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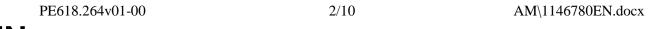
# AMENDMENTS 1 - 15

Draft report Bart Staes

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# 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 Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

#### Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

# Amendment 2 Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

# Proposal for a decision 1 Paragraph 1

### Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

### Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency'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 Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2016 / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2016;

#### Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

# Amendment 4 Luke Ming Flanagan

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

### Motion for a resolution

2. Notes from the Court's report that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2017 was high for Title II (administrative expenditure) at EUR 417 279, i.e. 30 % (2015: EUR 364 740, i.e. 26 %); notes that those carry-overs mainly concern IT services which had not been fully delivered or invoiced by the end of the year; notes, moreover, that the committed appropriations carried over under Title III amounted to EUR 3 370 616, i.e. 43 % (2015: EUR 3 383 052, i.e. 41 %); notes that those carry-overs mainly concern research projects and studies with a duration of more than one year; acknowledges from the Court that the Agency may consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect the multi-annual nature of operations and unavoidable delays between the signature of contracts, deliveries and payments; notes from the Agency's reply that it will study this possibility in order to see if the budget management can be improved;

#### Amendment

2. Notes from the Court's report that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2017 was high for Title II (administrative expenditure) at EUR 417 279, i.e. 30 % (2015: EUR 364 740, i.e. 26 %); notes that those carry-overs mainly concern IT services which had not been fully delivered or invoiced by the end of the year; notes, moreover, that the committed appropriations carried over under Title III amounted to EUR 3 370 616, i.e. 43 % (2015: EUR 3 383 052, i.e. 41 %); notes that those carry-overs mainly concern research projects and studies with a duration of more than one year; acknowledges from the Court that the Agency may consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect the multi-annual nature of operations and unavoidable delays between the signature of contracts, deliveries and payments; notes from the Agency's reply that it will study this possibility and ensure that budget management is improved;

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### Amendment 5 Luke Ming Flanagan

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

### Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that during the financial year 2016, 11 budgetary transfers, totalling EUR 319 240, were carried out in order to reallocate resources from areas where budgetary savings were identified towards areas of scarce resources, to ensure the achievement of the year's objectives;

#### Amendment

4. Notes *with approval* that during the financial year 2016, 11 budgetary transfers, totalling EUR 319 240, were carried out in order to reallocate resources from areas where budgetary savings were identified towards areas of scarce resources, to ensure the achievement of the year's objectives;

Or. en

# Amendment 6 Luke Ming Flanagan

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

### Motion for a resolution

7. Notes from the Court's report that, in 2014, the Agency signed a framework contract (FWC) for the provision of IT consultancy services in the period 2014 to 2017 for a total amount of EUR 1 100 000; notes that although specific contracts signed in 2016 to implement this FWC clearly define project deliverables, consultants were engaged on a "time and means" basis where price is not fixed and directly linked to the delivery, but instead results from the number of working days spent; notes moreover that in 2016 some 50 % of the IT consultancy services were carried out offsite the Agency's premises, limiting the Agency's means to monitor the efficient implementation of the contracts; notes that payments made under this framework contract in 2016 amounted to

#### Amendment

Notes from the Court's report that, in 2014, the Agency signed a framework contract (FWC) for the provision of IT consultancy services in the period 2014 to 2017 for a total amount of EUR 1 100 000; notes with regret that although specific contracts signed in 2016 to implement this FWC clearly define project deliverables, consultants were engaged on an open "time and means" basis where price is not fixed and directly linked to the delivery, but instead results from the number of working days spent; notes moreover that in 2016 some 50 % of the IT consultancy services were carried out offsite the Agency's premises, limiting the Agency's means to monitor the efficient implementation of the contracts; notes that payments made under this framework

some EUR 400 000; acknowledges from the Agency's reply that it applies the Court's advice to its new ICT and consultancy framework contracts by making use of specific "Quoted Times and Means" contracts when appropriate; contract in 2016 amounted to some EUR 400 000; acknowledges from the Agency's reply that it applies the Court's advice to its new ICT and consultancy framework contracts by making use of specific "Quoted Times and Means" contracts when appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Petri Sarvamaa

