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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (now European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) (eu-LISA) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2209(DEC))

Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Petri Sarvamaa

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1. PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (now European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2209(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the financial year 2017,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the financial year 2017, together with the Agency's reply¹,
- having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2017, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2019 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017 (05825/2019 C8-0099/2019),
- having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 208 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012⁴, and in particular Article 70 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational

¹ OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 153.

² OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 153.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

- management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice¹, in particular Article 33 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), and amending Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011², in particular Article 47 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council3, and in particular Article 108 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0145/2019),
- 1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2017;
- 2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision, and the resolution forming an integral part of it, to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

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¹ OJ L 286, 1.11.2011, p. 1.

² OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 99.

³ OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.

2. PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

on the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (now European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2209(DEC))

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- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the financial year 2017, together with the Agency's reply¹,
- having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2017, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2019 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017 (05825/2019 - C8-0099/2019),
- having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 208 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012⁴, and in particular Article 70 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational

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- management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice¹, in particular Article 33 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), and amending Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011², in particular Article 47 thereof.
- having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council3, and in particular Article 108 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0145/2019),
- 1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the financial year 2017;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

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² OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 99.

³ OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.

3. MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (now European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2209(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (now European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) for the financial year 2017,
- having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0145/2019),
- A. whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure¹, the final budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('the Agency') for the financial year 2017 was EUR 155 801 818, representing a significant increase of 89,38 % compared with 2016; whereas the increase was related to the additional tasks of the Agency under Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 of the European Parliament and of the Council² that came into force on 11 December 2018; whereas the budget of the Agency derives mainly from the Union budget;
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors (the 'Court'), in its report on the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2017 ('the Court's report'), states that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Agency's annual accounts are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular;

Budget and financial management

- 1. Notes with appreciation that budget-monitoring efforts during the financial year 2017 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 %, representing an increase of 2,1 % compared with 2016; notes furthermore that the payment appropriations execution rate was 91,53 %, representing an increase of 0,68 % compared with 2016;
- 2. Notes that, according to the Court's report, although the Agency paid the full price for

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¹ OJ C 108/56, 22.03.2018, p.270

² Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), and amending Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 99).

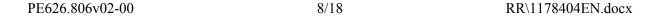
construction works for its new premises in Strasbourg in 2016, the work is still not finalised, due to the inability of the contractor to deliver, and that only 70 % of the works are covered by the accepted works progress reports; acknowledges that prepayments to the contractor are covered by bank guarantees, released progressively upon acceptance of works; notes that the contractor submitted a financial claim and filed a court case against the Agency; notes that, according to the Agency, it registered a statement of defence with the Administrative Court of Strasbourg, and that the decision of this court is pending; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the final decision of the Administrative Court of Strasbourg;

Cancellation of carry-overs

3. Regrets that the cancellations of carry-overs from 2016 to 2017 amounted to EUR 658 000, representing 12,20 % of the total amount carried over, representing a notable increase of 7,11 % in comparison with 2016;

Performance

- 4. Notes with satisfaction that the Agency uses several key performance indicators (KPIs) in areas such as system performance, security and the level of customer satisfaction to measure the added value provided by its activities, and various other KPIs to enhance its budget management;
- 5. Welcomes the Agency's continuous co-operation with the Justice and Home Affairs agencies network, notably the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit, the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training and the European Asylum Support Office, with all of which the Agency shares best practise;
- 6. Observes that the Agency underwent an external evaluation in 2016 which concluded that the Agency fulfils its mandate effectively and suggested particular ways of improving its operations and identified potential opportunities to extend its mandate; notes that in 2017 the Agency implemented an action plan to address these recommendations; notes furthermore that the Commission took the findings into account in its proposal for reforming the Agency's founding act that became Regulation (EU) 2018/1726;
- 7. Emphasises the importance of the final report of the High Level Expert Group on Information Systems and Interoperability and welcomes the Commission's proposals for regulations on interoperability between the Union information systems in relation to police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration, and borders and visa;
- 8. Notes with concern that, according to the Court's report, the Agency currently manages three separate, non-integrated large-scale IT systems, which may prevent the Agency from realising economies of scale and synergies between those three systems, and that the extension of the Agency's mandate to manage several additional IT systems is expected during the coming years; welcomes the suggestion of the Court that the Agency should prepare a detailed cost-benefit analysis to support a discussion on the future development strategy for the IT systems it manages; notes that, according to the Agency's reply, a study was undertaken in order to have a clear picture related to the





