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*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

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# OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of implementation of the budget of the European Police Office (Europol) for the financial year 2013  
(2014/2118(DEC))

Rapporteur: Sylvie Guillaume

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Police Office (Europol) present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, and that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of Europol for the financial year 2013 are legal and regular in all material respects;
2. Notes the Court of Auditors' observations outlining the improvements required as regards the legality and regularity of transactions and budgetary management;
3. Notes, in that connection, that although Europol has made progress over the years in the area of the preparation, implementation and documentation of procurement procedures, the effectiveness of those procedures still needs to be improved, in that selection criteria are still not sufficiently specific and price offers are still not realistic or consistent with established professional requirements; welcomes Europol's efforts to set up a central procurement entity with responsibility for ensuring that high standards are maintained at all the main stages in the procurement process; takes the view that this will result in better quality control during tender procedures and ensure that the tenders submitted are robust and meet the requirements laid down; notes the information contained in Europol's answers concerning the review being conducted of recruitment and procurement procedures as a whole, with the aim of refining the current internal organisational set-up;
4. Applauds the efforts made to improve outturn rates, which have seen the carryover rate for commitment appropriations fall from 19.6 % in 2012 to 11.6 % in 2013; criticises, at the same time, the fact that the carryover rate for appropriations committed under Title II (administrative expenditure) remains very high, at 41 %, although this does represent an improvement over 2012 (49 %);
5. Welcomes, furthermore, Europol's adoption of a new code of conduct with a focus on guarding against conflicts of interest – a key issue to which Parliament has drawn attention during previous discharge procedures;
6. Considers, in general, that Europol should pay greater attention to the principle of sound financial management in respect of the budgetary principle of annuality, i.e. to using appropriations economically, efficiently and effectively in carrying out its remit.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	5.2.2015
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 49 -: 5 0: 1
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Martina Anderson, Heinz K. Becker, Bodil Ceballos, Caterina Chinnici, Ignazio Corrao, Rachida Dati, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Laura Ferrara, Monika Flašíková Be ová, Lorenzo Fontana, Mariya Gabriel, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sophia in 't Veld, Eva Joly, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Timothy Kirkhope, Barbara Kudrycka, Kashetu Kyenge, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vicky Maeijer, Claude Moraes, József Nagy, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Traian Ungureanu, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Harald Vilimsky, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Laura Agea, Hugues Bayet, Andrea Bocskor, Pál Csáky, Daniel Dalton, Dennis de Jong, Petra Kammerevert, Ska Keller, Andrejs Mamikins, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Jaromír Št tina, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Axel Voss
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Eugen Freund, Elisabetta Gardini, Charles Tannock