



2017/2150(DEC)

7.2.2018

OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2016 (2017/2150(DEC))

Rapporteur: Kostas Chrysogonos

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' ("the Court") conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ("the Centre") present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2016 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Welcomes the high budget execution rate of the Centre, with commitment and payment appropriation reaching respectively 99,95 % and 95,64 % and consumption of carry-over credits reaching 94%; notes however that the budget of the Centre decreased by 17% in 2016 compared to 2015;
3. Regrets the Court's finding that one of the Centre's employees, appointed as acting Authorising Officer to evaluation committees, took award decisions and signed contracts for two framework contracts despite the fact that this function was not explicitly authorised by the delegation of powers granted by the Authorising Officer; welcomes the commitment of the Centre to adjust the content of its delegation of powers accordingly and to put in place effective control measures to prevent such occurrences;
4. Notes with concern that the Internal Audit Service concluded that there is no overarching long-term strategic vision for the IT systems supporting the Centre's core operational processes, that its IT project management methodology was only partially adapted to its needs, and that the process to manage system requirements is inadequate; encourages the commitment of the Centre to develop an action plan to remedy the aforementioned weaknesses;
5. Welcomes the development and adoption of the EMCDDA Strategy 2025, which is the first long-term plan of the Centre;
6. Recalls that the Courts' conclusions of 2015 highlighted the fact that the Centre did not respect the ceiling of a framework contract which was signed in 2012 with a maximum amount for signing specific contracts of EUR 250 000, and notes that by the end of 2015 the total payments made under this contract amounted to EUR 382 181; underlines that this issue was flagged as "ongoing" by the Court still in 2016; calls on the Centre to improve the procedure for monitoring framework contracts in compliance with such ceilings;
7. Encourages the commitment of the Centre to provide improved access to its data to interested third parties, given that one of its main objectives is the dissemination of data and information on the state of the drugs problem, including data on relevant new trends; expects such a commitment to result in effective corresponding actions being taken.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	1.2.2018
Result of final vote	+: 45 -: 5 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Heinz K. Becker, Malin Björk, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Raymond Finch, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Ana Gomes, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sophia in 't Veld, Dietmar Köster, Barbara Kudrycka, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Péter Niedermüller, Ivari Padar, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Csaba Sógor, Sergei Stanishev, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský, Auke Zijlstra
Substitutes present for the final vote	Kostas Chrysogonos, Carlos Coelho, Maria Grapini, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Marek Jurek, Andrejs Mamikins, Angelika Mlinar, Jaromír Štětina
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Jonathan Bullock, Julia Reda, Francis Zammit Dimech

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar
ECR	Marek Jurek, Branislav Škripek, Helga Stevens
GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, Kostas Chrysogonos, Cornelia Ernst, Marie-Christine Vergiat
PPE	Asim Ademov, Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Michał Boni, Carlos Coelho, Frank Engel, Kinga Gál, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Kudrycka, Roberta Metsola, Csaba Sógor, Jaromír Štětina, Traian Ungureanu, Francis Zammit Dimech, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Ana Gomes, Maria Grapini, Sylvie Guillaume, Dietmar Köster, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Andrejs Mamikins, Claude Moraes, Péter Niedermüller, Ivari Padar, Soraya Post, Birgit Sippel, Sergei Stanishev, Josef Weidenholzer
VERTS/ALE	Julia Reda, Judith Sargentini

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EFDD	Jonathan Bullock, Raymond Finch
ENF	Lorenzo Fontana, Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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EFDD	Kristina Winberg

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention