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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 Clean Sky
Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2014
(2015/2198(DEC))

Amendment 1
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Executive Director of the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2014 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2014;*

Amendment

1. Grants the Executive Director of the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2014 ;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Raffaele Fitto, Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2014 / *Postpones the closure of the accounts of the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2014;*

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Raffaele Fitto, Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 6 **Marian-Jean Marinescu**

Motion for a resolution **Recital C**

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 7 **Miroslav Poche, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that the *Court of Auditors'* report is based on *too many general remarks to the detriment of viable, specific ones; therefore calls for an audit with a sharper focus on the annual* financial

Amendment

1. Notes that the *scope of the Court of Auditors' specific annual* report is based on *the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, together with elements on*

performance, on the implementation status of multiannual projects (including a clear presentation of the implementation of the budget for the respective year and for previous years) and on the results and their implementation;

budgetary and financial management, internal control systems, and other matters; wishes to obtain additional information on the annual financial performance, on the implementation status of multiannual projects and the results of their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that the Institutions and Bodies are required to produce each year a Report on Budgetary and Financial Management and that the information provided by the Joint Undertaking in this report lacked harmonisation and was often incomplete. Guidance is required from the Commission as to the nature and content of the report.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes the *lack of information regarding the ex-post audits performed by Clean Sky JU and Clean Sky 2 JU; calls on Court of Auditors to include in the future years reports information regarding the number of ex-post audits, the total amounts covered and the findings;*

5. Notes the *unqualified opinion of the Court of Auditors on the legality and regularity of transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Clean Sky JU for the year ended 31 December 2014 and acknowledges that Clean Sky JU has met the materiality threshold. Notes that*

information on ex post audits is laid out in the Annual Activity Report of the Clean Sky JU. Takes note that the Court of Auditors has not included this information in its report on the annual accounts, as it was not deemed of consequence or relevance for the purpose of the audit opinion. Encourages the Court of Auditors to refer to this information in its future opinions;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes the lack of information regarding the ex-post audits performed by Clean Sky JU and Clean Sky 2 JU; calls on Court of Auditors to include in the future years reports information regarding the number of ex-post audits, the total amounts covered and the findings;

Amendment

5. Notes the lack of information regarding the ex-post audits performed by Clean Sky JU and Clean Sky 2 JU; calls on Court of Auditors to include in the future years reports information regarding the number of ex-post audits, the total amounts covered and the findings; ***notes that the JU Annual Report includes such information;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that the ***programmes*** of the Clean Sky JU funded under FP7 ***are*** still ongoing; takes note that those appropriations remain available till 2016 because of the Joint Undertaking's financial rules which allow it

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to re-enter its commitment and payment appropriations up to three years after they have been cancelled from the Joint Undertaking's budget; encourages the Joint Undertaking to conduct its budget planning carefully, taking into due account the parallel process;

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Or. en

Amendment 12

Miroslav Poche, Georgi Pirinski, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Considers that, in the absence of a clear separation between FP7 and Horizon 2020 implementation-related information, those indicators (appropriations and commitments) do not ensure a real evaluation of performance; calls on the Court of Auditors to include in the reports to come information regarding the execution of the budget under of FP7 and separately, under Horizon 2020;***

Amendment

8. ***Notes that, while the JU has provided separated reporting for Horizon 2020 and FP 7, a clearer presentation of the indicators per programme would be welcome; asks the Court of Auditors to include in the reports to come information regarding the execution of the budget under of FP7 and under Horizon 2020 separately;***

Or. en

Amendment 13

Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Considers that, in the absence of a clear separation between FP7 and Horizon 2020 implementation-related information, those indicators (appropriations and commitments) do not ensure a real evaluation of performance; calls on the***

Amendment

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Court of Auditors to include in the reports to come information regarding the execution of the budget under *of* FP7 and separately, under Horizon 2020;

information; calls on the Court of Auditors to include in the reports to come information regarding the execution of the budget under FP7 and separately, under Horizon 2020; *notes that the JU annual report is presenting such information*;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the execution of budget allocated to FP7 (Title III) is 95,2 % for commitments (EUR 87 800 000 out of EUR 92 200 000) and 92,5 % for payments (EUR 112 900 000 out of EUR 122 200 000); execution of budget allocated to Horizon 2020 (Title IV) is 92,5 % for commitments (EUR 95 300 000 out of EUR 103 000 000) and 81,1 % for payments (EUR 20 500 000 out of EUR 25 000 000)¹⁸ ; *notes that the aggregate numbers not complying with the final budget, presumably because of the multi annual grant agreements*;

¹⁸ 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 149.

