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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Committee of the Regions
(2015/2160(DEC))

Amendment 1
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014/Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Ryszard Czarnecki

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Proposal for a decision 1
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Amendment

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that Objective 4 of the Directorate for Administration and Finance - "to ensure effective internal control environment and monitor the implementation of the Financial Regulations" - was not *achieved for two out of three impact indicators*: the rate of return for correction of legal or budgetary commitments or payments falls below the 4 % target, while the number of financial exceptions increases by 6 % in 2014, instead of decreasing by 3 %;

Amendment

4. Notes that Objective 4 of the Directorate for Administration and Finance - "to ensure effective internal control environment and monitor the implementation of the Financial Regulations" - was not *fully achieved*: the rate of return for correction of legal or budgetary commitments or payments falls below the 4 % target, while the number of financial exceptions increases by 6 % in 2014, instead of decreasing by 3 %;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Is concerned with the increase in the number of exception reports: 87 financial exceptions and three administrative exceptions; stresses that those three administrative exceptions were related to non-compliance with internal procedures; notes that four derogations were made in 2014 (compared to 1 in 2013) on procurement rules / contract management and that most of the derogation reports (58 out of 81) are related to absence or insufficiency of legal commitments; asks for detailed information on how these derogations occurred and on the amounts involved; requires a full report on corrective measures taken to prevent similar situations by the end of June 2016;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 6
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Notes the 13 transfers between budget lines during the financial year 2014; *is of the opinion that the transfers concerning the political groups communication budget and printing in the Official Journal of the European Union could have been foreseen in the initially approved budget;*

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes nevertheless that a total of EUR 8 277 556 was spent in 2014 only on travel and meeting allowances for Members and alternate members of the Committee plus EUR 409 100 on missions and travel costs of staff; considers ***the number of missions extremely high (787), as is the expenditure generated by members for travel and meeting allowances; considers*** that missions undertaken by Members should be clearly described in the annual activity report (AAR), with detailed expenses and a cost benefit analysis; stresses that the reference to Members' missions is vague, imprecise and does not provide clear figures; urges the Committee always to include data on Members' missions in its AAR;

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 9
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Urges extensive use of videoconferencing and all related tools in order to significantly cut costs; ***does not understand how such*** a high number of missions to Greece or Italy (77 and 125, respectively) ***translates into added value for the citizen of those countries or other Union citizens;***

Amendment

9. Urges extensive use of videoconferencing and all related tools in order to significantly cut costs; ***notes that*** a high number of missions to Greece or Italy (77 and 125, respectively) ***occur due to the practice of the Committee to organize activities in the Member States holding the rotating EU Presidency;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Urges extensive use of videoconferencing and all related tools in order to significantly cut costs; ***notes that during 2014*** missions to Greece or Italy (77 and 125, respectively) ***were undertaken to organize and carry out meetings in the member states holding the EU Presidency;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers the total amount of EUR 9 594 089 paid by the Committee for 2014

Amendment

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lease expenses (external lessors) to be too high; recalls that even after withdrawing the contribution from the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) of EUR 1 181 382, the net amount paid by the Committee remained higher than the accounting share of those lease payments, the difference being recorded as building expenses (EUR 852 464); stresses that most of the liabilities of the Committee result from transactions generated by the leased buildings (95,6 % in 2014) and that at the end of 2014 the financial lease debt amounted to EUR 65 051 695; calls on the Committee to identify solutions jointly with Parliament and the Commission (e.g. extensive joint use of buildings /meeting rooms/ conference rooms) to reduce costs;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
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Or. es

Amendment 17
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Notes the increased use of

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videoconferencing by the Committee; regrets however the delay in *developing* portable videoconferencing facilities and asks *for such facilities* to be *further developed*; *calls on the Committee to update the discharge authority in this regard by the end of June 2016*;

videoconferencing by the Committee; regrets however the delay in *the use of* portable videoconferencing facilities and asks to be *informed about developments in the AAR*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the increased use of videoconferencing by the Committee; regrets however the delay in developing portable videoconferencing facilities and asks for such facilities to be further developed; calls on the Committee to update the discharge authority in this regard by the end of June 2016;