- future architecture for interoperable IT systems; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the outcome of this study and the corrective actions planned;
- 9. Notes that in November 2017 the Management Board adopted an updated long term strategy for the Agency, covering the period 2018-2022 and setting the direction for the future development of the Agency, and expects the implementation of this strategy to further improve the performance of the Agency;

Staff policy

- 10. Notes with concern that on 31 December 2017 the establishment plan was only 87,02 % executed, with 114 temporary agents appointed out of 131 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared with 118 authorised posts in 2016); acknowledges that the difference between the 114 temporary agents appointed out of the 131 authorised is justified by the facts that two posts were added in anticipation of the recast of Regulation (EU) No 603/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ and that 14 posts were provided under Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 of the European Parliament and of the Council² which entered into force on 29 December 2017 and thus only enabled the Agency to start the recruitment process after that date; notes with satisfaction that the job offer for the post of head of the Operations Information Unit was sent and accepted by the end of 2017; notes that, in addition, 32 contract agents and seven seconded national experts worked for the Agency in 2017;
- 11. Notes that the Agency has adopted the Commission's model decision on the policy on protecting the dignity of the person and preventing harassment; acknowledges that the Agency offers e-learning material and has published calls for confidential counsellors;
- 12. Regrets the gender imbalance within the Agency's Management Board with 46 out of 52 members being male and 6 being female; in this regard requests the Commission, the Member States and other concerned parties to take into account the importance of ensuring gender balance when presenting their nominees for members of the Management Board;
- 13. Notes with concern that, according to the Court's report, the small number of staff creates significant risks for the continuity of the Agency's operations, particularly considering that the head of the Application Management and Maintenance unit also occupied ad interim the posts of head of the Operations Department and head of the Operations and Infrastructure Unit and thereby combined the three highest management

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¹ Regulation (EU) No 603/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes, and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (OJ L 180, 29.6.2013, p. 1).

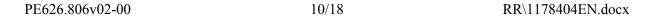
² Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2017 establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 767/2008 and (EU) No 1077/2011 (OJ L 327, 9.12.2017, p. 20).

posts in the Operations Department; acknowledges that the Agency successfully delivered its mandate throughout 2017, despite the lack of resources in the operational and horizontal functions in the Agency; supports the continued efforts necessary for staff retention and development in the Agency; welcomes in this regard the Agency's measure to appoint a different staff member as interim head of the Operations and Infrastructure Unit; urges the Agency to fulfil all posts with permanent staff without further delay;

- 14. Calls on the Agency to continue its efforts to ensure staff retention and development within the Agency; welcomes how the Agency handled the substantially increased workload in 2017 despite the high turnover in expert staff;
- 15. Welcomes the suggestion of the Court to publish vacancy notices also on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office in order to increase publicity; understands the concern of the Agency with regard to translation costs;

Procurement

- 16. Notes with concern that, according to the Court's report, the Agency encountered difficulties in attracting sufficient competition for several middle-value procurement procedures, receiving only one offer in the procedures concerned;
- 17. Notes with regret that the audit undertaken by the Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS) with respect to the Agency's procurement processes found significant weaknesses, including two 'very important' issues regarding the estimation of contract values and key controls and three other findings rated as 'important'; acknowledges that many of the weaknesses are related to the insufficient staffing of the Financial and Procurement Unit and the procurement sector in particular; notes that the Agency has put in place an action plan addressing the audit findings and the IAS's recommendations; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken to mitigate these weaknesses;
- 18. Notes that, according to the Court's report, the Agency makes extensive use of external contractors and that 90 % of the work relating to the development and implementation of IT projects is carried out by the Agency in a combined effort with external contractors; notes with concern that although all phases of IT projects are under the Agency's control, outsourcing the development of sensitive IT systems to such an extent creates considerable risk of over-reliance and over-dependency on external contractors; acknowledges the Agency's reply that the complete development of those systems in-house and the reduction of outsourcing would require a substantial increase of the staff of the Agency and that in order to ensure proper segregation of duties, contractors involved in quality assurance are not involved in providing external support to the operational management of large-scale IT systems; calls on the Agency to, therefore, limit dependency on external contractors by better use of its own resources and to set up a proper policy to limit the use of external contractors;
- 19. Requests the Agency to take all necessary measures to ensure that contractors having access to sensitive information about IT systems or the data they process are legally bound to stringent confidentiality rules and to demand that such contractors have formal national security clearances at the time of accessing such information; requests the





