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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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30.1.2015

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 Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2013
(2014/2088(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 Eurofound's annual account for the financial year 2013 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as of 31 December 2013 is fairly represented;
2. Notes that 2013 was the first year of Eurofound's four-year programme (2013-2016); appreciates Eurofound's activities in this context, providing high-quality, timely and relevant knowledge in order to support policy making which for example the International Labour Organisation has used; notes further the improvement in most of the Key Performance Indicators in comparison with 2012;
3. Welcomes the increased contributions of Eurofound to policy development, the greater use of its expertise in key Union policy documents and the growing recognition of the scientific value of Eurofound's research;
4. Acknowledges the high implementation rate of the budget (99,5 %) in 2013 indicating that commitments were made in a timely manner; notes the high carry-over in Titles II (35,6 %) and III (48,6 %); is satisfied however with the comments in the report on budgetary management relating to these issues;
5. Notes Eurofound's replies regarding the concerns raised by the Court of Auditors on the physical inventory and fixed assets registration; expects that with the new assets accounting system, such errors will be avoided in the future;
6. Agrees with the Court of Auditor's comment suggesting that a comprehensive headquarters agreement between the Foundation and the host Member State would further promote transparency in the operational conditions of Eurofound.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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| Date adopted | 29.1.2015 |
| Result of final vote | +: 45 -: 8 0: 0 |
| Members present for the final vote | Laura Agea, Guillaume Balas, Tiziana Beghin, Brando Benifei, Mara Bizzotto, Viliija Blinkevičiūtė, Enrique Calvet Chambon, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Martina Dlabajová, Lampros Fountoulis, Elena Gentile, Arne Gericke, Marian Harkin, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnes Jongerius, Rina Ronja Kari, Jan Keller, Ádám 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 |