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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)
(2017/2151(DEC))

Amendment 1

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;*

Amendment

1. Grants the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2016 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2016;***

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses, however, the need to reduce as far as possible the level of committed appropriations to be carried over to the following year, by means of all available measures, for example by adopting best practices used in other agencies;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes with ***concern a significant*** gender imbalance in the Agency's senior management team ; acknowledges from the Agency that it only has seven heads of unit positions available, which limits the potential speed of a transition towards a

Amendment

7. Notes with ***satisfaction the gender balance in the Agency's Management Board; regrets, however, the*** gender imbalance in the Agency's senior management team; acknowledges from the Agency that it only has seven heads of unit

better man/woman ratio, *notes that a woman candidate was last recruited for a head of unit position*;

positions available, which limits the potential speed of a transition towards a better man/woman ratio;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes with concern a significant gender imbalance in the Agency's senior management team ; *acknowledges* from the Agency that it only has seven heads of unit positions available, *which limits the potential speed of a transition towards* a better man/woman ratio, notes that a woman candidate was last recruited for a head of unit position;

Amendment

7. Notes with concern a significant *and unacceptable* gender imbalance in the Agency's senior management team; *notes* from the Agency that it only has seven heads of unit positions available, *but that is not an excuse for not achieving* a better man/woman ratio; notes that a woman candidate was last recruited for a head of unit position;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency and that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 560 per staff, corresponding to two working days; observes that the average sick leave amounts to 13,8 days per member of staff;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the work-life balance should be part of the staff policy of the Agency and that the budget spent on well-being activities amounts to approximately EUR 560 per staff, corresponding to two working days; observes that the average sick leave amounts to 13,8 days per member of staff, *which amounts to an average of almost three working weeks; calls on the Agency as a matter of urgency to examine this issue with a view to ascertaining and addressing the major causes, to establish in particular whether*

workplace stress plays any role;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that two complaints were lodged on the basis of Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulation (21 December 2016 and 8 March 2017) against the Appointing Authority's (AIPN) decision to terminate a contract during the probationary period and not to confirm a contract at the end of the probationary period; *demands* more information from the Executive Director while respecting *the presumption of innocence and the* data protection rules;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15 a. Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and referral body with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to help whistle-blowers use the right channels to disclose their information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their confidentiality and offering needed support and advice;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 10
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Performance-based budgeting

Amendment

Main achievements

Or. en

Amendment 11
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Takes note that the Commission's IAS carried out an audit on data/information management, including an IT component, which was finalised in 2015; acknowledges that, in order to address the recommendations of the IAS in relation to that audit, an action plan was drawn up covering the coming years; notes that in 2017 the majority of the recommendations have been closed by the IAS, demonstrating that appropriate measures have been implemented to ensure proper handling of a higher volume of data;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes from the Court's report that,

Amendment

19. Notes ***with concern*** from the

even if the Agency updated its security policy in 2016, many other internal procedures are outdated; notes that the senior management approved an action plan which includes the review and update of the business continuity plan and that the Agency also intends to review its document management policy, which it adopted in 2009, in line with the new security policy; notes moreover that the Agency envisages to review and update its internal control standards, where necessary; calls on the Agency to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of this action plan;

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Or. en

Amendment 13 **Luke Ming Flanagan**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 21**

Motion for a resolution

21. Recalls from the Court's report *that* in 2014, *the Commission*, on behalf of more than 50 Union institutions and bodies (including the Agency), signed a framework contract (FWC) with one contractor for the acquisition of software, licences and the provision of related IT maintenance and consultancy; notes that the framework contractor acts as an intermediary between the Agency and suppliers and that for these intermediary services the framework contractor is entitled to uplifts of two to nine percent of the suppliers' prices; notes moreover that the FWC explicitly stipulates that it does not confer any exclusive right to the contractor; observes that, in 2016, the Agency used this FWC to purchase software licences for a total of EUR 442 754; notes that most of those purchases were for products belonging to a particular category that should only be used on an exceptional basis, for which prices were

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Amendment

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neither quoted during the tender process nor in the FWC; acknowledges from the Court's report that this procedure does not ensure sufficient competition and the application of the most economical solution; acknowledges moreover that the uplifts charged by the framework contractor were not adequately checked: the largest order concerned the renewal of software licences provided by an exclusive Scandinavian reseller (EUR 112 248); expresses its concern that in this instance, there was no justification for the use of the FWC which resulted in an unnecessary uplift cost; acknowledges the Agency's reply to the comment from the Court;

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