- Agency to ensure that its contractors are not bound by any laws of third countries that could bring them into conflict with the confidentiality arrangements established by the Agency;
- 20. Notes that, according to the Court's report, by the end of 2017, the Agency had not yet introduced all of the tools launched by the Commission to introduce a single solution for the electronic exchange of information with third parties participating in public procurement procedures (e-procurement); notes on the basis of information from the Agency that it has already introduced e-invoicing and e-tendering for certain procedures, but not e-submission; calls on the Agency to introduce all the necessary tools and report to the discharge authority on their implementation;

Prevention and management of conflicts of interests and transparency

- 21. Acknowledges the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to secure transparency, prevention and management of conflicts of interests, and whistleblower protection; notes with concern that the Agency does not publish the CVs of the members of its Management Board or of its managerial staff in general, only of its executive director; calls on the Agency to publish the CVs of all members of its Management Board and of its managerial staff and to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken in this regard; encourages the Agency to use the Independence Policy of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) as a best practice and an exemplary system of monitoring and preventing any conflicts of interest;
- 22. Regrets that despite previous calls the Agency does not publish the declarations of interests of the members of its Management Board, of its managerial staff in general, and of its executive director; calls for the publication of declarations of interests listing membership to all other organisations; stresses that it is not for the members of the Management Board, the managerial staff or the executive director to declare themselves out of conflict of interest but that a neutral body should assess the existence of conflicts of interest;

Internal Controls

23. Takes note that as of 31 December 2017, the Agency had 23 open audit recommendations which were rated as 'very important', including nine which had been issued recently, three that were past their due date and four that were still in in progress; notes that no 'critical' issue is open; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of these audit recommendations;

Other comments

24. Notes the reconstruction of the Agency's operational site in Strasbourg, France, and the construction of the new headquarters building in Tallinn, Estonia; notes that the Agency also has a backup site in Sankt Johann im Pongau, Austria, and a liaison office in Brussels, Belgium; notes with concern that the relocation to new premises in Strasbourg suffered considerable delays and that there have been several failings on the part of the contractor responsible;

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25. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of ...2019¹ on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies.

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2019)0000.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the financial year 2017 (2018/2209(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Romeo Franz

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 Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('the Agency') present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2017 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
- 2. Welcomes the further development of the internal capabilities of the Agency with regard to budget planning and proactive monitoring of budget execution so as to ensure sound management of the Agency's financial resources; notes that the overall execution level of commitments and payments was 100 % as compared to a target of 95 %;
- 3. Regrets that the Agency lacked the human resources needed to fulfil its operational and horizontal functions without recourse to external contractors; calls on the Agency to continue its efforts to ensure staff retention and development within the Agency; welcomes how the Agency handled the substantially increased workload in 2017 despite the high turnover in expert staff;

