



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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29.1.2016

OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2014
(2015/2187(DEC))

Rapporteur: Barbara Matera

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) has been established in order to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality including, first and foremost, gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, and to raise EU citizens' awareness of gender equality; notes with satisfaction that in 2014, EIGE achieved 95% of its planned outputs; stresses that the objectives and tasks of the Institute necessitate to maintain a separate dedicated entity within the EU institutional framework;
2. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that EIGE's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer;
3. Points out the Court of Auditors' opinion that the transactions underlying EIGE's annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 are legal and regular in all material respects;
4. Welcomes the fact that in 2014, the overall level of committed appropriations was 99,04 %, the overall available budget implementation rate for 2014 was 77,97% and 100% of the Staff Establishment Plan posts were filled by the end of 2014;
5. Notes that the level for carry-overs for committed appropriations was high for title III operational expenditure (54%), which is an improvement to the 2013 level of 56%; the main reasons as identified by the Court of Auditors were delayed procurements of surveys and studies and ongoing studies which were expected to be finalised in 2015; notes that operational appropriations delays are sometimes due to circumstances outside EIGE's control; urges EIGE to continue its efforts to progressively reduce them;
6. Notes with satisfaction the endorsement of a Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2015-2017 for EIGE and subsequent partial or full implementation of actions contained in the related Action Plan;
7. Welcomes the productive ongoing cooperation between EIGE and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality; calls for further interaction between legislative and non-legislative priorities of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and EIGE's research, taking also into account the evidencies of the Gender Equality Index developed by EIGE;
8. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2014.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	28.1.2016						
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Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Catherine Bearder, Malin Björk, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Iratxe García Pérez, Mary Honeyball, Vicky Maeijer, Angelika Mlinar, Angelika Niebler, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Terry Reintke, Jordi Sebastià, Ernest Urtasun, Beatrix von Storch, Jadwiga Wi niewska						
Substitutes present for the final vote	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Stefan Eck, Eleonora Forenza, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Constance Le Grip, Clare Moody, Julie Ward						
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Pedro Silva Pereira, Claudiu Ciprian T n sescu, Kristina Winberg						