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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
Police Office (Europol) for the financial year 2014
(2015/2186(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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

Amendment

1. ***Postpones its decision on granting*** the European Police Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

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

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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

Amendment

1. ***Postpones its decision on granting*** the Director of the European Police Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

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 Police Office for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

2. ***Postpones*** the closure of the accounts of the European Police Office for the financial year 2014;

Amendment 4

Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Raffaele Fitto, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. ***Approves*** the closure of the accounts of the European Police Office for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

2. ***Postpones*** the closure of the accounts of the European Police Office for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Observes that the total amount of committed appropriations carried over to 2015 amounted to EUR 5 663 960 (6,72 % of total appropriations); takes note from the Court's report that the carry-overs were at EUR 1 900 000 (27 %) for Title II (administrative expenditure), representing a decrease of 14 % compared to the previous year; acknowledges that these carry-overs mainly related to modifications of the Office's headquarters opened in 2011;

Amendment

2. Observes that the total amount of committed appropriations carried over to 2015 ***decreased in comparison to previous years and*** amounted to EUR 5 663 960 (6,72 % of total appropriations); takes note from the Court's report that the carry-overs were at EUR 1 900 000 (27 %) for Title II (administrative expenditure), representing a decrease of 14 % compared to the previous year; acknowledges that these carry-overs mainly related to modifications of the ***Europol*** Office's headquarters opened in 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes with concern from the Court's report that the cancellation rate of the committed appropriations carried forward from 2013 was high at 22 %, representing an increase of 13 % compared to the previous year; acknowledges that these cancellations mainly related to delays in IT projects provided by external suppliers in the area of document and asset management as well as in the exchange of police data; acknowledges furthermore that these delays did not affect operational business delivery as existing IT solutions continued to be in use for the relevant systems;

Amendment

3. Notes with concern from the Court's report that the cancellation rate of the committed appropriations carried forward from 2013 was high at 22 %, representing an increase of 13 % compared to the previous year; acknowledges that these cancellations mainly related to delays in IT projects provided by external suppliers in the area of document and asset management as well as in the exchange of police data; acknowledges furthermore that these delays did not affect operational business delivery as existing IT solutions continued to be in use for the relevant systems; ***despite the delivery delay caused by external contractors, the actual nominal increase of unused carry-overs was EUR 0,9 million at the end of 2014.***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Office in future to keep the level of committed appropriations carried over as low as possible, in order to comply more effectively with its duties of transparency and accountability;

Or. de

Amendment 8
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Asks the Union 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 Union's financial interests;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls for those Union institutions and agencies which have introduced codes of conduct, including the European Parliament, to step up their implementation measures, such as checks of declarations of financial interests;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Demands that all those Union institutions and agencies that have not yet

done so urgently adopt internal rules on whistleblowing and take a common approach to their obligations, focusing on the protection of whistleblowers; requests special attention for the protection of whistleblowers in the context of the Directive on the Protection of Trade Secrets; calls on the Commission to promote legislation on a minimum level of protection for whistleblowers in the Union; calls on the institutions and agencies to amend the Staff Regulations to ensure that they not only formally oblige officials to report irregularities of all kinds but also lay down adequate protection for whistleblowers; calls on the institutions and agencies to implement Article 22(c) of the Staff Regulations without delay;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Encourages the Union 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 12
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Calls for an overall improvement in the prevention of, and the fight against, corruption in the public sector, and especially within the Union 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;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Acknowledges from the Office that it reviewed its financial regulation¹³ to bring it in line with the provisions contained in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013; acknowledges furthermore that the Office applies the implementing rules of the Commission;

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efficient and compliant budget implementation, especially concerning carry-overs in relation to administrative expenditure;

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes that the Office made publicly available its Consolidated Annual Activity Report on its website;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Acknowledges from the Office that the tender criteria for its on-going procurement procedures are published on its website, together with an annual overview of the completed contracts; takes note that the Office is to publish the procurement overview for the financial year 2015 by the end of June 2106 as

required by the Financial Regulation;

Or. en