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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

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**2015/2165(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  
Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the  
financial year 2014  
(2015/2165(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 Eurofound'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 successful implementation of Eurofound's four-year work programme; praises the important work performed on the three European surveys: the European Quality of Life Survey, the European Working Conditions Survey and the European Company Survey; notes that Eurofound continued to focus its research on youth unemployment and social cohesion; appreciates its contribution to assessing the impact of the crisis on working and living conditions;
3. Welcomes the conclusion of the three key reports: "Psychosocial risks in Europe", "Labour mobility in the EU: Recent trends and policies" and "Social cohesion and well-being in the EU";
4. Appreciates the research provided by Eurofound and the valuable comparative information and notes their key importance for ensuring evidence-based discussions on social and work-related policies; highlights the particular relevance of the ongoing cooperation between Eurofound and the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs;
5. Acknowledges that Eurofound remained an essential contributor to policy development, the use of its expertise in key Union policy documents remained significant; welcomes the fact that the key performance indicators suggest a high visibility and recognition of the scientific value of Eurofound's research;
6. Acknowledges that the implementation rate of the budget remained high (99,7 %) in 2014 indicating that commitments were made in a timely manner; notes that the level of carry-over in Title III has further increased from the previous year (from 48,6 % to 53,7 %); is satisfied however with the comments in the report on budgetary management relating to these issues;
7. Welcomes Eurofound's corrective actions regarding the concerns raised by the Court of Auditors on the physical inventory and fixed assets registration;
8. Reiterates the earlier comments suggesting that a comprehensive headquarters agreement between the Eurofound and the host Member State would further promote transparency in its operational conditions; acknowledges that Eurofound started negotiations with the Irish authorities; welcomes that the seat agreement was signed in November 2015.

## 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   |