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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Environment Agency for the financial year 2014
(2015/2168(DEC))

Amendment 1
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants** the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Raffaele Fitto, Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

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Amendment 3
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. **Approves** the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

2. **Postpones** the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2014;

Amendment 4

Raffaele Fitto, Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Amendment 5

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Asks the EU institutions and bodies to apply strictly the measures pertaining to discretion and exclusion in respect of public procurement, with proper background checks being carried out in every instance, and to apply the exclusion criteria in order to debar companies in the event of any conflict of interest, this being essential to protect the EU's financial interests;

Amendment 6

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Requests that all EU institutions and agencies implement Article 16 of the Staff Regulations by publishing, on an annual basis, information about senior officials who have left the EU administration, as well as a list of conflicts of interest; requests that the aforementioned independent structure assess the compatibility of post-EU employment or the situation whereby civil servants and former Members of the European Parliament move from the public to the private sector (the 'revolving door' issue) and the possibility of a conflict of interest, and define clear cooling-off periods, which should cover at least the period for which transitional allowances are granted,

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)**

6b. Encourages the EU institutions and agencies to better raise awareness of the conflict-of-interest policy among their officials, alongside ongoing awareness-raising activities and the inclusion of integrity and transparency as an obligatory item to be discussed during recruitment procedures and performance reviews; considers that a distinction should be made between elected representatives and public officials in the legislation on conflicts of interest; believes that there should also be such regulations in the Member States for public officials and civil servants involved

in the administration and monitoring of EU subsidies; calls on the Commission to submit a draft legal basis on this matter;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Calls for those EU institutions and agencies which have introduced codes of conduct, including Parliament, to step up their implementation measures, such as checks of declarations of financial interests;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6d. Calls for an overall improvement in the prevention of, and the fight against, corruption in the public sector, and especially within the EU institutions and agencies, through a holistic approach, commencing with better public access to documents and more stringent rules on conflicts of interest, the introduction or strengthening of transparency registers and the provision of sufficient resources for law enforcement measures, and also through improved cooperation among Member States and with relevant third countries;

Amendment 10

Petri Sarvamaa, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes with concern from the Court's report that, although the ex-ante and ex-post verifications are incompatible tasks, the internal auditor was involved in both; acknowledges from the Agency that a formal ex-post verification strategy will be developed ensuring compatibility with the tasks of the Agency's Internal Audit Capability; acknowledges that the Agency's internal auditor is to carry out exclusively ex-post controls, including on-the-spot verifications, and verify the effectiveness of the Agency's ex-ante verification process;

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