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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 Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2016  
(2017/2148(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 into its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2016 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2016 is fairly represented;
2. Acknowledges the work of the Foundation during the four-year work programme 2013-2016 "From crisis to recovery: Better informed policies for a competitive and fair Europe"; welcomes the Foundations analysis and policy input as regards living and working conditions, industrial relations and employment and labour market developments, in particular the Overview report of the sixth European Working Conditions Survey;
3. Commends the high budget implementation rate (100 %); notes, however, that the level of appropriations carried over to 2017 increased for Title III (43 %) compared to the previous year (31 %), mainly in relation to projects going beyond the end of the year;
4. Notes the Court's recommendation that the Foundation may consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect the multi-annual nature of operations and unavoidable delays between the signature of contracts, deliveries and payments;
5. Welcomes the good cooperation between the Foundation and other EU agencies, especially Cedefop, EU-OSHA, ETF, FRA and EIGE, during the planning and implementation of its work in order to ensure good coordination and synergies in its activities.