- 4. Welcomes that IT projects were implemented on time, on cost and on budget in 2017; welcomes that the Agency has undertaken a study in order to get an overview of the architecture of its future IT systems; points out, however, that the Agency had to make extensive use, via three framework contracts, of external contractors for the operational management of the systems entrusted to the Agency due to a lack of the necessary establishment posts; stresses that even if the Agency's IT projects are under its control, outsourcing its activities to such a large extent creates risks of over-reliance and overdependency on external contractors; requests, therefore, the Agency to devise a long term strategy to mitigate this risk; acknowledges the administrative overhead, technical challenges and additional costs for staff and increased budget needed to adopt such a strategy but stresses that, given the sensitivity of its IT systems, over-dependency on external contractors must be avoided; requests the Agency to present its vendor and contractor strategy to Parliament; requests the Agency to take all necessary measures to ensure that contractors having access to sensitive information about IT systems or the data they process are legally bound to stringent confidentiality rules and to demand that such contractors have formal national security clearances at the time of accessing such information; requests the Agency to ensure that its contractors are not bound by any laws of third countries that could bring them into conflict with the confidentiality arrangements established by the Agency;
- 5. Regrets the small number of staff in key operational units and recalls the importance of adequate staffing and appropriate human resources management in particular in the Application Management and Maintenance (AMM) unit; points out as well that in the second half of 2017, the head of the AMM unit also occupied ad interim the posts of Head of the Operations Department and Head of the Operations and Infrastructure Unit, thereby combining three of the highest management posts in the Operations Department; points out that this is not just a risk from a business continuity perspective but is also a flawed segregation of duties, creating potential operational conflicts of interests; request the Agency to avoid taking unnecessary operational risks due to its human resource constraints and requests it to address those issues without delay;
- 6. Notes that the Agency currently manages three separate, non-integrated large-scale IT systems all dealing with data in the Union's policy area of freedom, security and justice; agrees with the Court that the Agency should, in close consultation with the Commission and the Member States, prepare a cost-benefit analysis supporting a discussion on its long term evolution; points out that the recently expanded mandate of the Agency should not happen to the detriment of system availability as well as ongoing developments and the stability and security of the operations of the Agency's current IT systems that must remain its first priority;
- 7. Welcomes the commitment of the Agency to address the recommendation of the Internal Audit Service report on 'Audit on the controls over the procurement process in eu-LISA', issued in December 2017; stresses the importance of the Agency to deliver on this commitment.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.1.2019
Result of final vote	+: 44 -: 3 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Martina Anderson, Heinz K. Becker, Monika Beňová, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Laura Ferrara, Romeo Franz, Kinga Gál, Ana Gomes, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Sophia in 't Veld, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský, Auke Zijlstra
Substitutes present for the final vote	Dennis de Jong, Anna Hedh, Lívia Járóka, Marek Jurek, Jean Lambert, Jeroen Lenaers, Andrejs Mamikins, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Norbert Erdős, Fernando Ruas, Adam Szejnfeld

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Cecilia Wikström
ECR	Marek Jurek, Monica Macovei, Helga Stevens
EFDD	Laura Ferrara
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson, Dennis de Jong, Marie-Christine Vergiat
PPE	Asim Ademov, Heinz K. Becker, Michał Boni, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Norbert Erdős, Kinga Gál, Monika Hohlmeier, Lívia Járóka, Jeroen Lenaers, Roberta Metsola, Fernando Ruas, Csaba Sógor, Adam Szejnfeld, Traian Ungureanu, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Monika Beňová, Caterina Chinnici, Ana Gomes, Sylvie Guillaume, Anna Hedh, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Andrejs Mamikins, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Birgit Sippel, Josef Weidenholzer
VERTS/ALE	Romeo Franz, Jean Lambert, Judith Sargentini, Bodil Valero

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ECR	Kristina Winberg
ENF	Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Date adopted	20.2.2019
Result of final vote	+: 20 -: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Nedzhmi Ali, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Dennis de Jong, Tamás Deutsch, Martina Dlabajová, Ingeborg Gräßle, Jean-François Jalkh, Wolf Klinz, Monica Macovei, Georgi Pirinski, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, Bart Staes, Marco Valli, Derek Vaughan, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
Substitutes present for the final vote	Karin Kadenbach
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Petra Kammerevert

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

20	+
ALDE	Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz
ECR	Monica Macovei
EFDD	Marco Valli
GUE/NGL	Dennis de Jong
PPE	Tamás Deutsch, Ingeborg Gräßle, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
S&D	Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Karin Kadenbach, Petra Kammerevert, Georgi Pirinski, Derek Vaughan
VERTS/ALE	Bart Staes

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ENF	Jean-François Jalkh

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