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Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2013
(2014/2119(DEC))

Rapporteur: Iratxe García Pérez

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) ('the Institute') has been established in order to promote gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, to fight against discrimination based on sex and to raise Union citizens' awareness of gender equality; recalls that according to the Institute's annual work programme, its mission is to become the European knowledge centre on gender equality issues;
2. Recalls that the Institute has a fundamental role due especially to the fact that real and effective equality between women and men should be promoted and granted in all spheres of public and private life;
3. Notes the Court of Auditors' confirmation that the Institute's annual accounts, in all material respects, fairly present its financial position as of 31 December 2013 and that the Institute's operations and cash flows for the financial year 2013 are in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation;
4. Welcomes the fact that in 2013, the overall level of committed appropriations was 99 %, suggesting that commitments were made in a timely manner;
5. Points out the Court of Auditors' opinion that the transactions underlying the Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2013 are, in all material respects, legal and regular;
6. Draws attention with satisfaction to the Court of Auditors' comment about the reduction in the carryover of committed appropriations from 32 % in 2012 to 29 % in 2013; notes the Court of Auditors' comment that these carryovers mainly concern procurement procedures concluded late in the year due to reasons mostly beyond the Institute's control; calls on the Institute to continue its efforts to progressively reduce them and to deliver improved budget efficiency;
7. Notes the measures taken by the Institute following last year's commitments as regards procurement planning and monitoring procedure and the fact that the Institute now has a monitoring tool in place which follows the expected dates of each step of the annual procurement proceedings;
8. Recalls the importance of taking the activities anticipated in the cooperation plan with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality into consideration in the Institute's annual work programme and to regularly present the results and findings of the research before the relevant committees of Parliament; notes that the Institute should ease the access to gender-related information towards the Committee on Women's

Rights and Gender Equality in a more proactive way and more focused on the work carried out by this committee, which would allow its members more effective tools of information; calls for better interaction between legislative and non-legislative priorities of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and the Institute's research; supports the importance of the role performed by the Institute in collecting reliable comparative data disaggregated by sex and fundamental to the development of national and Union policies especially on gender based violence; calls on the Institute to work closely with Eurostat and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in order to produce regular surveys on those issues the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality considers to be the most important, notably violence against women and typical features of female employment;

9. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2013.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	20.1.2015
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 6 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Malin Björk, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Viorica Dăncilă, Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Hedh, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Vicky Maeijer, Angelika Mlinar, Krisztina Morvai, Angelika Niebler, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Terry Reintke, Liliana Rodrigues, Jordi Sebastià, Michaela Šojdrová, Ángela Vallina, Beatrix von Storch, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Anna Záborská, Jana Žitňanská
Substitutes present for the final vote	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Biljana Borzan, Linnéa Engström, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Mariya Gabriel, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Kostadinka Kuneva, Marc Tarabella
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Rosa D'Amato