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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)
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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 executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Grants the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Notis Marias, Richard Sulík, Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a decision 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Dennis de Jong

Proposal for a decision 1

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Or. en

Amendment 4

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 Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 6 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

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flat rates; calls on the Agency to report to the Discharge Authority on the implementation of the new scheme;

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Or. en

Amendment 7 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the level of carry-overs for committed appropriations for Title II (administrative expenditure) was at EUR 6 400 000 (43 % of committed appropriations), compared to EUR 3 200 000 (38 %) in 2015; notes moreover that the carry-overs for Title III (operational expenditure) were at EUR 67 300 000 (37 %), compared to EUR 40 200 000 (35 %) in 2015; notes that the main reason is because contracts and operations extended beyond the year-end **and that** the Agency **may** consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect inevitable delays between legal commitments, contract implementation and operations and the related payments;

Amendment

8. Notes that the level of carry-overs for committed appropriations for Title II (administrative expenditure) was at EUR 6 400 000 (43 % of committed appropriations), compared to EUR 3 200 000 (38 %) in 2015, **and therefore high**; notes moreover that the carry-overs for Title III (operational expenditure) were **also high** at EUR 67 300 000 (37 %), compared to EUR 40 200 000 (35 %) in 2015; notes that the main reason is because contracts and operations extended beyond the year-end; **calls on** the Agency **to** consider introducing differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect inevitable delays between legal commitments, contract implementation and operations and the related payments;

Or. en

Amendment 8 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 12**

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with appreciation that, by the number of all posts occupied, gender balance has been met since the ratio is 50

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% female to 50 % male; **observes with great concern**, on the other hand, that for senior posts it is only 15 % female to 85 % male; calls on the Agency **to take all necessary measures and**, in cooperation with the Member States, **improves** the gender balance in the management board and among the senior management;

% female to 50 % male; **regrets**, on the other hand, that for senior posts it is only 15 % female to 85 % male; calls on the Agency, in cooperation with the Member States, **to improve** the gender balance in the management board and among the senior management;

Or. en

Amendment 9 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes from the Court's report that the Staff Regulations provide that in the case of an external selection procedure, temporary staff can only be recruited at grades SC 1 to SC 2, AST 1 to AST 4 or AD 5 to AD 8; notes that in 2016 the Agency recruited 14 staff at higher AST grades; **takes note** that the recruitments at these grades are irregular; notes from the Agency's reply that the motivation for upgrading of 5 AST4 posts to 5 AST5 posts was due to the business needs to run the 24/7 Duty Officers' service; acknowledges that, given the level of responsibilities in the context of the migratory flows and security challenge at the Union's external borders, the Agency had to attract qualified and experienced candidates with relevant prior working experience;

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Or. en

Amendment 10 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 18**

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Motion for a resolution

18. Observes ***with some concern*** that in 2016 the average sick leave of the Agency's staff was 11,4 days although the Agency in its calculation did not include the staff who did not take any day off due to sick leave; calls on the Agency to consult with the medical service on how to lower the absence from work due to sick leave;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11
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Motion for a resolution
Subheading 7

Motion for a resolution

Performance-based budgeting

Amendment

Main achievements

Or. en