



Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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7.2.2018

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 Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2016
(2017/2149(DEC))

Rapporteur: Kostas Chrysogonos

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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. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights ("the Agency") present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2016 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Court of Auditors identified that formal delegations and sub-delegations from authorising officers were not always consistent with the corresponding authorisation rights for transactions in the Agency's financial systems; notes the immediate correction of the error by the Agency; reminds the Agency the need to establish the necessary internal mechanisms to ensure this does not happen again in the future;
3. Notes that, as in 2015, carry-overs of committed appropriations in 2016 were high for Title III (operating expenditure) at EUR 5,2 million, i.e. 68 %; acknowledges that this year, as in the previous year, this simply reflects the multi-annual nature of the Agency's activities;
4. Notes that the Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS) did not carry out any audit in 2016; recalls, however, that previous audits concluded that the Agency's internal control system provides a reasonable assurance as regards the achievement of the objectives of the processes audited and that all opened recommendations have been closed;
5. Highlights the delivery of six legal opinions to assist the European Parliament in the development of its positions on legislative proposals or policies, four of which concerned ongoing reviews of the Union's Common European Asylum System;
6. Welcomes, in line with the Agency's strategic priority to develop targeted responses to fundamental rights emergencies, the publication by the Agency of monthly reports on the situation in the Member States most affected by the refugee crises and the work of the expert staff deployed to Greece to assist Union and local actors on the ground with fundamental rights expertise;
7. Welcomes the fact that the Agency continued its research on the situation of Roma in the Union; welcomes, in particular, in this regard the publication of the Second Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey gathering information on almost 34 000 persons living in Roma households in nine Member States, derived from nearly 8 000 face-to-face interviews with Roma
8. Notes with concern the significant gender imbalance within the Agency, in particular when it comes to the senior management positions; notes the Agency's policy of equal opportunity and diversity through its wide range of measures; urges the Agency to further correct this imbalance, which has improved following a reorganisation at the end of 2016, and to communicate the results in due time to the discharge authority.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	1.2.2018
Result of final vote	+: 43 -: 7 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Heinz K. Becker, Malin Björk, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Raymond Finch, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Ana Gomes, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sophia in 't Veld, Dietmar Köster, Barbara Kudrycka, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Péter Niedermüller, Ivari Padar, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Csaba Sógor, Sergei Stanishev, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský, Auke Zijlstra
Substitutes present for the final vote	Kostas Chrysogonos, Carlos Coelho, Maria Grapini, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Andrejs Mamikins, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jaromír Št tina
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Jonathan Bullock, Julia Reda, Francis Zammit Dimech

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

43	+
ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz
GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, Kostas Chrysogonos, Cornelia Ernst, Marie-Christine Vergiat
PPE	Asim Ademov, Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Michał Boni, Carlos Coelho, Frank Engel, Kinga Gál, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Kudrycka, Roberta Metsola, Csaba Sógor, Jaromír Štítný, Traian Ungureanu, Francis Zammit Dimech, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Caterina Chinnici, Ana Gomes, Maria Grapini, Sylvie Guillaume, Dietmar Köster, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Andrejs Mamikins, Claude Moraes, Péter Niedermüller, Ivari Padar, Soraya Post, Birgit Sippel, Sergei Stanishev, Josef Weidenholzer
VERTS/ALE	Julia Reda, Judith Sargentini

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ECR	Branislav Škripek
EFDD	Jonathan Bullock, Raymond Finch, Kristina Winberg
ENF	Lorenzo Fontana, Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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ECR	Helga Stevens

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention