



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 the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the
European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in
the area of freedom, security and justice for the financial year 2014
(2015/2195(DEC))

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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 EU-LISA present fairly its financial position at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Regrets the absence of reliable and complete information about the total implementation cost of the IT systems SIS II, VIS and EURODAC; notes that the cost of SIS II was 8 times the estimated one, and its delivery was delayed 6 years, while acknowledging the limited responsibility of the Agency on this matter due to its entering into operation end of 2012; requests a full report from EU-LISA with the assistance of the Commission on total implementation costs, development of software applications;
3. Expresses its deep concern about the high cancellation ratio (26 %) of committed appropriations carried over in 2014; welcomes, therefore, the Agency's acknowledgement of the need to improve its budgetary management; emphasizes the need to reduce budgetary carry-over of commitments in the future, whilst acknowledging that in some cases, carry-overs could be due to the multi-annual nature of operations, procurement procedures or projects; calls on the Agency to continue to improve its budgetary planning and human resources management, as it did in 2015 (9%);
4. Takes note of the Court of Auditors comments regarding the improvements that need to be made in respect of the internal controls and of the budgetary management.
5. Takes note of the extensive reply provided by the Agency in response to the comments made by the Court of Auditors and of the commitments made which will contribute to an improved control of the budget implementation cycle.
6. Regrets that the Agency did not comply with Parliament's recommendation last year to put in place policies for preventing and managing conflicts of interest; urges the Agency to remedy this, to publish the CVs and declarations of interest, as called for by the Parliament last year, and according to the guidelines published by the Commission in December 2013; requires the Agency to adopt and publish these policies as well as the CVs and declarations of interest (instead of declarations of non-conflict of interest) of its Director, Chair of Management Board, Board members and national experts;
7. Recommends the Agency to publish a comprehensive organigram, with and the names and functions of its entire staff; notes the publication of a Code of Conduct with some provisions on conflict of interest as well as the adoption of a recent Action Plan and Anti-Fraud Strategy; reinforces the need for clear and binding internal rules in the prevention and management of conflict of interest, whistleblowing procedures and "revolving doors"; awaits for thorough implementation of these rules by June 2016, as stated by the Agency;

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 54 -: 1 0: 1
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, 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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