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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2195(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 Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2195(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (the Agency) for the financial year 2017,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency 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 C8-0085/2019),
- 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) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC⁵, and in particular Article 76 thereof,

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¹ OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 173

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³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p. 1.

- 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 Council¹, 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 (A8-0153/2019),
- 1. Grants the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency 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 Border and Coast Guard Agency, 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 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.

2. PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

on the closure of the accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2195(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (the Agency) for the financial year 2017,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency 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 C8-0085/2019),
- 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) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC⁵, and in particular Article 76 thereof,

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- 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 (A8-0153/2019),
- 1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2017;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the executive director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, 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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¹ 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 Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2195(DEC))

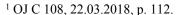
The European Parliament,

- having regard to its decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency 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 (A8-0153/2019),
- A. whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure¹, the final budget of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency ("the Agency") for the financial year 2017 was EUR 280 560 000, representing an increase of 20,54 % compared to 2016; whereas the increase was related to the considerable extension of the Agency's mandate in 2017, in response to the migration crisis faced by the Union; whereas the Agency's budget derives mainly from the Union budget;
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors ("the Court"), in its report on the annual accounts of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) for the financial year 2017 ("the Court's report"), has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the transactions underlying the Agency's annual accounts are legal and regular;

Budget and financial management

- 1. Notes that the budget-monitoring efforts during the financial year 2017 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 97,63 % representing a slight decrease of 0,27 % compared to 2016; notes with concern that the payment appropriations execution rate was low at 66,42 %, representing a slight increase of 0,35 % compared to 2016;
- 2. Notes from the Court's report that the initial budget of the Agency included EUR 8 800 000 statutory financial operational reserve for financing the deployment of rapid border interventions and return interventions; notes that the Agency transferred overall EUR 3 800 000 from the reserve to its operational budget to fund other activities; notes with concern that the transfers are not in compliance with the Agency's financial regulation; takes note from the Agency's reply that it considers that the legislator should provide for clarification on the implementation of transfers from the reserve; calls on the Agency to avoid such non-compliant actions in the future and report to the discharge authority on which clarification the Agency would consider necessary;

Cancellation of carryovers



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3. Regrets the high level of cancellations of carryovers from 2016 to 2017, amounting to EUR 11 125 174 and representing 14,96 % of the total amount carried forward, a similar rate as in 2016; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the measures to be taken to ensure complete use of the appropriations carried over in order to avoid that substantial resources are de-committed as in the previous years;

Performance

- 4. Notes with satisfaction that the Agency uses various Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure the added value provided by its activities; takes note that the Agency plans to revise its indicators in 2019; invites the Agency to further develop the KPIs for enhancing its budget management, particularly taking into account the extension of its mandate and the continuously increasing budget, and report to the discharge authority on the developments made in this regard; expresses its concerns as regards the part of the budget that could not be absorbed by the Agency;
- 5. Recalls that in response to the migration and asylum situation in 2015 faced by the Union, the mandate of the Agency was considerably extended in 2016 for the Agency to be able to better address the needs and challenges being faced at the external borders of the Union; stresses that in 2017 systems and procedures were still in the process of being adapted to cope with the new mandate of the Agency which was updated in 2016 by Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹;
- 6. Regrets that the majority of the Agency's operational programmes lack quantitative objectives and specific target values for the joint operations; notes with concern that this, together with insufficient documentation from cooperating countries, might hamper the ex post evaluation of the effectiveness of joint operations in the long term; calls on the Agency to set relevant strategic objectives for its activities and to establish an effective result-oriented monitoring and reporting system with relevant and measurable KPIs;
- 7. Notes the management board's approval of the reorganisation of the Agency structures in June 2017, affecting the allocation of resources; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of this new organisational structure;
- 8. Notes with satisfaction that all Member States and Schengen associated countries participated in at least one joint operation and that 26 Member States took part as organisers or participants in return operations coordinated and co-financed by the Agency, amounting to two more Member States than in 2016;
- 9. Welcomes the fact that the Agency promotes interagency cooperation, especially in the field of coastguard function, but also in the field of customs and law enforcement cooperation, in order to fully exploit the advantages of multi-purpose operations as an important element of integrated border management;

