



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 Union agencies for the financial year 2014: performance, financial management and control
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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. Stresses the importance of managing conflicts of interest and urges the agencies that have still not adopted and published on their web-sites their policies and practical guidelines on managing and preventing conflicts of interest, in particular EU-LISA, Europol and Frontex to do so immediately and to report on this matter by March 2016; asks the agencies to provide track records of cases of conflict of interest they have identified;
2. Reiterates the importance of publishing the CVs and the declarations of interest of board members, management staff, and external and in-house experts; underlines that transparency is key to mitigating risks of conflicts of interest; urges the agencies to establish clear rules regarding protection of whistle-blowers and "revolving doors";
3. Recommends that the Court focus on auditing operational performance and asks the agencies to enhance the reporting system and provide full operational performance indicators;
4. Notes that CEPOL, EASO, EU-LISA, and Europol had high percentages of cancelled carry-overs indicating weaknesses in budget planning and project management; Recalls that the principle of annuality is one of the three basic accounting principles; acknowledges that a high level of carry-overs is at odds with the principle of annuality; Acknowledges the Court of Auditor's comment 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; nonetheless calls on these specific agencies to reduce the cancelled carry-overs.
5. Calls on the Agencies to further strengthen their efforts and to improve their communication policies, to expand their visibility through different social media tools, in order to raise awareness of their activities and achievements and to ensure that the citizens are well informed about their work.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 52 -: 1 0: 2
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