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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 15**

**Draft report**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**  
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on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the  
European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013  
(2014/2111(DEC))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

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

*Proposal for a decision*

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;*

*Amendment*

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska**

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

*Proposal for a decision*

1. *Grants the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013* / Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

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

*Proposal for a decision*

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013;***

*Amendment*

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska**

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

*Proposal for a decision*

2. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013*** / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013;

*Amendment*

2. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Railway Agency for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Bogusław Liberadzki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. Highlights the Agency's vital role in ensuring the safety and interoperability of rail systems in Europe; notes furthermore that a review of the Agency's powers is currently under way as part of the Fourth Railway Package; stresses that should it***

*be accorded greater powers, the Agency will need to be given the financial, material and human resources it needs to perform its tasks successfully;*

Or. en

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

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. *Notes with concern* from the Agency's annual accounts that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2013 was EUR 759 356, whereas committed appropriations carried over to 2014 amounted to EUR 1 462 461; observes that the increase in the accrued amount carried over in comparison to the previous year occurred because of the underestimation/overestimation of the 2013 budgetary expenses;

*Amendment*

4. *Regrets to find* from the Agency's annual accounts that the level of committed appropriations carried over to 2013 was EUR 759 356, whereas committed appropriations carried over to 2014 amounted to EUR 1 462 461; observes that the increase in the accrued amount carried over in comparison to the previous year occurred because of the underestimation/overestimation of the 2013 budgetary expenses; *reminds the Agency of its obligation to respect the budgetary principle of annuality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Monica Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Notes with concern from the Court's report that the Agency's procurement procedures would benefit from an improvement in the accuracy and documentation of information;

*Amendment*

6. Notes with concern from the Court's report that the Agency's procurement procedures would benefit from an improvement in the accuracy and documentation of information;

*Expresses its deep concern about the Agency's staff management policy since it will have to replace half of its operational staff in the period of 2013-2015, which may cause major disruptions in the Agency's operational activities;*

*Urges the Agency to develop a coherent, transparent and objective policy in order to deal with the termination of contracts of its temporary staff;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Monica Macovei**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Notes with concern that in 2013 the Agency re-employed four temporary employees, whose contracts with the Agency had ended in 2013 after the maximum eight-year period, for a further eight-year period; takes note that the proposal for a revised founding regulation for the Agency, which has not yet been adopted by Parliament and Council, includes similar provisions;

*Amendment*

8. Notes with concern that in 2013 the Agency re-employed four temporary employees, whose contracts with the Agency had ended in 2013 after the maximum eight-year period, for a further eight-year period ***contrary to its Founding Regulation***; takes note that the proposal for a revised founding regulation for the Agency, which has not yet been adopted by Parliament and Council, includes similar provisions;

***Finds unacceptable the Agency's breach of its own laws and rules and urges the Agency to respect its recruitment procedures;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Zigmantas Bal ytis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. notes that there is room to improve the Agency's recruitment procedures in order to fully ensure transparency and equal treatment of candidates;***

Or. It

**Amendment 10**  
**Monica Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Acknowledges from the Agency that it has set out to adopt its revised policy on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests as well as to publish the CVs and declarations of interest of the members of the Management Board during 2015; calls on the Agency to inform the discharge authority once the new policy is adopted and the CVs and declarations of interest are made publicly available;

9. Acknowledges from the Agency that it has set out to adopt its revised policy on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests as well as to publish the CVs and declarations of interest of the members of the Management Board during 2015; calls on the Agency to inform the discharge authority once the new policy is adopted and the CVs and declarations of interest are made publicly available;

***Is deeply concerned that the Agency does not ensure objective criteria, full transparency and equal treatment in its recruitment procedures;***

***Urges the Agency to lay down a comprehensive, objective and transparent guideline about examination conditions such as the eligible pass mark for interviews, objective criteria for selecting candidates placed on reserve lists, the type and number of oral and written exam questions, etc.;***

***Calls upon the Agency to lay down these guarantees in the vacancy notice for each***

*vacant post by the end of September 2015;*  
*In addition, urges the Agency to adopt an appeal procedure for candidates who were declared illegible to apply for a job within the Agency;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Monica Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9 a. Expresses its deep disappointment that the Agency has still not adopted a clear, comprehensive and objective policy for the prevention and management of conflict of interests despite consecutive years of the discharge authority and the Court's special recommendations;*

Or. en

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

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Acknowledges from the Agency that apart from one 'Very Important' recommendation from the Audit on Human Resources Management within the Agency, all the other recommendations have been closed during 2014;

13. Acknowledges from the Agency that apart from one 'Very Important' recommendation from the Audit on Human Resources Management within the Agency, all the other recommendations have been closed during 2014; *urges the Agency to take necessary measures to close the remaining recommendation;*



**Amendment 13**  
**Bogusław Liberadzki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Regrets that the recruitment procedure for the ICC post was lengthy and that as of January 2014, the selected candidate had not yet started working at the Agency;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Bogusław Liberadzki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 b. Notes with concern that the Court indicates in its annual audit report for 2012 that the Agency does not comply with its Internal Control Standard regarding business continuity and that no approved IT Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans exist; acknowledges that the Agency has decided to implement adequate measures in order to ensure the continuity of the IT services and systems that are horizontal to the Agency's business; calls on the Agency to inform the discharge authority on actions implemented;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Bogusław Liberadzki**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

15. ***Is deeply concerned that the Agency is*** using two locations (Lille and Valenciennes) to carry out its activities ***which thus*** exposes the Agency to additional costs; acknowledges the efforts made by the Agency to minimise the negative impact of the decision on its seat ***as well as the difficulties encountered in the process;***

*Amendment*

15. ***Deplores the fact that*** using two locations (Lille and Valenciennes) to carry out its activities exposes the Agency to additional costs; acknowledges the efforts made by the Agency to minimise the negative impact of the decision on its seat;

Or. en