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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) for the financial year 2013
(2014/2109(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that, in 2013, an amount of EUR 58 315 356 has been made available to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ("the Centre") through the general budget of the European Union; stresses that this amount represents 0,039 % of the overall EU budget;
2. Asks again the Centre to make clear in its internal and external communication that it receives funds from the EU budget (EU subsidy) instead of Commission or Community subsidy;
3. Notes that in 2013, the Centre had a positive budget outturn which, when added to the negative outturn from previous years, resulted in an overall positive balance of the outturn; notes that, as a result, EUR 2 012 975 has to be paid back to the Commission in 2014 regarding the 2013 budget;
4. Notes, while being aware of the multi-annual activities of the Centre which caused carry-overs, that the carry-overs of committed appropriations were relatively high in 2013 (EUR 9 621 623); asks the Centre to try and respect the annuality principle of the budget;
5. Welcomes the Centre's efforts to have completed corrective actions taken on the previous comments by the Court of Auditors, and especially the adoption of an ex-post verification strategy, and its commitment to monitor more closely the operational meeting expenses to avoid unnecessary carry-overs or cancellations;
6. Takes note that 190 posts out of 198 as foreseen in establishment plan had been filled by the end of 2013; acknowledges the improved occupation rate compared to 2012;
7. Welcomes that the Court of Auditors considers the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Centre for the financial year 2013 as legal and regular in all material respects;
8. Recommends on the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Executive Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2013.