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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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2015 discharge: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
(2016/2192(DEC))

Amendment 1
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. **Welcomes** the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the EASO present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2015 and that its transactions are legal and regular;

Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 2
Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that the EASO committed only 93,7 % of its approved budget and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; **acknowledges** that these sub-optimal figures **do not** reflect structural issues within the EASO **but are indirectly related to rapid staff and budget increases in 2015 due to its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support, in the context of the current migration flow; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;**

Amendment

2. Notes that the EASO committed only 93,7 % of its approved budget and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; **takes the view** that these sub-optimal figures reflect structural issues within the EASO;

Or. fr

Amendment 3

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2. Notes that the EASO committed only 93,7 % of its approved budget and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; acknowledges that these sub-optimal figures do not reflect structural issues within the EASO but are indirectly related to rapid staff and budget increases in 2015 due to its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support, in the context of the current migration flow; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

Amendment

2. Notes that the EASO committed only 93,7 % of its approved budget and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; acknowledges that these sub-optimal figures do not reflect structural issues within the EASO but are indirectly related to rapid staff and budget increases in 2015 due to its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support, in the context of the current migration flow; ***deplores that both the share of late payments and the average delay have further increased in relation to previous years; calls on EASO to improve the timeliness of the payments made in compliance with the Financial Regulation***; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Barbara Spinelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Notes ***the fact*** that the EASO committed only 93,7 % of its approved budget and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; acknowledges ***the fact*** that these sub-optimal figures do not reflect structural issues within the EASO but are indirectly related to rapid staff and budget increases in 2015 due to

Member States, in particular through emergency support, ***in the context of the current migration flow***; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

Or. en

Amendment 5 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 6 **Caterina Chinnici, Maria Grapini**

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2. Notes that the EASO committed ***only*** 93,7 % of its approved budget and

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that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; acknowledges that these sub-optimal figures do not reflect structural issues within the EASO **but are indirectly related to rapid** staff and budget increases in 2015 due to its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support, in the context of the current migration flow; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

and that 36,9 % of committed appropriations were carried over for administrative expenditure; acknowledges **the fact** that these sub-optimal figures do not reflect structural issues within the EASO; **takes note of the** staff and budget increases in 2015 due to its key role in assisting Member States, in particular through emergency support, in the context of the current migration flow; welcomes the approval of a new policy for the recruitment of temporary and contract agents that addresses most issues identified by the Court of Auditors in past audits;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Eva Joly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Notes with concern the high number of outstanding issues and ongoing corrective measures in answer to the Court of Auditors' comments in 2012, 2013 and 2014 related to recruitment procedures, late payments, high staff turnover and reimbursement of costs; calls on EASO to complete as many corrective actions as possible during the year 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eva Joly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Regrets EASO's policy of

reimbursement of costs for participants in meetings, with different categories of participants (A, B and C) being reimbursed different amounts (from travel and daily subsistence costs to nothing); calls on EASO to streamline the reimbursements and distinguish only between persons who warrant reimbursement of travel or accommodation costs (such as speakers) and persons who do not (participants);

Or. en

Amendment 9
Eva Joly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Recalls that in 2015, a record number of more than 1 392 155 applications for international protection were made; recognises that the EASO invested significant efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 10
Barbara Spinelli

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Paragraph 3

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implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach; *deplores, however, the fact that the priority mission given to EASO by the Union in implementing the EU-Turkey deal through the carrying out of inadmissibility interviews instead of prioritising relocation to other Member States.*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

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3. Recalls that in 2015, a record number of **more than 1 392 155** applications for international protection were made; recognises that the EASO invested significant efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach;

Amendment

3. Recalls that in 2015, a record number of **almost 1 400 000** applications for international protection were made; recognises that the EASO invested significant efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach; *notes the efforts made by EASO in managing the migrant crisis; calls upon EASO to submit to the discharge authority a plan with reforms to improve its budgetary and management performance parameters;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Caterina Chinnici, Maria Grapini

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Paragraph 3

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number of more than 1 392 155 applications for international protection were made; recognises that the EASO invested significant efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach;

number of more than 1 392 155 applications for international protection were made; recognises that the EASO invested significant efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach; **welcomes the very solid output of EASO, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted;**

Or. en

Amendment 13
Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

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Paragraph 3

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3. Recalls that in 2015, a record number of more than 1 392 155 applications for international protection were made; **recognises** that the EASO **invested significant efforts in implementing** the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach;

Amendment

3. Recalls that in 2015, a record number of more than 1 392 155 applications for international protection were made; **notes** that the EASO **made an effort to implement** the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the ‘hotspots’ approach;

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Eleftherios Synadinos

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invested *significant* efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on Migration, in particular as part of the development of the 'hotspots' approach;

invested efforts in implementing the activities assigned to it in the European Agenda on *Irregular* Migration, in particular as part of the development of the 'hotspots' approach;

Or. el

Amendment 15
Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Encourages especially the support and practical cooperation offered on issues relating to asylum seeking children including unaccompanied minors; welcomes the launch of the EASO Network on the Activities on Children;

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Or. fr

Amendment 16
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Encourages especially the support and practical cooperation offered on issues relating to asylum seeking children including unaccompanied minors; welcomes the launch of the EASO Network on the Activities on Children;

Amendment

4. Notes the support and practical cooperation offered on issues relating to asylum seeking children including unaccompanied minors; welcomes the launch of the EASO Network on the Activities on Children;

Or. el

Amendment 17
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Urges EASO to publish the Court of Auditors' annual report in addition to its annual activity report; urges EASO to adopt a policy and a practice guide on institutional management and one on prevention of conflict of interests; calls upon EASO to adopt internal binding rules for the protection of whistle-blowers, in accordance with Article 22c of the Staff Regulations of the Officials of the European Union, which came into force on 1 January 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Caterina Chinnici, Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Welcomes the very solid output of the Agency, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained, 272 persons relocated and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted; acknowledges the results of the independent audit of EY and the commitment of the EASO to develop a corresponding action plan; agrees on the need for the EASO to better communicate on the effects and impacts of its activities.

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the **very** solid output of **the Agency**, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained, 272 persons relocated and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted; acknowledges the results of the independent audit of EY and the commitment of the EASO to develop a corresponding action plan; agrees on the need for the EASO to better communicate on the effects and impacts of its activities.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Eleftherios Synadinos

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Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Welcomes the very solid output of the Agency, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted; **regrets that only 272 people were relocated**; acknowledges the results of the independent audit of EY and the commitment of the EASO to develop a corresponding action plan; agrees on the need for the EASO to better communicate on the effects and impacts of its activities.

Or. el

Amendment 21
Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. ***Welcomes the very solid*** output of the Agency, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained, 272 persons relocated and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted; acknowledges the results of the independent audit of EY and the commitment of the EASO to develop a corresponding action plan; ***agrees on the*** need for the EASO to ***better communicate on*** the effects and ***impacts*** of its activities.

Amendment

5. ***Notes the*** output of the Agency, with over 117 meetings and workshops organised, 3 764 national staff trained, 272 persons relocated and more than 100 civil society organisations consulted; acknowledges the results of the independent audit of EY and the commitment of the EASO to develop a corresponding action plan; ***maintains that there is a*** need for the EASO to ***improve communication with regard to*** the effects and ***impact*** of its activities.

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

(a) ***Regrets that some of the Management Board members from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Greece and Ireland published incomplete declarations of interest; regrets that the Management Board members from Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia did not publish their declarations of interest at all; reiterates that preventing and managing the conflicts of interest is vital for the health of the organization; transparency is a key element for upholding the trust of citizens of the Union in the Union institutions;***

Amendment

Or. en