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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 15**

**Draft report**  
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2020 discharge - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control  
(2021/2124(DEC))



## Amendment 1

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

### Proposal for a decision 1

**Citation 1 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to the Court of Auditor's Review No 01/2021 on 'The EU's initial contribution to the public health response to COVID-19,*

Or. en

## Amendment 2

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

### Motion for a resolution

**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure<sup>1</sup>, the final budget of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (the 'Centre') for the financial year 2020 was EUR 62 490 000, representing an increase of 5,55 % compared to 2019; whereas approximately 97,62 % of the Centre's budget derives from the Union budget;

A. whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure<sup>1</sup>, the final budget of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (the 'Centre') for the financial year 2020 was EUR 62 490 000, representing an increase of 5,55 % compared to 2019; whereas ***the inflation rate was 0,7 % in the Union in 2020;*** ***whereas*** approximately 97,62 % of the Centre's budget derives from the Union budget;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 114, 31.3.2021, p. 39.

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Or. en

## Amendment 3

**Joachim Kuhs, Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 a.** *Regrets the excessive dependence on WHO data and analysis with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic; considers that the Centre should have a greater added-value given its budget;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *Notes with concern the conclusion of the Court's Review No 01/2021 on 'The EU's initial contribution to the public health response to COVID-19' ('the Court's review'), that it was challenging for the Centre to manage the timeliness, quality and completeness of information received from Member States; stresses however the Court's observation that the different surveillance and testing strategies used by the Member States make comparisons and assessments difficult, and that more in general, the Union's public health competences are limited, which means that the Centre is to a considerable degree dependent on Member States for its effectiveness; notes that it took for instance almost a year since the COVID-19 outbreak in Europe before Member States used a common colour code system, and showed commitment to submitting their data to the Centre; notes that the Centre responded to the Court's review by cautioning that considerable work still needs to be done to establish robust*

*population-based surveillance of COVID-19, and remarks that since then the Centre has taken steps to address this matter;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*3 b. Welcomes that, separate from the Court's review, the Centre initiated its own strategic analysis by an external contractor on the Centre's response to COVID-19 from January to September 2020; notes that this strategic analysis shows that the Centre provides high-quality surveillance data that is widely relied upon, and that its guidance is a critical input for decision makers, but that simultaneously, there is clear potential for the Centre to be more effective; notes the recommendations of the strategic analysis, stating that the Centre should place larger emphasis on the practicality of recommendations, should place a larger emphasis on forward guidance, and should more systematically support learning and exchanges of experience between Member States; notes the recommendations of the strategic analysis for a senior strategic lead function, better differentiation of internal processes for producing technical outputs, and the enhancement of its capabilities; calls on the Centre to report on the measures taken in this regard and inform the discharge authority about the progress made;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 c.** *Notes that the Centre's external strategic assessment indicates that in the long term, there are important questions about the role that the Centre should play in the larger European public health security landscape; notes that those questions relate to the appropriate degree of European coordination of public health policies and data, the relevant roles of various actors and the strategic focus of the Centre; notes that the Commission has discussed these questions in its review of the Centre's role, and that since then, changes in the European public health security landscape have been made;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Bas Eickhout**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *Notes that the institutional context in which the Centre operates is changing as a consequence of the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic; calls upon the Court to expand in its audit for the next financial year in relation to how the Centre is operating within this adjusted institutional context, and whether, within the adjusted institutional setting, the Centre has enough resources*

*to implement its mandate effectively;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Bas Eickhout**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Notes that the Centre has adopted a policy on protecting the dignity of the person and preventing harassment; takes note that two cases of alleged harassment have been reported and one case was brought to the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2020;

##### *Amendment*

9. Notes that the Centre has adopted a policy on protecting the dignity of the person and preventing harassment; takes note that two cases of alleged harassment have been reported and one case was brought to the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2020; ***calls on the Centre to inform the discharge authority about the status of that case; calls on the Centre to ensure continuous measures aiming at strengthening ethical framework at the workplace, preventing burnout and harassment;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wieszik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

9. Notes that the Centre has adopted a policy on protecting the dignity of the person and preventing harassment; takes note that two cases of alleged harassment have been reported and one case was brought to the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2020; ***calls on the Centre to report to the discharge authority***

*on the developments in this regard;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Is concerned about the large size of the Centre's management board which makes decision-making difficult and generates considerable administrative costs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10 b. Welcomes the efforts made in the Centre's staff policy to promote teleworking and healthy life and continues to encourage the Centre to pursue the development of a long term human resources policy framework that addresses work-life balance, lifelong guidance and career development, gender balance, teleworking, geographical balance and the recruitment and integration of people with disabilities;***

Or. en



**Amendment 12**  
**Joachim Kuhs, Jean-François Jalkh**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11 a. Requests the disclosure of the results of the tender 2020/S 138-338245<sup>1a</sup> targeting 'the development of training courses aimed to strengthen the public health capacity in Europe to respond to the challenges encountered in the area of vaccine hesitancy and communication around vaccination', as well as of the strategy employed by the tender winner to achieve those results;**

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**<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:338245-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>**

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Caterina Chinnici**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a. Takes note of the European Ombudsman's decision of 5 February 2021 in strategic inquiry OI/3/2020/TE on 'how the ECDC gathered and communicated information during the COVID-19 crisis' and appreciates the conclusion that no maladministration has been found; notes, however, that despite the acknowledgement of the Ombudsman of the efforts made by the Centre during the COVID-19 crisis to conduct its scientific assessment in a transparent manner, the Ombudsman considers that the mandate of the Centre prevents an**

*independent collection of data, limiting in a significant way its tasks and, furthermore, that there is room for the Centre to improve how it communicates information to the public offering their translations in the largest number of official languages possible; asks the Centre to report to the discharge authority about measures taken for such an improvement;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 14**

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wieszik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 19**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

19. *Notes* that the Centre reported an unprecedentedly high number of outputs in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and had the highest visibility since its creation; notes that the Centre's main activities during this period were related to the support of vaccination strategies, the dissemination of evidence-based information, the application of surveillance and epidemic intelligence, the implementation of guidance for scientific and technical topics, and the establishment of networking and exchange practices across Europe;

###### *Amendment*

19. *Welcomes* that the Centre reported an unprecedentedly high number of outputs in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and had the highest visibility since its creation; notes that the Centre's main activities during this period were related to the support of vaccination strategies, the dissemination of evidence-based information, the application of surveillance and epidemic intelligence, the implementation of guidance for scientific and technical topics, and the establishment of networking and exchange practices across Europe;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 15**

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wieszik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 21 a (new)**

***21 a. Recalls the importance of increasing the digitalisation of the Centre in terms of internal operation and management but also in order to speed up the digitalisation of procedures; stresses the need for the Centre to continue to be proactive in this regard in order to avoid a digital gap between the Union agencies at all costs;***

Or. en