Amendment

14. Notes the increased use of videoconferencing by the Committee; regrets however the delay in developing portable videoconferencing facilities and asks for such facilities to be further developed; *takes note from the Committee that the videoconferencing tool has been used in the meetings where no interpretation is needed; encourages the Committee to use the language training effectively in order to ensure that less interpretation is needed and thus the work of the institution is more effective and efficient*; calls on the Committee to update the discharge authority in this regard by the end of June 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the adoption of the Charter for Multilevel Governance in Europe in 2014, launched with a commitment to developing new forms of dialogue and partnership between all public authorities within in the Union, so as to optimise public policies, public spending and increase policy delivery; asks to be informed of the project's strategy and results **by the end of June 2016**;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes **with satisfaction** that a cooperation agreement between the Committee, the EESC and Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political **and** administrative cooperation;

Amendment

16. Notes that a cooperation agreement between the Committee, the EESC and Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political **cooperation; notes that an Annex on administrative cooperation was also agreed;**

Or. es

Amendment 21
Andrew Lewer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee, **the EESC** and Parliament was

Amendment

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee and Parliament was signed on 5

signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political *and* administrative cooperation;

February 2014 with the objective of developing political *cooperation; notes that an appendix on* administrative cooperation *was signed between the Committee, the EESC and Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee, *the EESC* and Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political *and* administrative cooperation;

Amendment

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee and *the* Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political *cooperation; notes that an appendix on* administrative cooperation *was signed between the Committee, the EESC and Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Joachim Zeller, Tomáš Zdechovský, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee, *the EESC* and Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political *and* administrative cooperation;

Amendment

16. Notes with satisfaction that a cooperation agreement between the Committee and Parliament was signed on 5 February 2014 with the objective of developing political *cooperation; notes that an appendix on* administrative cooperation *was signed between the Committee, the EESC and Parliament*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Andrew Lewer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the *three parties to* the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; ***believes that the three institutions are capable of developing*** further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement and asks to be kept informed of its follow-up;

Amendment

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the ***Parliament and the Committee based on*** the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; ***invites these two institutions to examine whether*** further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement ***can be found*** and asks to be kept informed of its follow-up;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the three parties to the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; believes that the three institutions are capable of developing further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement and ***asks to be kept informed of its follow-up***;

Amendment

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the three parties to the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; believes that the three institutions are capable of developing further synergies that will enhance productivity at ***all*** levels in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement and ***calls for the establishment of specific detailed provisions on the functioning of the services shared by the three institutions; calls for Committee Members to be polled on their satisfaction with the services provided for them by the EPRS; asks to continue to be informed of the agreement follow-up***;

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17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the three parties to the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; **believes that** the three institutions **are capable of developing** further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement and asks to be kept informed of its follow-up;

Amendment

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the three parties to the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; **invites** the three institutions **to examine whether** further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement **can be found** and asks to be kept informed of its follow-up;

Or. en

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Amendment

17. Finds that there is still room for improvement in the collaboration between the **Parliament and the Committee based on** the cooperation agreement, particularly in the political side; **invites these two** institutions **to examine whether** further synergies that will enhance productivity in the domains covered by the cooperation agreement **can be found** and asks to be kept informed of its follow-up;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Asks for a *joint assessment* of the budgetary savings resulting from the cooperation agreement to be included in its mid-term review;

Amendment

18. Asks for a *detailed breakdown per institution* of the budgetary savings *and/or increased budgetary costs* resulting from the cooperation agreement *also* to be included in the mid-term review;

Or. es

Amendment 29
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Notes that in 2014 the Committee and the EESC had a positive budget position within the framework of the cooperation agreement between the EESC, the Committee and Parliament; notes with concern that 36 officials from the EESC and 24 officials from the Committee, all from the translation services and for the most part very near to retirement age, were transferred under the agreement, meaning that both those institutions will make significant savings in budget chapters for staff (salaries and pensions) while Parliament's will increase considerably both in the short term (salaries) and in the long term (pensions);

Or. es

Amendment 30
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note that *the* administrative bilateral cooperation agreement between the Committee and the EESC was *extended for one year till the end of 2015 in order to identify areas for improvement and further efficiencies; requests an update and detailed information on this bilateral cooperation;*

Amendment

19. Takes note that *a new* administrative bilateral cooperation agreement between the Committee and the EESC was *signed in 2015; requests to be kept informed on this bilateral cooperation in the context of the mid-term assessment;*