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- 10. Notes with satisfaction that the Agency cooperates with other agencies, inter alia by supporting them in recruitments, building projects and security consultancies, and shares offices with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit and the European Asylum Support Office in the framework of the European Regional Task Force in Italy and Greece;
- 11. Urges the Agency to develop a comprehensive business continuity plan;

Staff policy

- 12. Regrets that, on 31 December 2017, the establishment plan was only 74,43 % filled, with 262 temporary agents appointed out of 352 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (275 authorised posts in 2016); notes that in addition 139 contract agents and 113 seconded national experts have been working for the Agency in 2017;
- 13. Notes again with concern the gender imbalance in the Agency's management board; reminds that Member States are the ones responsible to nominate members of the management board; calls on Member States to ensure gender balance when nominating their members to the Agency's management board; calls on the Agency to pro-actively remind Member States of the importance of gender balance; points out that measures aimed at achieving a better geographical balance in the Agency's staff composition would be desirable;
- 14. Notes that 2017 was the second year of the five-year growth plan following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 that significantly increased resources in the area of the Agency's budget and staff; notes from the Court's report that, following the extension of its mandate, the Agency's staff will more than double from 365 in 2016 to 1 000 in 2020; notes moreover that the planned increase in staff will require additional office space; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken in order to address the challenges concerning the increasing staff and to keep it closely informed of the further steps, including financial calculations, relating to the construction of the new headquarters;
- 15. Notes with concern that the Agency experiences difficulties in finding staff with the required profiles, often because of the low salary correction coefficient (66,7%); calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the outcome of the discussions with the Commission on possible mitigating measures, and the Agency's plans for other possible measures to attract new staff, particularly taking into account the Agency's extending mandate and increasing amount of recruitments; calls on the Agency to appoint a new fundamental rights officer without further delay in order to ensure that threats to fundamental rights related issues be immediately addressed, and that the fundamental rights policy within the organisation be constantly upgraded;
- 16. Deeply deplores that despite repeated calls of Parliament and a significant overall staff increase for the Agency, the fundamental rights officer still lacks adequate human resources and is therefore clearly hampered to properly conduct the tasks entrusted to her by Regulation (EU) 2016/1624; urges the Agency to provide its fundamental rights officer with adequate resources and staff, in particular for setting up a complaint mechanism and for further developing and implementing the Agency's strategy to monitor and ensure the protection of fundamental rights.

- 17. 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 regarding the high translation costs triggered by such publication;
- 18. Notes that the Agency uses the "Code of Conduct for all persons participating in Frontex operational activities" and confidential reporting as measures to address matters of harassment;
- 19. Notes with concern from the Court's report that in 2017 the Agency continued making irregular recruitments on external selection procedures, appointing candidates at higher AST grades than the maximum grade provided for by the Staff Regulations; points out that in this regard two recruitments were considered irregular in 2017 (14 in 2016); takes note of the Agency's justification for the recruitments and acknowledges that since March 2017 the Agency is not appointing any external candidates for grades higher than AST4;

Procurement

- 20. Acknowledges from the Agency that it was revising its entire financial scheme in 2017 aiming at simplifications, switching from grants to service contracts and introducing flat rates; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of the new scheme;
- 21. Notes from the Court's report that by the end of 2017, the Agency had not yet introduced all of the tools launched by the Commission aimed to introduce a single solution for the electronic exchange and storage of information with third parties participating in public procurement procedures (e-procurement); notes that the Agency had introduced e-invoicing and e-tendering for certain procedures, but not e-submission; calls on the Agency to introduce all of the necessary tools to manage procurement procedures and report to the discharge authority on their implementation;

