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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2013 (2014/2087(DEC))

Rapporteur: Marian Harkin

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2013 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as of 31 December 2013 is fairly represented;
2. Welcomes the completion of the corrective actions by the Centre in reaction to the Court's comments in the previous year, as well as to Parliament's recommendations;
3. Emphasises that the Centre's work is highly relevant to the Union vocational education and training (VET) and skills policy agenda; notes its concern that unless the low economic demand driving high unemployment is reversed, it will foster and perpetuate the mismatch and obsolescence of skills through over-qualification and unemployment; acknowledges the Centre's key achievements in 2013 in its field of activity; notes furthermore that the Centre is undertaking its first pan-European skills survey (eu-SKILL);
4. Points out the positive experience of some countries with dual education systems; notes, however, that dual education should not be seen as a sure-fire solution to high youth unemployment;
5. Welcomes the continued high budget implementation rate (99,71 %); appreciates that the carry-over of Title II commitment appropriations (17 % in 2013) was reduced below the 20 % threshold, compared to 37 % in 2012;
6. Notes with regret that the repair works on the Centre's building continue to be delayed and will only be completed in 2014;
7. Commends the Centre on the outcomes of the 2013 evaluation by the Commission, which recognised it as a leading centre of expertise worldwide on qualifications frameworks and skills and that it had an important impact on strengthening the cooperation between VET policy stakeholders in Europe.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	29.1.2015
Result of final vote	+: 42 -: 6 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Laura Agea, Guillaume Balas, Tiziana Beghin, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Enrique Calvet Chambon, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Marian Harkin, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnes Jongerius, Rina Ronja Kari, Jan Keller, Ādám Kósa, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Kostadinka Kuneva, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Anthea McIntyre, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Georgi Pirinski, Marek Plura, Sofia Ribeiro, Maria João Rodrigues, Claude Rolin, Anne Sander, Sven Schulze, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Romana Tomc, Yana Toom, Marita Ulvskog, Renate Weber, Tatjana Ždanoka, Jana Žitňanská, Inês Cristina Zuber
Substitutes present for the final vote	Tania González Peñas, Richard Howitt, Paloma López Bermejo, António Marinho e Pinto, Edouard Martin, Helga Stevens, Monika Vana