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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 13**

**Draft report**

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2016 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)  
(2017/2176(DEC))



## **Amendment 1**

**Bart Staes**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a decision 1**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. Grants the interim director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology discharge in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the interim director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology discharge in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2016;***

##### *Amendment*

1. Grants the interim director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology discharge in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík, Raffaele Fitto**

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##### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the interim director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology discharge in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 3**

**Bart Staes**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a decision 2**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for the financial year 2016;***

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the Court of Auditors' Special Report No 4/2016: 'The European Institute of Innovation and Technology must modify its delivery mechanisms and elements of its design to achieve the expected impact';***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Considers that the possibility to grant discharge in the coming years will be compromised if efficient actions are not taken and effective results are not achieved without further delay;***

**Amendment 6**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. **Notes** from the Court's report that the Institute had four directors from its creation in 2008 until July 2014; observes that since August 2014 the position of director, and, since February 2013, another managerial position, have been filled on an ad interim basis; **acknowledges** the Court's comment that this is not only in contradiction with the one-year maximum period set for interim placements in the Staff Regulations, but also the frequent changes and long interim solutions cause uncertainty to stakeholders and strategic continuity; acknowledges the Institute's reply that it is not in a position to comment on the recruitment procedure for the Institute's director, as that is managed by the Commission; notes that the Institute will complete the recruitment of the other management position post in 2017;

*Amendment*

5. **Regrets to note** from the Court's report that the Institute had four directors from its creation in 2008 until July 2014; observes that since August 2014 the position of director, and, since February 2013, another managerial position, have been filled on an ad interim basis; **endorses** the Court's comment that this is not only in contradiction with the one-year maximum period set for interim placements in the Staff Regulations, but also **that** the frequent changes and long interim solutions cause uncertainty to stakeholders and strategic continuity; acknowledges the Institute's reply that it is not in a position to comment on the recruitment procedure for the Institute's director, as that is managed by the Commission; **strongly urges the Commission to finalize this outstanding procedure**; notes that the Institute will complete the recruitment of the other management position post in 2017;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 8** **Petri Sarvamaa**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 13**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Acknowledges from the Institute that it is structurally understaffed, as confirmed in the Court's Special Report No 4/2016 on the Institute; notes that the amount of grant managed per person at the Institute is significantly higher than for any other Union research grant programme: while the budget managed per staff member under the 7th Framework Programme was between EUR 12 500 000 and EUR 20 400 000, the Institute project officers manage annual grants up to EUR 90 000 000; notes that the resulting high workload and responsibility ***has a serious effect on*** staff turnover affecting the Institute's core business;

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Or. en

## **Amendment 9** **Dennis de Jong**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 15**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that the latest calls for new knowledge and innovation communities (KICs), for which the thematic areas were defined in the strategic innovation agenda of the Institute for the years 2014 to 2020

#### *Amendment*

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showed limited competition; notes that the 2016 call for two additional KICs (food and added-value manufacturing) received three proposals, whereby the single proposal for added-value manufacturing KIC was not selected for quality reasons; notes that an excellent partnership has been designated except for EIT Manufacturing; notes with satisfaction that the Institute has concluded on several mitigating measures, which will reduce the risk of receiving only one proposal for a theme in the future; calls on the Institute to report to the discharge authority on the content and efficiency of those measures;

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Or. en

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a.** Regrets to note from the Court's report that KIC legal entities' procurements of up to EUR 2 200 000 were considered irregular in 2016 and proved significant shortcomings in their procurement procedures;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Performance-based budgeting***

***Main achievements***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. Notes that the Court found weaknesses in relation to ex-post verifications of procurement procedures carried out by KIC legal entities; notes that the Court concluded differently on the legality and regularity of two procurement procedures, where the Institute accepted the direct award or excessive extension of contracts;

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**Amendment 13**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. ***Regrets*** that the Institute does not make public the minutes of its management board meetings; ***calls on*** the Institute to ***change*** its policy in that regard;

*Amendment*

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