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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 Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training for the financial year 2016 (2017/2163(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' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) fairly present its financial position on 31 December 2016 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Points out that the budget and the staff of CEPOL increased by about 22 % in 2016; notes in that context that carry-overs of committed appropriations were a high for Title II (expenditure for support activities) at 140 055 euro, i.e. 30 % and mainly related to IT consulting and IT related goods and services ordered late in the year;
3. Notes the high staff turnover of CEPOL after its relocation from the United Kingdom to Hungary, recognises that this is due to the difference in salary correction coefficients and the low recruitment grades; notes in this regard that the Staff Regulations offer the necessary flexibility for labour market conditions prevailing in the Union to be taken into account when recruiting officials in order to address the specific needs of the institutions; encourages CEPOL to take long term actions to stabilise staff turnover especially in the ICT area;
4. Notes that the outreach of CEPOL has significantly increased in 2016 with the number of participants reaching 18 009 compared to 12 992 in 2015 (+38,6%); highlights the quality of CEPOL products with 95 % of participants being very satisfied or satisfied; welcomes that the certification of CEPOL is in accordance with the Quality Management System Standard ISO 9001:2015;
5. Points out that the Agency has effectively delivered the expected products and services in accordance with its 2016 Work Programme;
6. Notes that 2016 was the first full year of implementation of the 'EU/MENA Counter-Terrorism Training Partnership project'; welcomes that this project is now recognised as a flagship project in the Union's cooperation with MENA countries on Counter-Terrorism;
7. Highlights that a total of 1.788 participants attended the Agency's residential courses, webinars and exchanges in the area of fundamental rights as reported in the Consolidated Annual Report 2016; encourages CEPOL to continue the implementation of trainings in these areas in an efficient manner; supports also the intention of CEPOL to continue the implementation of trainings and webinars to provide law enforcement officials with up-to-date information and best practice on identifying and investigating hate crimes and different forms of gender-based violence and to raise awareness about the challenges experienced by vulnerable social groups;
8. Deplores that the declarations of interest of CEPOL's experts are published on its website only for the top management and the Management Board members; encourages the aim of CEPOL to revisit its arrangements for collecting and publication of the

experts' declarations of interest, with due consideration to personal data protection requirements;

9. Calls upon the College to adopt and implement without delay a clear and solid whistleblowing strategy and rules against "revolving doors" in line with the Union Staff Regulations;
10. Calls upon the College to implement without delay its aims to increase its online visibility and to further improve its website in order to make it even more relevant to its stakeholders and to better support CEPOL's work; recommends the College to better report effects of its activities, in particular on the security of the Union; recognizes the efforts of CEPOL in this direction;

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	1.2.2018
Result of final vote	+: 46 -: 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, Gérard Deprez, 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

46	+
ALDE	Gérard Deprez, Nathalie Griesbeck, Filiz Hysmenova, 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