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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 Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2014 (2015/2167(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 EMCDDA (the Agency) present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Notes the acceleration of the implementation of the multi-annual ICT strategy following the transfer of funds available on the salary budget line after the decision of the Court of Justice regarding the non-adaptation of the salaries of Union officials in 2011, 2012 and 2013; requests explanations regarding the operational reasons as to why the money was not returned to the Union budget;
3. Notes the high level of carry-over committed appropriations for 2014 which should be addressed while 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; in addition, recommends the publication of the amount transferred from one budget category to another;
4. Welcomes that the Agency's 2014 final annual accounts report contains detailed information about the corrective actions taken by the Agency in response to the observations and recommendations expressed by the European Court of Auditors, the EU Budget Authority and the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission. Takes note of the Agency's efforts to implement the Court's' and the IAS's audit recommendations in order to improve its management and internal control systems.
5. Welcomes the revision and publication of the policy on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests in line with the Commission's guidelines and the adoption of templates on 9 September 2015; urges the Agency to publish them by 1 March 2016 and to submit to the discharge authority a track record of conflict of interest identified;
6. Reminds the Agency that it must adopt binding rules for the protection of whistle-blowers, according to Article 22c of the EU Staff Regulations, which entered into force on 1 January 2014; further calls on the Agency to establish clear rules against "revolving doors".

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 50 -: 1 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Michał Boni, Ignazio Corrao, Rachida Dati, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Tanja Fajon, Laura Ferrara, Monika Flašíková Be ová, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Nathalie Griesbeck, Jussi Halla-aho, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Sophia in 't Veld, Eva Joly, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Timothy Kirkhope, Barbara Kudrycka, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Roberta Metsola, Louis Michel, 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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