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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2016
(2017/2170(DEC))

Rapporteur: Barbara Matera

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas gender equality is one of the values on which the Union is founded and the Union is committed to promote gender mainstreaming in all of its actions as enshrined in Article 8 TFEU;
- B. whereas gender budgeting is part of the gender mainstreaming strategy;
 - 1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, including gender mainstreaming in all relevant Union policies and the resulting national policies, the fight against discrimination based on sex, and raising Union citizens' awareness of gender equality, and welcomes the prioritising of the work on several areas with outputs of high quality and high visibility, without losing focus on gender mainstreaming;
 - 2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and welcomes the EIGE's contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality; calls for further interaction between the legislative and non-legislative priorities of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and the EIGE's research, also taking into account the Gender Equality Index developed by the EIGE;
 - 3. Takes note of the Court of Auditors' opinion that the EIGE's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2016 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer;
 - 4. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that the revenue and payments underlying the EIGE's annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 are legal and regular in all material respects;
 - 5. Notes that the level for carry-overs for committed appropriations remained high for title III (operational expenditure), at 51 %, the main reason being ongoing studies which were expected to be finalised in 2016; notes, however, that this is an improvement compared to the 2015 level of 61 %; calls on the EIGE to consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect the multiannual nature of operations and unavoidable delays between the signature of contracts, deliveries and payments;
 - 6. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2016.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	24.1.2018
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 1 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Heinz K. Becker, Malin Björk, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Iratxe García Pérez, Arne Gericke, Anna Hedh, Mary Honeyball, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Florent Marcellesi, Angelika Mlinar, Angelika Niebler, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, João Pimenta Lopes, Michaela Šojdrová, Ernest Urtasun, Ángela Vallina, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi
Substitutes present for the final vote	Catherine Bearder, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Lívía Járóka, Urszula Krupa, Edouard Martin, Clare Moody, Monika Vana
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Artis Pabriks

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Catherine Bearder, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar
ECR	Urszula Krupa
EFDD	Daniela Aiuto
GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, João Pimenta Lopes, Ángela Vallina
PPE	Heinz K. Becker, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Livia Járóka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Angelika Niebler, Artis Pabriks, Michaela Šojdrová, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Jarosław Wałęsa
S&D	Maria Arena, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Hedh, Mary Honeyball, Edouard Martin, Clare Moody, Maria Noichl
VERTS/ALE	Florent Marcellesi, Ernest Urtasun, Monika Vana

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ECR	Arne Gericke

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PPE	Marijana Petir

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention