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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

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**2015/2164(DEC)**

26.1.2016

# 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  
Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2014  
(2015/2164(DEC))

Rapporteur: David Casa

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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 Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2014 to be legal and regular in all material respects and that its financial position as of 31 December 2014 is fairly represented;
2. Welcomes the measures put in place by the Centre in reaction to the Court's comments in the previous year, as well as to Parliament's recommendations;
3. Appreciates that the Centre focused its activity on contributing to and supporting policies addressing youth unemployment; commends particularly the Centre's skills forecasts and analyses as well as the work focusing on developing apprenticeships; takes note with satisfaction that the information from the detailed country fiches on vocational education and training policies, prepared by the Centre for all Member States, was reflected in the 2014 country-specific recommendations of the European Semester;
4. Believes that the Centre should assist Member States which face the challenge of an increased number of refugees in making use of vocational training opportunities for integrating them in labour markets;
5. Welcomes the fact that visits to the Europass website managed by Centre and available in 27 languages reached 21.7 million users in 2014, representing an increase of 8% on the 2013 figures;
6. Appreciates the continued efficiency of the Centre's support services in 2014; the implementation rate of the budget remained high at 99,93 %; 95 out of 98 posts in the establishment plan were filled and the average timeliness of payments remained stable;
7. Welcomes the Centre's adoption in 2014 of its anti-fraud strategy, along with the policy on prevention and management of conflicts of interests at the Centre;
8. Deplores the continuation of serious delays with the repair works on the Centre's building which prevent the Centre from making full use of its conference facilities; recalls that the works were planned to be concluded in 2014, however only significant progress was recorded until the end of that year; urges the Greek authorities to do their utmost to make sure that the works are completed to guarantee that the Centre's facilities can be used the soonest.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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| <b>Date adopted</b>   | 25.1.2016   |
| <b>Result of final vote</b>                                     | +: 32<br>-: 8<br>0: 2   |
| <b>Members present for the final vote</b>                       | Laura Agea, Guillaume Balas, Enrique Calvet Chambon, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Jane Collins, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Thomas Händel, Marian Harkin, Czesław Hoc, Rina Ronja Kari, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Kostadinka Kuneva, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Dominique Martin, Anthea McIntyre, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Emilian Pavel, Georgi Pirinski, Terry Reintke, Sofia Ribeiro, Claude Rolin, Sven Schulze, Jutta Steinruck, Romana Tomc, Renate Weber, Tatjana Ždanoka, Jana Žitánská |
| <b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>                   | Maria Arena, Amjad Bashir, Lynn Boylan, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Evelyn Regner, Michaela Šojdrová  |
| <b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b> | Eleonora Evi, Anneli Jäätteenmäki   |