



Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Police College for the financial year 2014
(2015/2180(DEC))

Rapporteur: Monica Macovei

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Police College (CEPOL) present fairly its financial position at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Acknowledges from the 2014 CEPOL's report on budgetary and financial management that two major events had impact on the financial performance of the Agency: the outsourcing of the accounting services to the European Commission Accounting Officer on 1 April and the relocation of the Agency from Bramshill, UK to Budapest, Hungary, which took place between 19 September and 1 October;
3. Notes the high cancellation ratio (15 %) of committed appropriations carried over in 2014 due to cancellation of the Matrix project and the lower than estimated costs to be reimbursed under the 2013 grant agreement; calls for improvements in that regard while fully acknowledging that the Court of Auditors takes the view that carry-overs often result from events beyond the agencies' control or are justified by the multi-annual nature of operations, procurement procedures or projects;
4. Takes note of CEPOL's reply in response to the Court's comments and the measures introduced by CEPOL in the recent years that lead to a significantly reduced amount of carried forward and cancelled funds and its commitment to further increase and maintain compliance with the budgetary principle of annuality provided in the Financial Regulation;
5. Is concerned that CEPOL's recruitment procedures are still not fully transparent and that the requirements set in respect of professional experience were not always compliant with the Implementing Rules to the College's Staff Regulations; acknowledges that CEPOL adopted guidelines on how to score the applicants (UG HR 001-2) and urges CEPOL to make these guidelines public; deplores the fact that there is no information about these guidelines in the Annual Activity Report for 2014 and asks CEPOL to include it and to inform the discharge authority on the impact of the guidelines on the recruitment procedure;
6. Welcomes the adoption and publication of CEPOL's policy on prevention and management of conflict of interests in November 2014. Notes the publication of the CVs and Declarations of Interest of the Director, Deputy Director and most of the Governing Board members on CEPOL's website; urges CEPOL to publish the CVs and Declarations of Interests of all Governing Board members and experts, as well as a comprehensive organigram; asks for the adoption of a clear whistleblowing strategy and rules against "revolving doors"; reminds the Agency that it must adopt internal binding rules on whistle-blowers, according to Article 22c of the EU Staff Regulations, which came into force on 1 January 2014.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 54 -: 1 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Gerard Batten, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Ignazio Corrao, Rachida Dati, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Tanja Fajon, Laura Ferrara, Monika Flašíková Beová, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Jussi Halla-aho, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Sophia in 't Veld, Eva Joly, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Timothy Kirkhope, Barbara Kudrycka, Kashetu Kyenge, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, József Nagy, Péter Niedermüller, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský
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