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Draft opinion by Bogdan Andrzej ZDROJEWSKI
on the “Discharge 2017: General Budget of the EU – European Commission”
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Documents: **CULT draft opinion** **PA/1165602** **PE 628.678 v01-00**
 CULT amendments: **AM/1169138** **PE 630.534 v 01-00 (1-31)**

VOTING LIST

Reference	AM	Tabled by	Rapp.	Remarks	Vote
Paragraph 1	COMP 1		+	<i>If adopted, Am. 1, Am. 2, Am. 3, Am. 4 fall</i> ► Go to Am. 5	
	1	Dominique Bilde	-		
	2	Helga Trüpel	+		
	3	Luigi Morgano	+		
	4	Angel Dzhambazki Emma McClarkin	+		
Paragraph 1 a (new)	5	Dominique Bilde	-		

Reference	AM	Tabled by	Rapp.	Remarks	Vote
Paragraph 1 a (new)	6	Liadh Ní Riada	+	<i>Split vote requested by ENF</i> <i>1st part:</i> <i>Whole am. except “persons belonging to a minority”</i> <i>If 1st part not approved, second part will fall</i> <i>► Go to am 7</i>	
Paragraph 2	7	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 2	8	Angel Dzhambazki Emma McClarkin	-		
Paragraph 2	9	Helga Trüpel	+		
Paragraph 2 a (new)	<i>Or. Am. 1</i> 10	Liadh Ní Riada	-	<i>Oral amendment by S&D</i>	
Paragraph 3	COMP 2		+	<i>If adopted, Am. 11, Am. 15, Am. 12, Am. 14, Am. 13 fall</i> <i>► Go to Am. 16</i>	
	11	Liadh Ní Riada	-	<i>Deletion</i> <i>If adopted, Am. 15, Am. 12, Am. 14, Am. 13 fall</i> <i>► Go to Am. 16</i>	

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	15	Angel Dzhambazki Emma McClarkin	+		
	12	Helga Trüpel	+	<i>If 12 adopted, 14 falls</i> ► Go to Am. 13	
	14	Luigi Morgano	+		
	13	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 3 a (new)	16	Liadh Ní Riada	-		
Paragraph 3 b (new)	17	Liadh Ní Riada	-		
Paragraph 3 c (new)	18	Liadh Ní Riada	+		
Paragraph 4	22	Luigi Morgano	+		
Paragraph 4	20	Angel Dzhambazki Emma McClarkin	- -	<i>Split vote requested by ENF</i> <i>1st part:</i> <i>From “Is worried” to “about the latter”</i> <i>If 1st part not approved, second part will fall</i> ► Go to am 19 <i>2nd part</i> <i>From “questions” to “Europe for Citizens”</i>	
Paragraph 4	19	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 4	21	Helga Trüpel	+		

Reference	AM	Tabled by	Rapp.	Remarks	Vote
Paragraph 4 a (new)	23	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 4 b (new)	24	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 5	25	Luigi Morgano	+		
Paragraph 5	26	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 5	27	Helga Trüpel	+		
Paragraph 6	28	Dominique Bilde	-		
Paragraph 6	29	Helga Trüpel	+		
Paragraph 6 a (new)	COMP 3	Rapporteur	+	<i>If adopted Am. 30 and Am. 31 fall</i> ► Go to FINAL VOTE	
	30	Rapporteur Luigi Morgano	+		
	31	Luigi Morgano	+		

Final vote on the draft opinion as whole (roll call vote)		
for	against	abstentions
+		

COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

COMP 1 on paragraph 1

Based on AM 2 (Helga Trüpel), AM 3 (Luigi Morgano), AM 4 (Angel Dzhambazki, Emma McClarkin)

1. Welcomes the *achievements* (AM 4) of 30 years of Erasmus, engaging 9 million *people, including young people, students and, recently, staff* (AM 2, 3) in mobility activity since 1987; stresses the strong European added value of the program and its role in delivering as a strategic investment in Europe's young people;

COMP 2 on paragraph 3

Based on AM 12 (Helga Trüpel), AM 14 (Luigi Morgano), AM 15 (Angel Dzhambazki, Emma McClarkin)

3. Is alarmed by the low take-up of the Erasmus+ Student Loan Guarantee Facility *as well as its insufficient geographical coverage, limited to banks in three countries and universities in another two* (AM 15); urges the Commission and European Investment Fund to put in place an implementation strategy to maximise the Facility's effectiveness *till 2020; or alternatively, to facilitate the redistribution of the unused funds in the programme itself and allow for a better funding coverage of actions within the different strands* (AM 12, 14);

COMP 3 on paragraph 6 a (new)

Based on AM 30 (Rapporteur, Luigi Morgano), AM 31 (Luigi Morgano)

- 6a. Acknowledges that the Court of Auditors review did not reveal material errors in the final consolidated financial statements of the European Schools for 2017 and that the European Schools and the Central Office prepared their annual accounts within the legal deadline; notes however that the internal control system of the European Schools still needs further improvements to meet the recommendation made by the Court of Auditors and the European Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS); remains concerned by the significant weakness in the internal control systems of the Central Office and selected Schools, in particular in payment systems, control environment and recruitment process; following the Court of Auditors being unable to confirm that the Schools' financial management in 2017 was compliant with the Financial Regulation and its implementing rules, demands, further efforts in closing the remaining recommendations related to the management of extra-budgetary accounts, improvement of the accounting and internal control systems, as well as recruitment and payment procedures and the development of the guidelines to improve budgetary management; notes that the gradual entry into force of the new Financial Regulation of the European Schools will implicate major challenges for the governance of the European Schools as the functions of Authorising Officer and Accounting Officer will be centralised and Financial control will become an internal control unit, at the service of the Authorising Officer; considers, in this regard, that the restructuring of the different accounting and control functions must be supported by an adequate administrative system; draws attention to the several challenges that lie ahead of the European Schools, such as the Brexit transition and the worsening of the Schools' overcrowding situation in Brussels; (AM 30) ; calls on the European Commission and the European Schools to report to the Committee on UK's withdrawal and how it intends to continue offer first class English-language teaching within the European Schools after UK withdrawal;

Takes note with concern of the findings by Human Rights Watch and the European Disability Forum in December 2018, in their report analysing the “Barriers for Children with Disabilities in the European School System”, including alleged cases of harassment against children with disabilities and their families; calls on the European Schools System to comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD); urges the European Commission to launch a formal enquiry into the findings of said report, in conjunction with the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights and the European Schools; asks the European Commission and the Member States to consider, at a minimum:

- (i) amending the Policy on the Provision of Educational Support in European Schools to ensure full compliance with the UN CRPD;
- (ii) accommodating the needs of children with disabilities, including through the use of assistive technologies;
- (iii) developing system-wide teachers’ trainings on disability and inclusive education, including trainings of support teachers and support assistants on the personalised needs of children with disabilities;

Recognises that the Court of Auditors has a heavy workload; asks the Court, nonetheless, to publish its own reports on time, and in particular the one on the European Schools, so that Parliament may have sufficient time to perform properly its own duties of budgetary and political control (AM 31);

ORAL AMENDMENT 1 on AM 10

On behalf of the S&D Group, by Mrs Ni Riada:

- 2a. *Insists that any internship or apprenticeship programme shall provide paid placements that never lead to job substitution and are based on a written internship or apprenticeship agreement in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework or applicable collective agreements, or both, of the country where it takes place (and should follow the principles outlined in the Council Recommendation of 10 March 2014 on a Quality Framework for Traineeships).*