Prevention and management of conflicts of interests and transparency

- 22. Acknowledges the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to secure transparency, prevention and management of conflicts of interest, and whistle-blower protection; takes note from the Agency that it drew up draft internal rules on whistleblowing, but after being advised to do so by the Commission, it will implement the Commission model decision once notified to the agencies; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of this decision and to adopt its whistleblowing policy without further delay;
- 23. Recalls that the provisions on information and communication as part of the accountability of the Agency towards the public were considerably modified by Regulation (EU) 2016/1624, requiring the Agency to be more transparent about its activities; regrets that the Agency still does not fully live up to those new rules and calls upon it to implement them without delay;

Internal control

- 24. Notes from the Court's report that the Agency's grant expenditure increased considerably from EUR 123 000 000 in 2016 to EUR 167 000 000 in 2017; notes with concern that in 2017 the Agency did not carry out any ex-post verifications on grant expenditure reimbursements; takes note that the Agency considers that the ex-ante verifications performed before reimbursement had improved and, once the ex-ante coverage reached a certain level, could provide the necessary assurance; points out, however, that as the Court has consistently reported since 2014, the proof of expenditure claimed by cooperating countries is often insufficient, which was also confirmed in 2017; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the measures taken to mitigate these risks;
- 25. Takes note that the Agency revised its internal control framework (ICF) and altered the former compliance based approach into a risk based one; acknowledges that the revised ICF was adopted in November 2017 and in the course, a consolidated Frontex Improvement Log was established;
- 26. Notes from the Court's report that the Agency financed support to Iceland's Coast Guards for the deployment of an airplane in Greece and that before reimbursing the expenditure claimed by Iceland, the Agency asked for invoices as evidence for one category of declared expenditure; regrets that although the invoices were never provided, the Agency reimbursed some EUR 440 000, which shows that the ex-ante verification was ineffective; takes note of the Agency's consideration that the hourly maintenance cost estimation gives sufficient grounds for approving the expenditure;
- 27. Notes with concern that the Agency still has no comprehensive business continuity plan approved by the management board; calls on the Agency to take the necessary steps in order to adopt such a plan and report to the discharge authority on its adoption;
- 28. Requests the management board of the Agency to adopt clear service level agreements for the continuity of its activities in case of a site disaster, as well as corresponding IT recovery objectives and maximum allowable data loss for its most critical systems and applications; requests the Agency to develop the supporting plans, to exercise them adequately and have test results responsibly endorsed by its management board;

Other comments

29. Observes that the headquarters agreement between the Agency and the Polish government entered into force as of 1 November 2017; notes that it has an effect on several processes of the Agency with major consequences on the working conditions and the management facilities; asks the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the resulting projects, in particular the construction of the new headquarters building and the establishment of a European school in Warsaw;

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30. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on

discharge, to its resolution of $\dots 2019^1$ on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies.

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¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA-PROV(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 Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2195(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. Recalls that in response to the migration and asylum situation in 2015 faced by the Union, the mandate of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) ("The Agency") was considerably extended in 2016 for the Agency to be able to better address the needs and challenges being faced at the EU's external borders; points out that the Agency's budget increased by 21% in 2017, with related staff increases of 43 % in 2017; stresses that in 2017 systems and procedures were still in the process of being adapted to cope with the new mandate of the Agency which was updated in 2016 with Regulation (EU) 2016/1624¹; welcomes, the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the Agency present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2017 and that its transactions are legal and regular; reminds that the mandate of the Agency is currently under revision;

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Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (*OJ L 251*, 16.9.2016, p. 1).

