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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 Eurojust for the financial year 2014 (2015/2172(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 Eurojust present fairly its financial position at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
- 2. Notes that the financial impact of salary adjustments and of the increase in the correction coefficient were not included in the initial budget for the year 2014; regrets that this shortfall in salary budget of some 1,8 million EUR required some temporary cut-backs on operational expenditure that negatively impacted the execution of ongoing projects and necessitated an amending budget of 1,2 million EUR at the end of 2014; calls for responsible and sound budget management;
- 3. Notes the efforts made by Eurojust to provide a more comprehensive procurement plan and urges Eurojust to publish the full list of contracts awarded;
- 4. Welcomes the detailed presentation of Eurojust's organisational structure, its members and administrative structures, as well as the publication of its code of administrative behaviour on the website;
- 5. Regrets that Eurojust has not adopted a policy and a practical guide on management and prevention of conflicts of interest, according to the guidelines published by the Commission in December 2013; calls on Eurojust to urgently adopt its revised arrangements for the prevention and management of conflicts of interests and to inform the discharge authority about the adoption; asks Eurojust to take corrective measures and to provide the discharge authority with a track record of cases of conflicts of interest identified, as well as to establish severe and clear rules against "revolving doors";
- 6. Reminds Eurojust that it must adopt internal binding rules for the protection of whistle-blowers, in accordance with Article 22c of the 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	+: 53 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, 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, 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, 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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