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Draft report
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(PE698.992v01-00)

2020 discharge : Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking
(2021/2149(DEC))
Amendment 1
Corina Crețu

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Executive Director of the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking’s budget for the financial year 2020 / Postpones its decision on discharge to the Executive Director of the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking’s budget for the financial year 2020;

Amendment

1. Grants the Executive Director of the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking’s budget for the financial year 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)
6 b. Notes that there are different procedures across the Joint Undertakings regarding the calculation for the in-kind contributions and calls for their harmonisation;

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Motion for a resolution

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7. Notes that the eleventh call for proposals (CFP11) was launched in January 2020 comprising 35 topics, of which four thematic topics, and involved 128 participations from 17 different countries, 188 eligible proposals were submitted and 36 were retained of which 25 proposals for thematic topics, and that it was successfully processed entirely remotely; notes that the Joint Undertaking’s global portfolio over its lifetime comprises eleven calls for proposals engaging more than 726 partners from 28 different countries with a strong small and medium enterprises’ involvement in terms of participation and grants awarded, and a total of 610 projects; notes, moreover that the Joint Undertaking completed the implementation of the tenth call for proposals (CFP10) in April 2020; notes the evaluation of the last call of the Programme was completed in 2020, namely the CFP11, and that the Joint Undertaking reported that it was continuing its efforts to improve the gender balance of the group of experts; regrets that, despite those efforts, the percentage of female experts was just 20%;

Or. en
Amendment 5
Michèle Rivasi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Notes from the Court’s report that although the Joint Undertaking’s statutory staff remained static at 42 from 2017 to 2020, during the same period, the Joint Undertaking significantly increased its use of interim staff from three to ten full-time equivalents, that is, from 8% to 24% of the Joint Undertaking’s statutory staff, that the tasks performed by the interim staff are however, not of a one-off or temporary nature, arising from an exceptional increase in workload or the performance of a one-off activity, but rather are permanent in nature (e.g. legal service assistant, secretarial support, communication assistant, and project officer assistant), and the Joint Undertaking’s practice creates de-facto permanent posts, in excess of those; notes the Joint Undertaking’s reply that it has been obliged to constantly enlarge the use of interim staff during the past years due to the limitations of the rigid staff establishment plan under the condition of increasing tasks and workload, and that this trend is expected to continue with the two programmes – the Clean Sky 2 and the new Clean Aviation programme running in parallel, and, moreover, that the Joint Undertaking has put in place mitigation measures (such as appropriate supervision mechanisms, limiting tasks for interims to non-core tasks and ensuring appropriate training and mentoring support), and that however, this situation is not optimal on a medium and long-term perspective and that the Joint Undertaking considers that the solution would be to provide more flexibility with regard to number of contract agents posts in the staff.
establishment plan; urges the Joint Undertaking to review its organisational structure and employment strategy and to identify key areas of operations where the human resources should be concentrated, in order to optimise their contribution to the workflow; calls on the Joint Undertaking to remedy the shortcomings identified concerning the engagement of interim staff in increasing numbers to perform what are, in fact, permanent duties, especially in the context of the Joint Undertaking’s transformation into Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Michal Wiezik, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța

Motion for a resolution
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staffing situation. Emphasises, moreover, that the use of interim staff should remain a temporary solution, otherwise it could negatively affect the Joint Undertaking’s overall performance, leading to, for example, difficulties in retaining staff necessary in order for the Joint Undertaking to exercise key competences, unclear accountability channels, and lower staff efficiency; notes the Joint Undertaking’s reply that it has been obliged to constantly enlarge the use of interim staff during the past years due to the limitations of the rigid staff establishment plan under the condition of increasing tasks and workload, and that this trend is expected to continue with the two programmes – the Clean Sky 2 and the new Clean Aviation programme running in parallel, and, moreover, that the Joint Undertaking has put in place mitigation measures (such as appropriate supervision mechanisms, limiting tasks for interims to non-core tasks and ensuring appropriate training and mentoring support), and that however, this situation is not optimal on a medium and long-term perspective and that the Joint Undertaking considers that the solution would be to provide more flexibility with regard to number of contract agents posts in the staff establishment plan;

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Amendment 9
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17 a. Notes with concern the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic for employees, especially taking into account different living situations, lack of access to office space and possible effects of isolation; asks the Joint Undertaking to focus on employee wellbeing, stress management and work life balance; Asks management to ensure that appropriate support structures are in place to ensure the psychological wellbeing of staff;

Amendment 10
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. Notes that the Joint Undertaking used the eProcurement solution for its open procurement procedures in 2020;

Amendment 11
Michal Wiezik, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22 a. Emphasises that the Court's
findings confirmed persistent systemic errors in the personnel costs declared, and that in particular SMEs and new beneficiaries are more error-prone than other beneficiaries. Highlights that such errors are also regularly reported by the ex post audits of the CAS and its contracted auditors; emphasises therefore that streamlining the H2020 rules for the declaration of personnel costs and the wider use of simplified cost options is a precondition for stabilising error rates at below materiality level. The Joint Undertaking is also encouraged to strengthen its internal control systems to address the increased risk regarding SMEs and new beneficiaries;

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