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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 implementation of the budget of the European
Police Office (Europol) for the financial year 2014
(2015/2186(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 Europol (the Agency) present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Notes that only a general report (Europol Review) is published on the website of the Agency; asks the Agency to publish its Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) on a regular basis as well;
3. Is concerned that exclusion criteria, regarding eligibility to tender and selection criteria, regarding capacity to perform the contract, are not available on the website, under public procurement; urges the Agency to publish this information and all its contracts awarded in 2014;
4. Regrets the high cancellation (22 %) of committed appropriations carried over in 2014 due to delays in IT projects provided by external suppliers whilst acknowledging that in some cases, carry-overs could be due to the multi-annual nature of operations, procurement procedures or projects; takes note that the low budget implementation for these projects was mainly a result of the suppliers failing to deliver in line with the agreed planning; requests that the Agency clarify the nature and added value of these IT projects, as their delays had no operational impacts according to the Agency;
5. Notes that in 2014 the Agency published a new Code of Conduct, with guidelines on the management and prevention of conflicts of interest and "revolving doors"; asks the Management Board to publish declarations of interest instead of declarations of absence of conflicts of interest, leaving the assessment to a third party and to detail policies and rules regarding conflicts of interest;
6. Welcomes the provisions established by the Europol Management Board on internal investigations and reminds the Agency that it must adopt internal binding rules on whistle-blowers, according to 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	+: 45 -: 1 0: 9
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, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, József Nagy, Péter Niedermüller, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský
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