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AMENDMENTS

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2018 discharge: EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL)
(2019/2088(DEC))

Amendment 1

Andrey Novakov, Tomáš Zdechovský, Petri Sarvamaa

Proposal for a decision 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová

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Amendment 3

Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanislaw Brudziński, Patryk Jaki

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Welcomes the information provided by the Agency on the tasks and budgetary implications of its EU Internet Referral Unit (EU IRU). The Activity Based Management planning for Europol's EU IRU is EUR 4.86 million in 2019, which is composed of: (a) EUR 3.71 million for direct staff related expenditure (covering 38 members of staff: 26 Temporary Agents (TAs), 4 Contract Agents (CAs) and 8 Seconded National Experts(SNEs)), (b) EUR 1.15 million covering operational expenditure, running costs and a grant of EUR 0.51 million in 2019 (from which 7 additional CAs are funded, bringing the EU IRU

*staff to 45 members of staff in total).
These figures do not include the separate
costs for the development of the ICT
operational systems at organisational
level;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the Agency monitored its performance by means of 38 key performance indicators, 51 other performance indicators and the implementation of around 170 specific actions planned in its work programme, with the performance reporting framework in general aimed at assessing the added value the Agency's activities and at enhancing its budget management;

Amendment

2. Notes **with satisfaction** that the Agency monitored its performance by means of 38 key performance indicators, 51 other performance indicators and the implementation of around 170 specific actions planned in its work programme, with the performance reporting framework in general aimed at assessing the added value the Agency's activities and at enhancing its budget management;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 7

Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Encourages the Agency to pursue the digitalization of its services;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Tomáš Zdechovský, Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes with appreciation that in 2018 the Agency continued to carry out joint activities or shared services with other Union agencies, including Eurojust, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the European Asylum Support Office and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and that the Agency joined 10 interinstitutional and one inter-agency procurement procedure;

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Amendment 9
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Notes that following its continuous operational cooperation with other Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) agencies, the Agency took the chair of the JHA agencies' network in 2019, which addresses joint work on the further development of JHA agencies' cooperation, including on the aspects of interoperability of Union information systems, innovation, good governance arrangements (including a whistle-blowing best practice survey in JHA agencies), diversity and inclusion, as well as interaction and scope for further cooperation with 'non-JHA' agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Questions the necessity of an agency dedicated specifically for the purpose of Law Enforcement Cooperation; appeals to the Commission to consider merging the Agency with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL); underlines that the Agency and CEPOL have a very similar field of operation and the merger will simplify the funding of the

two Agencies, as well as clarify the system of European Agencies to the general public;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. *Authorizes the Commission to conduct a Feasibility Study in order to assess the possibility of, if not fully merging, at the very least setting up shared synergies with CEPOL; calls upon the Commission to evaluate both scenarios, namely the transfer of the Agency to the CEPOL Headquarters in Budapest, and the transfer of CEPOL Headquarters to the Agency's Hague Headquarters; notes that such an act would mean sharing corporate and support services and the management of the common premises, as well as shared ICT, telecommunications and internet-based infrastructures, thus saving huge amounts of money which would be used on further funding of both agencies;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Notes the uneven gender balance reported for 2018 among the senior managers – 145 men and 27 women and*

*within the Management Board – 43 men
and 10 women;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**6 a. *Regrets the gender imbalance
within the Agency’s senior management
members, with 145 out of 172 members
being of the same gender;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**6 a. *Notes with appreciation that
Europol has identified positive trends in
its commitment to ensure balanced gender
representation;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
**Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová,
Gilles Boyer**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes with concern that, according to the Court's report, the Agency irregularly prolonged the duration of a framework contract for the provision of business travel services by signing amendment number 2 after the contract had expired and that, with the same amendment, the Agency also introduced new price aspects not covered by the competitive procurement procedure, making amendment number 2 and related 2018 payments irregular; notes the Agency's reply that the delay for the extension of the contract was due to the application of the principle of sound financial management; calls on the Agency to strengthen contract management and ex-ante controls;

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Or. en

Amendment 16 **Andrey Novakov**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

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ante controls;

management and ex-ante controls;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to secure transparency, prevention and management of conflicts of interest and whistle-blower protection; notes the potential conflict of interest case identified concerning a recruitment procedure in 2018; notes that no follow-up action was needed as the adviser recused himself;

Amendment

8. Notes the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to secure transparency, prevention and management of conflicts of interest and whistle-blower protection; notes the potential conflict of interest case identified concerning a recruitment procedure in 2018; notes that no follow-up action was needed as the adviser recused himself; ***welcomes the declarations of interest, based on the new model template of Europol, that have since been published on the website of Europol, both in relation to the (Deputy) Executive Director(s) and the members of the Management Board of Europol;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová, Gilles Boyer, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
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8. ***Notes*** the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to secure transparency, prevention and management of conflicts of interest and whistle-blower protection; notes the potential conflict of interest case identified concerning a recruitment procedure in 2018; notes that

Amendment

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no follow-up action was needed as the adviser recused himself;

no follow-up action was needed as the adviser recused himself; ***welcomes the publication on the Agency's website of CVs and declarations of interests for management board members and directorate;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Regrets that a recent comparative study by the European Parliaments Petitions Committee^{1a} establishes that Europol's Conflict of Interests policies are the "least detailed compared to those of the other agencies"; acknowledges that this is notably due to the fact that Europol does not have any scientific committees or panels; regrets however that the agency neither uses a system to categorise interest levels nor a blacklist;

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls upon the Agency to focus on

disseminating the results of its research to the general public, and to reach out to public via social media and other media outlets;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Welcomes the fact that the Agency has no outstanding recommendation to be implemented from the Court's audit reports in previous financial years; the Agency has since addressed the single observation of the Court concerning the 2017 financial year with respect to the publication of vacancy notices on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO);

Or. en