Amendment

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¹⁸ 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 149.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Petri Sarvamaa, Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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¹⁸ 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 149.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Regrets the limited amount of information regarding in-kind/cash contributions; calls on Court of Auditors to include, in the future reports, provisions regarding the evaluation procedure and the level of in-kind/cash paid contributions for FP7 and Horizon 2020, which should be presented separately;***

Amendment

10. ***Notes that the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking has included information regarding in-kind and cash contributions in its financial statement and Annual Activity Report; takes note that the Court of Auditors has reviewed this information in the context of its work on the ex-post audits and encourages the Court of Auditors to further report significant findings where necessary;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

10. Regrets the limited amount of information regarding in-kind/cash contributions ***provided by the Court's report***; calls on Court of Auditors to include, in the future reports, provisions regarding the evaluation procedure and the level of in-kind/cash paid contributions for FP7 and Horizon 2020, which should be presented separately;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that private members can provide their in-kind contribution in two ways under the Horizon 2020 programme; notes that after the launch of the ***second Joint Undertaking*** programme the total of in-kind contributions was EUR 87 413 513; takes note furthermore that the validated in-kind contribution under the FP7 programme was EUR 448 424 340,47¹⁹,²⁰ ;

Amendment

11. Notes that private members can provide their in-kind contribution in two ways under the Horizon 2020 programme; notes that after the launch of the ***Clean Sky 2 JU*** programme the total of in-kind contributions was EUR 87 413 513; takes note furthermore that the validated in-kind contribution under the FP7 programme was EUR 448 424 340,47¹⁹,²⁰ ;

¹⁹ 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 154.

²⁰ Discharge 2014 - Report on the contributions provided by CSJU Members other than the Commission to the CS programmes under FP7 and H2020, p.4.

¹⁹ 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 154.

²⁰ Discharge 2014 - Report on the contributions provided by CSJU Members other than the Commission to the CS programmes under FP7 and H2020, p.4.

Amendment 19
Petri Sarvamaa, Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes from the Court's report that payment time limits were not always respected, especially in the area of Grant Agreements for Partners, which lead to penalties of EUR 41 000 in 2014; acknowledges the Joint Undertaking's effort to address this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marian-Jean Marinescu, Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Takes note that the Joint Undertaking launched the first call for proposals (where ***partners will be funded for up to a maximum of 30 %*** of available operational funding together with calls for tender) in December 2014²¹ ;

12. Takes note that the Joint Undertaking launched the first call for proposals (where ***the allocation of budget for partners shall be at least 30 %*** of available operational ***EU*** funding together with calls for tender) in December 2014²¹ ;

²¹ Report on budgetary and financial management 2014, p.10.

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that in terms of volume of operational activities a total of seventy-four agreements have been signed in 2014 (64 signed Grant Agreements for Partners (GAP) and 10 Grant Agreements for Members (GAM) finalized) and 302 payments executed (276 for Partners and 26 for Members - covering individual payments to 201 beneficiaries)²² ; ***notes that seven projects were closed in the financial year 2014;***

²² 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 7.

Amendment

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²² 2014 Annual Activity Report, p. 7.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Points out that ***in May 2014*** Clean Sky 2 JU took over the activity of Clean Sky JU; ***notes that there is not enough clear information regarding the status of implementation of Clean Sky JU projects (level of payments, payments plan for the coming years)***;

Amendment

14. Points out that ***on 27th June 2014 the*** Clean Sky 2 JU took over the activity of Clean Sky JU;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Points out that in **May** 2014 Clean Sky 2 JU took over the activity of Clean Sky JU; notes that ***there is not enough*** clear information regarding the ***status*** of implementation of Clean Sky JU projects (level of payments, payments plan for the coming years);

Amendment

14. Points out that in **June** 2014 Clean Sky 2 JU took over the activity of Clean Sky JU; notes that ***the Court's report does not include*** clear information regarding the ***state of play*** of implementation of Clean Sky JU projects (level of payments, payments plan for the coming years);

Or. en

Amendment 24
Miroslav Poche, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes, from the Court's report, that the Horizon 2020 legal framework requires specific monitoring on research results, based on quantitative and, where appropriate, qualitative evidence; in order to meet the requirements of Horizon 2020, the cooperation between the Joint Undertaking and the Commission is to be enhanced to improve the reporting and dissemination of research results²⁶ ; encourages the Joint Undertaking to further improve the cooperation with the Commission in this regard;

Amendment

18. Notes, from the Court's report, that the Horizon 2020 legal framework requires specific monitoring on research results, based on quantitative and, where appropriate, qualitative evidence; in order to meet the requirements of Horizon 2020, the cooperation between the Joint Undertaking and the Commission is to be enhanced to improve the reporting and dissemination of research results; ***takes note that the JU has launched joint activities with the Commission services on the general approach to implement the H2020 guidelines and on dissemination of the research results and*** encourages the Joint Undertaking to further improve the cooperation with the Commission in this regard;

²⁶ 2014 Court's report, p. 9.

²⁶ 2014 Court's report, p. 9.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Marian-Jean Marinescu, Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Welcomes the signature of a memorandum of cooperation with SESAR Joint Undertaking, aimed at strengthening links and reinforcing synergies.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Welcomes the achievements, as early as 2014, of some of the important demonstrators of the Clean Sky Programme, under FP7 financing, such as the Large Engines Demonstrator.

Or. en