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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Training Foundation for the financial year 2016
(2017/2156(DEC))

Rapporteur: Claude Rolin

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2016 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2016 is fairly represented;
2. Acknowledges the work of the Foundation to support the Union's partner countries to harness their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the Union's external relations policy; welcomes the Foundation's activities regarding the development of skills and the facilitation of lifelong learning to support partner countries to improve the employability and employment prospects of their citizens;
3. Welcomes the high achievement rate of its planned activities in 2016 (94 %), but notes that it slightly decreased in comparison to 2015 (96 %); notes the considerable improvement in the time delivery rate (90 %) compared to years before 2016 (83 %);
4. Notes the high level of appropriations carried over for Title II (18,4 %), presenting an increase compared to 2015 (16,1 %), and Title III (30,3 %), presenting a decrease from 2015 (36,4 %);
5. Is concerned by the Court's observation that the situation regarding the Foundation's premises is unsatisfactory and puts activities at risk of disruption; notes that under the host agreement, appropriate facilities are guaranteed until 2027 and notes the urgent need for the host country to find a solution to this matter; calls on the Foundation to update Parliament on the progress of the ongoing tendering procedure;
6. Welcomes strongly the support from the ETF to the EU candidate countries with the implementation of the Riga Conclusions 2015 in areas such as work-based learning, continuing professional development of VET teachers and entrepreneurial learning;
7. Welcomes the cooperation with other Union agencies - in particularly Eurofound and Cedefop - on Union policies that contribute to development of human capital;
8. Welcomes the findings of the external evaluation carried out on behalf of the Commission that governance of the Foundation was efficient and effective, and that its considerable reorganisation since 2011 positively impacted its work; notes the recommendation that the Foundation could further improve its monitoring capacity to better illustrate its activities, and welcomes the Foundation's plan to implement those suggestions;
9. Welcomes the Foundation's follow-up measures in relation to the comments of the discharge authority made in 2013 regarding EUR 7,5 million in accounts at a single bank with a low credit rating (F3, BBB) which has now been significantly reduced to EUR 1,8 million.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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| Date adopted | 23.1.2018 |
| Result of final vote | +: 41 -: 6 0: 3 |
| Members present for the final vote | Guillaume Balas, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Enrique Calvet Chambon, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Michael Detjen, Martina Dlabajová, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Marian Harkin, Czesław Hoc, Agnes Jongerius, Rina Ronja Kari, Jan Keller, Ádám Kósa, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Javi López, Thomas Mann, Dominique Martin, Anthea McIntyre, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, João Pimenta Lopes, Georgi Pirinski, Marek Plura, Dennis Radtke, Terry Reintke, Claude Rolin, Siôn Simon, Romana Tomc, Ulrike Trebesius, Marita Ulvskog, Tatjana Ždanoka |
| Substitutes present for the final vote | Maria Arena, Georges Bach, Lynn Boylan, Rosa D'Amato, Tania González Peñas, Krzysztof Hetman, Paloma López Bermejo, António Marinho e Pinto, Edouard Martin, Ivari Padar, Flavio Zanonato |
| Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote | Geoffroy Didier, Morten Messerschmidt |

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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| ALDE | Enrique Calvet Chambon, Martina Dlabajová, Marian Harkin, António Marinho e Pinto |
| GUE/NGL | Lynn Boylan, Tania González Peñas, Rina Ronja Kari, Paloma López Bermejo, João Pimenta Lopes |
| PPE | Georges Bach, David Casa, Geoffroy Didier, Krzysztof Hetman, Ádám Kósa, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Marek Plura, Dennis Radtke, Claude Rolin, Romana Tomc |
| S&D | Maria Arena, Guillaume Balas, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Ole Christensen, Michael Detjen, Agnes Jongerius, Jan Keller, Javi López, Edouard Martin, Ivari Padar, Georgi Pirinski, Siôn Simon, Marita Ulvskog, Flavio Zanonato |
| VERTS/ALE | Jean Lambert, Terry Reintke, Tatjana Ždanoka |

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| ECR | Arne Gericke, Czesław Hoc, Anthea McIntyre, Morten Messerschmidt, Ulrike Trebesius |
| NI | Lampros Fountoulis |

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| EFDD | Rosa D'Amato |
| ENF | Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin |

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention