



Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2015/2173(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
Training Foundation for the financial year 2014
(2015/2173(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 Foundation'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. Notes that 2014 was the first year of the Foundation's Mid-term Perspective 2014-2017 and commends the Foundation on its estimated performance effectiveness at over 97%, when comparing results planned against those delivered in the three strategic objectives, which were reinforcing evidence-based vocational education and training (VET) policy analysis, modernising VET systems in a lifelong learning perspective and increasing the relevance of VET provision in respect of the labour market, economic and social cohesion;
3. Notes that the level of appropriations carried over was high for title 1 (15,9%) and it was 7,6% for title 2; considers that these levels can be reduced by applying a better financial estimation in the future;
4. Welcomes the fact that in response to comments from the discharge authority, the Foundation participated in 2014 in a joint procurement procedure for banking services launched by the Commission in order to ensure the security of its assets which were previously kept in a single bank with a low credit rating;
5. Notes the increasing number of requests for ETF support to EU external relations assistance from 78 in 2013 to 82 in 2014 and believes this underlines its relevance in supporting the role of the EU as a global actor in this field;
6. Points out that the Foundation operates in a dynamic environment which demands a high level of flexibility in continually updating and adjusting its activities to meet expected results in the delivery of support to partner countries; reminds that the 2014 context was marked in particular by ongoing political instability in the southern and eastern Mediterranean and in eastern Europe owing to the crisis in Ukraine; suggests to take full advantage of the work done by ETF in the area of migration and skills.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	25.1.2016
Result of final vote	+: 27 -: 8 0: 7
Members present for the final vote	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
Substitutes present for the final vote	Maria Arena, Amjad Bashir, Lynn Boylan, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Evelyn Regner, Michaela Šojdrová
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Eleonora Evi, Anneli Jäätteenmäki