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Committee on Fisheries

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OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2013
(2014/2115(DEC))

Rapporteur: Alain Cadec

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Acknowledges the quality and importance of the tasks carried out by the European Fisheries Control Agency ('the Agency'); welcomes its effectiveness, its consistency and the excellent results achieved since it was set up;
2. Emphasises the importance of the Agency's role in the implementation of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and in achieving the objectives thereof, particularly in light of the landing obligation and demands in terms of the monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities;
3. Points to the need for the Agency to ensure that control activities are suitably coordinated and structured in all Member States;
4. Points out that the policy objectives of the reformed CFP mean that control plays a crucial role and that it is therefore necessary to enhance the financial and human resources available to the Agency in the coming years; calls for an assurance as to the amounts to be included in forthcoming budgets so that they can meet the existing needs and the declared ambitions; calls on the Agency and the Member States, with the help and support of the Commission, to ensure that control is properly coordinated and that appropriations, including those under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, are used optimally;
5. Takes note of the annual report of the Court of Auditors on the Agency for the financial year 2013 and of the Agency's annual activity report;
6. Expresses its satisfaction with the Court of Auditors' declaration that the transactions underlying the annual accounts for the financial year 2013 are legal and regular;
7. Stresses the excellent implementation rate of C1 commitment appropriations (99 %) and C1 payment appropriations (84 %), both being an improvement over the previous year; encourages the Agency to continue its efforts to ensure the optimum use of the appropriations allocated;
8. Notes the level of planned carry-overs of appropriations for 2013; notes the specific and entirely normal nature of these carry-overs; welcomes the level of utilisation of appropriations carried over, with an implementation rate of 90 %;
9. Notes that the voted appropriations for all Agency operations are not under-used and that their levels correspond to existing needs; stresses that they could be increased in future years;
10. Notes that the Agency's efforts to improve its procedures are having an effect;
11. Proposes to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	24.2.2015
Result of final vote	+: 18 -: 3 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Marco Affronte, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Renata Briano, Alain Cadec, Richard Corbett, Diane Dodds, Linnéa Engström, João Ferreira, Raymond Finch, Ian Hudghton, Carlos Iturgaiz, Werner Kuhn, António Marinho e Pinto, Gabriel Mato, Norica Nicolai, Liadh Ní Riada, Ulrike Rodust, Remo Sernagiotto, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Isabelle Thomas, Ruža Tomašić, Jarosław Wałęsa
Substitutes present for the final vote	Ole Christensen, Sylvie Goddyn