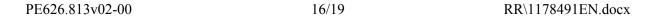
- 2. Notes that for the second year in a row, significant cancellations (17%) of budget appropriations were carried over from the previous year; stresses that this indicates a significant overestimation of the Agency's budgetary needs, notably on the part of public administrations of the Member States and other cooperating countries; requests therefore the Agency to work with its partners to improve its budgetary forecasts; encourages the Agency to make use of simplified cost options and other funding mechanisms in addition to grants where appropriate to increase the cost-effectiveness;
- 3. Notes that since 2014 the Court of Auditors has been reporting that proof of expenditure claimed by cooperating countries is often insufficient; regrets that this was again the case in 2017 with the financing of the deployment of an Airplane in Greece to support Iceland's Coast Guard, and with the co-financing of another airplane used by the Spanish Guardia Civil; welcomes the Agency's decision to explore the use of a simplified cost reimbursement model to address those recurring issues;
- 4. Regrets the irregular recruitment of temporary AST staff at higher grades than the ones allowed by the Staff Regulations (AST 4); understands the difficulties that the Agency is facing in recruiting qualified staff which led the Agency to return EUR 4 million; reminds the Agency of the importance of adhering to the Staff Regulations at all times;
- 5. Regrets that vacancy notices are published only on the Agency's website and in a limited number of languages only; calls on the Agency to be more proactive with regard to the visibility and general awareness of its vacancies; acknowledges the concerns of additional costs relating to the translation of vacancy notes in all Union languages but requests the Agency to systematically publish all its vacancies on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office in all Union languages in order to increase transparency for Union citizens; invites the Commission to consider measures aimed at reducing the financial burden for the translation of vacancy notices upon the Agencies, including by establishing an ad hoc framework agreement with the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union;
- 6. Notes the Agency still has no comprehensive Business Continuity Plan approved by the Management Board since it moved in 2014; requests the Management Board of the Agency to adopt clear service level agreements for the continuity of its activities in case of a site disaster, as well as corresponding IT recovery objectives and maximum allowable data loss for its most critical systems and applications; requests the Agency to develop the supporting plans, to exercise them adequately and have test results responsibly endorsed by its Management Board;
- 7. Recalls that the provisions on information and communication as part of the accountability of the Agency towards the public were considerably modified in the revised Regulation, requiring the Agency to be more transparent about its activities; regrets that the Agency still does not fully live up to those new rules and calls upon it to implement them without delay;
- 8. Regrets that the majority of the Agency's operational programmes lack quantitative objectives and specific target values for the joint operations; notes with concern that this, together with insufficient documentation from cooperating countries, might hamper the ex post evaluation of the effectiveness of joint operations in the long term; calls on the Agency to set relevant strategic objectives for its activities and to establish an

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- effective result-oriented monitoring and reporting system with relevant and measurable key performance indicators;
- 9. Notes again with concern the gender imbalance in the Agency's Management Board; reminds that Member States are the ones responsible to nominate Members to the Board; calls on Member States to ensure gender balance when nominating their members for the Agency's Management Board; calls on the Agency to pro-actively remind Member States of the importance of gender balance; points out that measures aimed at achieving a better geographical balance in the Agency's staff composition would be desirable;
- 10. Deeply deplores that despite repeated calls of Parliament and a significant overall staff increase for the Agency, the Fundamental Rights Officer still lacks adequate human resources and is therefore clearly hampered to properly conduct the tasks entrusted to her by the revised Regulation; urges the Agency to provide its Fundamental Rights Officer with adequate resources and staff, in particular for setting up a complaint mechanism and for further developing and implementing the Agency's strategy to monitor and ensure the protection of fundamental rights.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.1.2019
Result of final vote	+: 42 -: 2 0: 3
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	Dennis de Jong
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

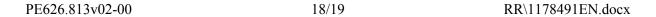
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ENF	Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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ECR	Kristina Winberg
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson, Marie-Christine Vergiat

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INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Date adopted	20.2.2019
Result of final vote	+: 20 -: 0 0: 0
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, 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

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ALDE	Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz
ECR	Monica Macovei
EFDD	Marco Valli
ENF	Jean-François Jalkh
GUE/NGL	Dennis de Jong
PPE	Tamás Deutsch, Ingeborg Gräßle, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, 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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+ : in favour
- : against
0 : abstention