedly requested that the Agency should continue its efforts to further develop its communication methods in order to attract more media coverage for its findings on important environmental issues; encourages the Agency to develop further innovative communication techniques to feed the public debate; ***notes that the Management Board has long supported the Agency in its efforts to engage in innovative communication techniques and the European Parliament has regularly made requirements for more communication efforts in previous discharge reports, and the green façade project is one of these efforts.***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Notes that the EEA implemented recommendations by the Internal Audit Service related to the documentation of QA/QC checks for the greenhouse gas inventory report<sup>1</sup>; welcomes the fact that the UNFCCC expert review team concluded for the year 2010 that the necessary quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures were in place;***

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<sup>1</sup> *The UNFCCC set minimum requirements for the reporting of Greenhouse Gas data by the Parties to the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. One of these requirements is that all Annex I Parties should have Quality Assurance and Quality Control procedures in place to ensure the transparency, accuracy, completeness, consistency and comparability of the data reported. Within the EU's National System for GHG inventories, the EEA is in charge of the implementation of these QA/QC procedures for the EU, for which the EU also developed its own QA/QC Programme.*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Rosbach**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes, in a general context, the agreement on the Joint Statement and the Common Approach of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on decentralised agencies; recalls that certain elements of importance to the discharge have been addressed and taken up; *believes that the roadmap on the follow-up to the Common Approach will take due account of those issues;*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Rosbach**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Believes that the discharge decision for the EEA *cannot* be based *on additional requirements, e.g. OECD guidelines, when the implementation of those requirements have neither been officially required by the EU legislator nor by specific arrangements within the Agency during the respective discharge procedure*; invites the European institutions to *examine whether it is advisable to* incorporate and *to* commit to *additional* guidelines *in a possible* common framework for all European institutions and bodies;

*Amendment*

11. Believes that the discharge decision for the EEA *should* be based *upon* OECD guidelines *to ensure high quality internationally recognised accounting, audit and financial disclosure standards*; invites the European institutions to incorporate and commit to *introducing OECD* guidelines *within* a common *working* framework for all European institutions and bodies;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Kartika Tamara Liotard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Rosbach**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. *Is* of the opinion that on the basis of the information available *now* the Executive Director of the European Environmental Agency *can* be granted discharge in respect of implementation of the budget of the EEA for the financial year 2010.

*Amendment*

12. *Remains* of the opinion that on the basis of the information available the Executive Director of the European Environmental Agency *should not* be granted discharge in respect of implementation of the budget of the EEA for the financial year 2010.

Or. en