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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Petr Ježek

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2015 discharge: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agencies for the financial year 2015: performance, financial management and control (2016/2206(DEC))

Amendment 1
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. **Welcomes** the Courts of Auditor's conclusions that the final annual accounts of all agencies in the area of justice and home affairs (JHA Agencies) present fairly, in all material respects, their financial position on 31 December 2015 and that their transactions are legal and regular;

Amendment

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Amendment 2
Barbara Spinelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Welcomes the solid output of all agencies in the area of freedom, security and justice; welcomes their flexibility to adapt to evolving political priorities and to respond to unforeseen events; regrets, however, the lack of effective indicators reflecting their impact on the maintenance of internal security, control of external borders, management of migration flows and respect of fundamental rights;**

Amendment

2. **Regrets the lack of effective and quality indicators reflecting the impact of agencies in the area of freedom, security and justice during their operations and whether they respect fundamental rights;**

Or. en

Amendment 3
Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 4
Eva Joly

Draft opinion
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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Eleftherios Synadinos

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and justice; *is sceptical as to* their flexibility to adapt to evolving political priorities and to respond to unforeseen events; regrets the lack of effective indicators reflecting their impact on internal security, control of external borders, management of migration flows and respect of fundamental rights;

Or. el

Amendment 6
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Underlines that as noted in 2014 and in 2015 Court of Auditors' reports, the agencies in the areas of freedom, security and justice have not provided information needed to allow the discharge authority to properly evaluate the cost-benefit analysis of the operations and activities of these agencies; for instance 13.000 law enforcement officers were trained by CEPOL in 2015 and there is no evaluation report on the cost-efficiency of this training; urges the agencies and the Court of Auditors to perform cost-benefits analysis for agencies' activities and publish them; stresses the need of analysis and transparency of the use of the tax payers money;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Regrets that in spite of the request made in the previous reports, for some agencies the declaration of interests are incomplete or missing; calls on the Members of the Management Board of Frontex from Bulgaria, Belgium, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Portugal and the representative of the European Commission to publish their statements of commitments to the Agency including their declarations of interests; calls on the Members of the Management Board of EASO from Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia to publish their declaration of interests; calls on the agencies to draft and submit to the discharge authority a track record of cases of conflict of interest identified;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 c. In several agencies the members of the Management Board and the Executives published "declaration of absence of conflict of interest" instead of "declaration of interest"; underlines that it is not for the Management Board or for the Executives to declare themselves out of the conflict of interest; stresses that this constitutes in itself a conflict of interest; calls for an independent verification of the "declarations of interest"; reiterates that transparency is key to mitigating the risks of conflicts of interest; deplores the fact that not all agencies have established clear rules regarding the protection of whistle-blowers and "revolving doors" and urges them to put in place such rules as a matter of urgency;

Amendment 9
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 d. Welcomes the efforts made by several agencies to improve their budgetary management by optimizing the use of their budgets and by implementing a better budgetary planning process; regrets however that some agencies do not mind the principle of annuality as one of the three basic accounting principles; calls on the agencies to improve the budget planning against activities and reduce the carry overs;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Monica Macovei, Patricija Šulin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 e. Deplores that the Court of Auditors failed to present since 2012 a special report on the conflict of interest in all agencies, in particular in those related to industries; urges the Court of Auditors to undertake the effective verifications of this matter and to produce such special reports on conflict of interests until the end of June 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 11

Monika Hohlmeier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the commitment of all JHA Agencies to continue to further fine-tune budgetary procedures but stresses, however, that their priority should be to improve operational efficiency on the ground and to address the rather structural issues identified by the Court of Auditors and the IAS; ***requests that FRONTEX streamline its financial management procedures by obtaining rights of using “simplified cost options” for the reimbursement of Member States’ expenditure and by using “other funding mechanisms” in addition to grants; requests that EU-LISA better address the risks involved with the implementation of high cost infrastructure projects by fully adopting the financial regulation of the Union; requests that EUROJUST avoid sub-optimal budget management due to uncertainties as to the availability of funds in order to implement its on-going projects and to procure its essential services;***

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Amendment 12

Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

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Amendment 13

Caterina Chinnici, Maria Grapini

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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Amendment 14

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Eleftherios Synadinos

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Amendment 16

Gilles Lebreton, Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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Amendment 17
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Or. en

Amendment 18
Caterina Chinnici, Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Acknowledges the high number of agencies which have been set up in the area of freedom, security and justice but reiterates the importance of the missions which they carry out and their direct impact on citizens' lives; stresses that all agencies have been set up in response to a specific needs; is convinced that all the agencies in this policy area fulfil a distinct and necessary role providing European added value;

Or. en