



EFCA Report on the measures taken in the light of the EP's recommendations (Article 110(2) of FFR) its Decision of 26 March 2019

In accordance with Article 110(2) of FFR, at the request of the European Parliament through the Agencies Network, please find below a table with the measures that the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) has put in place in the light of the observation and comments made by the European Parliament in its Decision of 26 March 2019 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2197(DEC)).

European Parliament resolution of 26 March 2019 with the observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2197(DEC)).	Measures put in place by the EFCA	Status
Comments 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 & 17	Acknowledges and takes note of the opinion expressed by the EP.	--/--
Budget and Financial Management 1. Notes with satisfaction that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2017 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98,9 %, representing a decrease of 0,7 % compared to 2016; notes with regret that the payment appropriations execution rate was at 73,8%, representing a decrease of 14,7% compared to 2016;	The Budgetary exercise 2017 has been an exceptional year for EFCA, marked by a significant increase in activity following the amendment of EFCA's founding regulation by the European Parliament and the Council relating to the European Coast Guard initiative. This increase in activity has been underpinned by an overall increase in the budget resources of 86% for the regular budget (i.e. without assigned revenue from ad-hoc grants), including an increase in operational budget of 295% and a net increase of 10 statutory staff (+20%). Despite this increase, the implementation for	

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	<p>commitments was very high throughout all Budget Titles (99% in total). The cancellation rate for the commitments carried-forward from 2016 was with 5% in line with previous years as well. Regarding payments, the overall implementation was lower than in previous years. This was mainly due to the complexity of the procurement of the EFCA chartered Vessel (eventually contracted in December 2017) and some delays for technical reasons in the refitting and refurbishing of the first floor of the office building to the beginning of 2018. However, all respective commitments were carried-forward ('planned carry-forwards') to be implemented during 2018. Overall, in view of the significant increase of the budget, the 2017 implementation and budget management can be considered satisfactory for a first year with such additional appropriations.</p> <p>In 2018 the level of the implementation in payments was again in line with the previous years, 86,6%.</p>	Implemented
<p>Cancellation of carryovers</p> <p>2. Notes with concern that the cancellation of carryovers from 2016 to 2017 amounted to EUR 53 595, representing 5,22 % of the total amount carried over, and an increase of 0,5 % compared to 2016;</p>	<p>As mentioned above the budgetary exercise for 2017 has been an exceptional year for EFCA.</p> <p>Overall, the cancelled carry over in respect of the payment appropriations of the year actually decreased from 2016 (0.32%) to 2017 (0.30%).</p> <p>The carryovers of EFCA are generated mainly due to the multiannual nature of its operational programmes. EFCA continues to carry out its planning exercise for the expected carryovers each year.</p>	Continuous
<p>Staff policy</p> <p>13. Invites the Agency to further strengthen its gender balance policy in order to transcend the traditionally male domain from which its experts originate: in spite of a majority of female staff under the Executive Director and in the Resources and IT Unit, only 22 % of staff of grade AD8 and above are women;</p>	<p>In its efforts to continue to enhance gender balance, the Agency states clearly in all its vacancy notices that it is an equal opportunity employer and accepts applications without discrimination on the grounds of age, race, political and/or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation, marital and/or family status and regardless any kind of disability.</p> <p>As part of awareness-raising on gender balance, a course on selection interviewing with focus on gender balance was organised in 2018. Advice from the course is being followed up, including during the preparation of vacancy notices. A follow-up training course will be organised in the second half of 2019 or early 2020.</p> <p>On 1/1/2019, a female Deputy Head of Unit was contracted in the area of operations.</p>	Continuous

<p>Other Comments</p> <p>18. Notes the Agency's efforts to ensure a cost-effective and environment-friendly working place; points out, however, that the Agency does not have any additional measures in place to reduce or offset CO2 emissions;</p>	<p>In 2018, the Agency, which was already considered as "low emissions", has initiated a process in order to be certified in EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) and ISO 14001. The certifications are expected to be reached between December 2019 and March 2020.</p> <p>Besides this, the Agency has taken a series of measures aiming at reducing its overall impact on the environment (and consequently the CO2 emissions), among these measures are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental criterias in public procurement specifications - Stricter selection of residues (including electric, electronic and dangerous wastes) - Punctual actions or campaigns to raise awareness of staff on the environmental impact of the Agency's activities (no lift day, ...) - Campaign for reduction of paper consumption - Systematic use of recycled paper for copying and printing - Reduction of color printing and replacement of printers/copiers by more efficient machines - Reduction of the use of water bottles for meetings (use of reusable glass and jars) - Installation of solar shading blinds in most exposed Windows to reduce use of airconditioning (summer) - Gradual replacement of traditional low consumption lighting by extra low consumption LED lighting - Permanent contacts with providers in order to find most efficient and sustainable solutions (cleaning, hygienic products, office material and office supply, Maintenance of technical installations, electricity supply...) 	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>19. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of 26 March 2019 on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies. (2018/2210(DEC))</p>	<p>In respect of the observations relating to the common challenges of agencies, the EFCA considers that it is generally compliant with most of the observations.</p> <p>EFCA replies are provided by the EU agencies network.</p>	<p>--/--</p>