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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 Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2016
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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 Agency'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. Appreciates the Agency's activities and analysis on occupational safety and health which contribute to the EU policy making aiming to promote healthy and safe workplaces across the Union;
3. Acknowledges the high budget implementation rate (96,3 %) but notes a slight decrease compared to 2015 (98 %);
4. Notes that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2016 was high for Title II (30,2 %) and increased compared to the previous year (26 %); notes that these carry overs mainly concern IT services which had not yet been fully delivered or been invoiced by the end of the year; notes that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2016 was also high for Title III (41,3 %) and represents an increase compared to 2015 (41 %); notes that these carry-overs mainly concern research projects and studies with a duration of more than one year;
5. Welcomes the Agency's follow-up measures in relation to the comments of the discharge authority made regarding the implementation of the budget of previous years;
6. Welcomes the good cooperation among the Agencies working in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion and particularly the cooperation between the Agency, Eurofound, Cedefop and EIGE regarding the report 'Towards age-friendly work in Europe: a life course perspective on work and ageing from EU agencies';
7. Notes that the Agency continued adopting implementing rules further to the reform of the Staff Regulations that came into force on 1 January 2014.