Or. en

Amendment 31
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the continued shortage of *women* holding *senior Committee* posts; calls for an equal opportunities plan to be set with respect to management positions, with the aim of correcting this imbalance as quickly as possible;

Amendment

23. Notes the continued shortage of *one of the genders* holding *Head of Unit* posts (*36 %*); calls for an equal opportunities plan to be set with respect to management positions, with the aim of correcting this imbalance as quickly as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the continued shortage of women holding senior Committee posts; *calls for* an equal opportunities plan *to* be set with

Amendment

23. Notes the continued shortage of women holding senior Committee posts; *insists that* an equal opportunities plan be set *in*

respect to management positions, with the aim of correcting this imbalance as quickly as possible;

motion, especially with respect to management positions, with the aim of correcting this imbalance as quickly as possible;

Or. es

Amendment 33
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes *the continued shortage of women holding senior Committee posts; calls for an equal opportunities plan to be set with respect to management positions, with the aim of correcting this imbalance as quickly as possible;*

Amendment

23. Notes *that 33% senior Committee posts are held by women; acknowledges the increase in the share of female managers and calls for continuing this trend through the adoption of a new pluriannual Equal Opportunities Strategy for coming years;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes *that only 12 staff members were recruited following an EPSO competition, whereas 32 staff members, including a Secretary General, were recruited without passing any competition in 2014; urges the Committee to adopt transparent and competitive recruitment procedures and selection criteria for all staff, including at senior level;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 35
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes that only 12 staff members were recruited following an EPSO competition, whereas 32 staff members, including a Secretary General, were recruited without passing any competition in 2014; urges the Committee to adopt transparent and competitive recruitment procedures and selection criteria for all staff, including at senior level; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 36
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes that only 12 staff members were recruited following an EPSO competition, whereas 32 staff members, including a Secretary General, were recruited without passing any competition in 2014; urges the Committee to adopt transparent and competitive recruitment procedures and selection criteria for all staff, including at senior level; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 37
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes that *only* 12 staff members were recruited following an EPSO competition, *whereas* 32 staff members, including a Secretary General, were recruited *without passing any competition in 2014; urges the Committee to adopt transparent and competitive recruitment procedures and selection criteria for all staff, including at senior level;*

Amendment

24. Notes that 12 staff members were recruited following an EPSO competition, 32 staff members, including a Secretary General, were recruited;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Igor Šoltes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

24a. Regrets that less than 35% of the managers is women while more than 60% of the staff is composed by women; stresses therefore that only 28% of senior manager posts taken by women; calls upon the Committee to correct this imbalanced situation concerning women;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 39
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Regrets that the number of derogations from procurement rules / contract

Amendment

26. Regrets that the number of derogations from procurement rules / contract

management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; *requests further explanation of how these derogations occurred; asks the Committee to address without delay the ongoing issue of all exception reports due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation or the internal rules of procedure*; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Regrets that the number of derogations from procurement rules / contract management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; requests further explanation of how these derogations occurred; asks the Committee to address without delay the ongoing issue of all exception reports due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation or the internal rules of procedure; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

Amendment

26. Regrets that the number of derogations from procurement rules / contract management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; requests further explanation of how these derogations occurred; asks the Committee to address without delay the ongoing issue of all exception reports due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation or the internal rules of procedure; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, **only** 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Regrets that the number of derogations

Amendment

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from procurement rules / contract management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; ***requests further explanation of how these derogations occurred***; asks the Committee to address without delay the ongoing issue of all exception reports due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation or the internal rules of procedure; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

from procurement rules / contract management increased from 1 in 2013 to 4 in 2014; ***notes that one such derogation arose from a procedural error in a joint Committee-Parliament continuity of IT services procedure***; ***calls on the Committee to take the necessary measures to ensure this type of situation does not recur***; asks the Committee to address without delay the ongoing issue of all exception reports due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation or the internal rules of procedure; notes that the number of exceptions represents, however, 0,4 % of the operations concerned;

Or. es

Amendment 42
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Notes ***that*** out of 18 recommendations made by the auditors on the performance of external written communication, ***only 9 were closed, insufficiently addressing risks such as lack of effectiveness or improper monitoring***;

Amendment

28. Notes ***with satisfaction that 16*** out of 18 recommendations made by the auditors on the performance of external written communication ***were closed and that, according to the second follow-up report, risks of lack of efficiency and effectiveness due to the remaining open recommendations are considered as low.***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Welcomes the adoption by the Committee of a decision laying down rules on whistleblowing⁶, which entered into force on 1 January 2016; considers that it took too long to implement those rules; calls on the Committee to publish and enforce them without further delay and to inform the discharge authority of its progress on the implementation **by the end of June 2016**;

⁶ Decision No 508/2015 of the Committee of the Regions, of 17 December 2015, laying down rules on whistleblowing.