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Regrets that among the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016 gender balance has not been achieved, with a ratio of 72 % female to 28 % male;

#### Amendment

9. Regrets that among the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016 gender balance has not been achieved, with a ratio of 72 % female to 28 % male; notes, however, that there is gender balance (50:50) at senior management level;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Luke Ming Flanagan

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Regrets that among the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016 gender balance has not been achieved, with a ratio of 72 % female to 28 % male;

### Amendment

9. Regrets that among the number of posts occupied on 31 December 2016 gender balance has not been achieved, with a ratio of *over two to one*, 72 % female to 28 % male; *notes that this issue needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency*;

Or. en

Amendment 9

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### **Luke Ming Flanagan**

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

### Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; stresses that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 194 per staff corresponding to three days per staff; observes that the average number of sick leave is 11 days per staff;

#### Amendment

10. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; stresses that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 194 per staff corresponding to three days per staff; observes with concern that the average number of days' sick leave is 11 days per staff, namely, more than two working weeks; stresses that the high number days' sick leave must be investigated and the reasons therefor established and addressed;

Or. en

### Amendment 10 Petri Sarvamaa

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

### Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; *stresses* that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 194 per staff corresponding to three days per staff; observes that the average number of sick leave is 11 days per staff;

### **Amendment**

10. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency; *notes* that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 194 per staff corresponding to three days per staff; observes that the average number of sick leave is 11 days per staff;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

### Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the new conflict of interests declarations and summaries of CVs are in the process of being collected and analysed, since a new board has been in place from late 2016; notes, *moreover*, that the Agency collected 131 complete files, corresponding to 70 from board members (80 %), 52 from board member alternates (60 %) and 12 from observers and observer alternates (48 %); welcomes the fact that none of the files assessed demonstrates any situation that could qualify as a conflict of interests within the meaning of the Agency's policy;

#### Amendment

13. Notes that the new conflict of interests declarations and summaries of CVs are in the process of being collected and analysed, since a new board has been in place from late 2016 but is concerned about the length of time that this process is taking; notes that the Agency collected 131 complete files, corresponding to 70 from board members (80 %), 52 from board member alternates (60 %) and 12 from observers and observer alternates (48 %) but points out that this is still deficient; welcomes the fact that none of the files assessed demonstrates any situation that could qualify as a conflict of interests within the meaning of the Agency's policy;

Or. en

### Amendment 12 Petri Sarvamaa

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

#### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Strongly regrets the fact that the Agency has yet to implement internal rules on whistleblowing; notes that the Agency is awaiting guidelines from the Commission; notes, moreover, that, in the meantime, the Agency refers to the Commission's guidelines on whistleblowing of 2012; urges the Agency to report to the discharge authority when its whistleblowing rules have been established and implemented;

#### Amendment

15. *Notes* the fact that the Agency has yet to implement internal rules on whistleblowing *and* is awaiting guidelines from the Commission; notes, moreover, that in the meantime, the Agency refers to the Commission s guidelines on whistleblowing of 2012; *invites* the Agency to report to the discharge authority when its whistleblowing rules have been established and implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Luke Ming Flanagan

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Strongly regrets the fact that the Agency has yet to implement internal rules on whistleblowing; notes that the Agency is awaiting guidelines from the Commission; notes, moreover, that, in the meantime, the Agency refers to the Commission's guidelines on whistleblowing of 2012; urges the Agency to report to the discharge authority when its whistleblowing rules have been established and implemented;

#### Amendment

15. **Deplores** the fact that the Agency has yet to implement internal rules on whistleblowing; notes that the Agency is awaiting guidelines from the Commission but considers this not to be an adequate explanation for the failure to implement such rules; notes, moreover, that, in the meantime, the Agency refers to the Commission's guidelines on whistleblowing of 2012; urges the Agency to report to the discharge authority when its whistleblowing rules have been established and implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

### Amendment

15 a. Observes that there is a need to establish an independent body, with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to deal with disclosure, advice and referral; notes that the purpose of such a body would be to help whistleblowers use the right channels to disclose their information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their confidentiality and offering necessary support and advice;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Petri Sarvamaa

# Motion for a resolution Subheading 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Performance-based budgeting

Main achievements

Or. en