



Committee on Fisheries

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OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Fisheries Control agency (EFCA) for the financial year 2014
(2015/2183(DEC))

Rapporteur: José Blanco López

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Takes note of the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Fisheries Control Agency ('the Agency') for the financial year 2014;
2. Acknowledges the quality and importance of the tasks carried out by the Agency and welcomes its consistency and the very good results achieved since it was set up;
3. Expresses its satisfaction with the Court of Auditors' declaration that the transactions underlying the annual accounts for the financial year 2014 are legal and regular;
4. Takes note of the fact that the Court of Auditors confirmed the Agency's full completion of the corrective actions taken in response to the comments made in its report for the financial year 2013;
5. Stresses the continued excellent implementation rate of the commitment appropriations (99 %) and payment appropriations (88 %), the latter being an improvement on the previous year; encourages the Agency to continue its efforts to ensure the optimum use of the appropriations allocated;
6. Acknowledges the important contribution to implementation of the objectives of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) made by the Agency; welcomes the Agency's close engagement with the Member States to organise the monitoring of the landing obligation by improving the control and surveillance of fisheries activities, brokering cooperation, promoting interoperability and building common capacities;
7. Acknowledges that the Agency has to implement the new tasks in the CFP with a budget frozen at 2013 levels and a decrease in staff, and recalls that it is also necessary to stress the need for gender balance among the staff;
8. Points out that the policy objectives of the reformed CFP mean that control and coordination of those objectives play a crucial role and that it is therefore necessary to enhance the financial and human resources available to the Agency;
9. Recalls the importance of strengthening the Agency's mandate so as to put in place joint operational activities with other European agencies in the maritime sector in order to prevent disasters at sea and to coordinate the functions of European coastguards;
10. Welcomes the efforts made by the Agency, within the context of increasing challenges, to strengthen its business model through rationalisation, simplification and streamlining the organisation;
11. Stresses the need to evaluate the possibility of increasing appropriations for the Agency's operations in future years;
12. Proposes to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2014.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	14.1.2016
Result of final vote	+ : 14 - : 3 0 : 0
Members present for the final vote	Marco Affronte, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Renata Briano, Alain Cadec, Carlos Iturgaiz, Werner Kuhn, António Marinho e Pinto, Gabriel Mato, Ulrike Rodust, Remo Sernagiotto, Isabelle Thomas, Ruža Tomašić, Peter van Dalen, Jarosław Wałęsa
Substitutes present for the final vote	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, José Blanco López, Nicola Caputo, Ole Christensen, Francisco José Millán Mon