Amendment

30. Welcomes the adoption by the Committee of a decision laying down rules on whistleblowing⁶, which entered into force on 1 January 2016; considers that it took too long to implement those rules; calls on the Committee to publish and enforce them without further delay and to inform the discharge authority of its progress on the implementation **in the Annual Activity Report**;

⁶ Decision No 508/2015 of the Committee of the Regions, of 17 December 2015, laying down rules on whistleblowing.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Finds it **unacceptable** that the Committee has been dealing with the same whistle-blowing case since 2003 and that, despite the Civil Service Tribunal judgements of 2013⁷ and 2014⁸, and Parliament's discharge resolution of 29 April 2015⁹, **it has not yet complied, recognised the plaintiff's action as being legitimate and finally closed the case**; urges the Committee to **take all necessary steps to resolve this situation without further delay and publicly to admit** that the **whistle-blower's findings were correct, as stated by the European Anti-Fraud Office and other Union bodies**; calls on the Committee to update Parliament on progress in this matter by the end of June 2016;

⁷ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 7 May 2013, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-86/11; ECLI:EU:F:2013:56).

⁸ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 18 November 2014, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-156/12; ECLI:EU:F:2014:247).

⁹ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 29 April 2015, with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132).

⁷ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 7 May 2013, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-86/11; ECLI:EU:F:2013:56).

⁸ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 18 November 2014, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-156/12; ECLI:EU:F:2014:247).

⁹ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 29 April 2015, with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132).

Or. en

Amendment 45 **Michael Theurer**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 31**

Motion for a resolution

31. Finds it unacceptable that the Committee has been dealing with the same whistle-blowing case since 2003 and that, despite the Civil Service Tribunal judgements of 2013⁷ and 2014⁸, and Parliament's discharge resolution of 29 April 2015⁹, ***it has not yet complied, recognised the plaintiff's action as being legitimate and finally closed the case; urges the Committee to take all necessary steps to resolve this situation without further delay and publicly to admit that the whistle-blower's findings were correct, as stated by the European Anti-Fraud Office and other Union bodies;*** calls on the Committee to update Parliament on

Amendment

31. Finds it unacceptable that the Committee has been dealing with the same whistle-blowing case since 2003 and that, despite the Civil Service Tribunal judgements of 2013⁷ and 2014⁸, and Parliament's discharge resolution of 29 April 2015⁹; ***asks the Committee to contribute to a conclusion of this case by accepting the Court's ruling and to implement its decision swiftly;*** calls on the Committee to update Parliament on progress in this matter;

progress in this matter *by the end of June 2016*;

⁷ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 7 May 2013, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-86/11; ECLI:EU:F:2013:56).

⁸ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 18 November 2014, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-156/12; ECLI:EU:F:2014:247).

⁹ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 29 April 2015, with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132).

⁷ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 7 May 2013, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-86/11; ECLI:EU:F:2013:56).

⁸ Judgment of the Civil Service Tribunal (First Chamber) of 18 November 2014, Robert McCoy v Committee of the Regions of the European Union (Case F-156/12; ECLI:EU:F:2014:247).

⁹ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 29 April 2015, with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132).

Or. en

Amendment 46 **Michael Theurer**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 32**

Motion for a resolution

32. Acknowledges that, according to the Committee, no situations of conflict of interests occurred during the financial year 2014; urges the Committee to ***publish the CVs and declarations of interests of all members and senior staff management***; and to adopt an internal policy and clear rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests and "revolving doors" situations, in accordance with the guidelines published by the Commission; expects the Committee to ***provide them to Parliament by the end of June 2016***;

Amendment

32. Acknowledges that, according to the Committee, no situations of conflict of interests occurred during the financial year 2014; urges the Committee to ***adhere to the rules covered by Article 16 of the Staff Regulations***; and to adopt an internal policy and clear rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests and "revolving doors" situations, in accordance with the guidelines published by the Commission; expects the Committee to ***include this information in the next Annual Activity Report***;

Amendment 47
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Acknowledges that, according to the Committee, no situations of conflict of interests occurred during the financial year 2014; urges the Committee to publish *the CVs and declarations of interests of all members and senior staff management*; and to adopt an internal policy and clear rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests and "revolving doors" situations, in accordance with the guidelines published by the Commission; expects the Committee to *provide them to Parliament by the end of June 2016*;

Amendment

32. Acknowledges that, according to the Committee, no situations of conflict of interests occurred during the financial year 2014; urges the Committee to publish *annually information on the implementation of the provisions of Article 16, third paragraph regarding the prohibition for former senior officials to engage, during the 12 months after leaving the service, in lobbying or advocacy vis-à-vis the Committee on matters for which they were responsible during the last three years in the service, including a list of the cases assessed* and to adopt an internal policy and clear rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests and "revolving doors" situations, in accordance with the guidelines published by the Commission; expects the Committee to *inform the Parliament in the Annual Activity Report; notes that declarations of financial interests of members are available to the public*;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. **Stresses** that the risks identified during the audits and risk analyses that have been performed, particularly in the areas of financial management and operational / organisational matters, **need to** be addressed without delay; **requests a detailed presentation of the mitigation measures the Committee proposes and a clear calendar for their implementation, by the end of June 2016;**

34. **Is confident** that the risks identified during the audits and risk analyses that have been performed, particularly in the areas of financial management and operational / organisational matters, **will** be addressed without delay **as appropriate; requests to be kept informed in the context of the Annual Activity Report;**

Or. en

Amendment 49

Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. **Is of opinion that there is still little correlation between strategic and budgetary planning within the Committee and requests a report on the correlation between actions defined in the management plan and the corresponding budgetary lines by the end of June 2016;**

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Or. en

Amendment 50

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. **Is of opinion that there is still little correlation between strategic and budgetary planning within the Committee**

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and requests a report on the correlation between actions defined in the management plan and the corresponding budgetary lines by the end of June 2016;

Or. es

Amendment 51
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Considers that insufficient action is being taken to fulfil the Committee's main mandate, to "engage participation" from Union citizens; requires examples of situations where mutual exchanges with citizens and their involvement have occurred and where direct results - measurable, focused, and with a visible impact - have been obtained through such participation;

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Or. en

Amendment 52
Andrew Lewer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Considers that insufficient action is being taken to fulfil the Committee's main mandate, to "engage participation" from Union citizens; requires examples of situations where mutual exchanges with citizens and their involvement have occurred and where direct results - measurable, focused, and with a visible impact - have been obtained through such

deleted

participation;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. **Considers that insufficient action is being taken to fulfil the Committee's main mandate**, to "engage participation" from Union citizens; **requires examples of** situations where mutual exchanges with citizens and their involvement have occurred and where direct results - measurable, focused, and with a visible impact - have been obtained through such participation;

Amendment

36. **Calls on the Committee to notify Parliament of the action taken** to 'engage participation' from Union citizens, **such as in** situations where mutual exchanges with citizens and their involvement have occurred and where direct results - measurable, focused, and with a visible impact - have been obtained through such participation;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. **Concludes that, while** the 2014 list of Committee activities in support of Union policies is quite comprehensive, **their practical outcome is vaguely and imprecisely addressed; calls for a thorough SWAT analysis of the outcomes and SMART indicators for the Committee's objectives, along with** an outline of **a number of** direct benefits for Union citizens to be obtained as a result of its mandate and activities.

Amendment

37. **Welcomes the fact that** the 2014 list of Committee activities in support of Union policies is quite comprehensive; **calls on the Committee to produce** an outline of **the** direct benefits for Union citizens to be obtained as a result of its mandate and activities **so as to improve and maximise their practical outcome;**

Amendment 55
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Concludes that, **while** the 2014 list of Committee activities in support of Union policies is quite comprehensive, **their practical outcome is vaguely and imprecisely addressed**; calls for **a thorough SWAT analysis of the outcomes and SMART indicators for the Committee's objectives, along with an outline of a number of direct benefits for Union citizens to be obtained as a result of its mandate and activities.**

Amendment

37. Concludes that, the 2014 list of Committee activities in support of Union policies is quite comprehensive; calls for **further efforts to increase its practical impact, in cooperation with the European Parliament.**