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Draft report
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2020 discharge - European Chemicals Agency
(2021/2125(DEC))
Amendment 1
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mitoţa, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure\(^1\), the final budget of the European Chemicals Agency (the ‘Agency’) for the financial year 2020 was EUR 109 362 158 representing a decrease of 3,08 % compared to 2019; whereas approximately 29,41% of the Agency’s budget derives from fees and charges and 67,48% from the Union and third countries (in 2019 39,51 % from fees and charges and 57,61 % from the Union and third countries);

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\(^1\) OJ C 114, 31.03.2021, p. 126.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mitoţa, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

3. Notes that the Court made one observation on the clarity of the tender specifications in a procurement procedure and another observation on the completeness of the audit trail in recruitment procedures; notes that, as regards the years 2017 and 2018, the implementation of three of the Court’s recommendations is still ongoing, namely recommendations related to launching a

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discussion with the Commission and the budgetary authority about a viable new financing model, collecting outstanding administrative charges and publishing vacancy notices on the European Personnel Selection Office website; calls on the Agency to complete the follow-up of those recommendations;

Amendment 3
Caterina Chinnici

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that the Agency, with regard to senior management positions, reports that 23 (76,6 %) positions are occupied by men and 7 (23,33 %) by women; notes that the Agency reports, for the management board, a gender balance distribution of 14 men (37,8 %) and 23 women (62,2 %) and, for staff overall, 266 men (46,7 %) and 306 women (53,3 %);

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7. Notes with concern that the Agency reports again gender imbalance for 2020, with regard to senior management positions as 23 (76,6 %) positions are occupied by men and 7 (23,33 %) by women; with regard to the management board, with 14 men (37,8%) and 23 women (62,2 %) and, with regard to staff overall with 266 men (46,7 %) and 306 women (53,3 %); asks the Agency to ensure gender balance at the senior management level in the future; asks the Commission and the Member States to take into account the importance of ensuring gender balance when nominating their members to the Agency’s management board;

Amendment 4
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituţa, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
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7. **Notes** that the Agency, with regard to senior management positions, reports that 23 (76,6 %) positions are occupied by men and 7 (23,33 %) by women; notes that the Agency reports, for the management board, a gender balance distribution of 14 men (37,8 %) and 23 women (62,2 %) and, for staff overall, 266 men (46,7 %) and 306 women (53,3 %);

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7. **Regrets** that the Agency, with regard to senior and middle management positions, reports that 23 (76,6 %) positions are occupied by men and 7 (23,33 %) by women; notes that the Agency reports, for the management board, a gender balance distribution of 14 men (37,8 %) and 23 women (62,2 %) and, for staff overall, 266 men (46,7 %) and 306 women (53,3 %); **reiterates its call on the Agency to take pro-active measures to achieve gender balance among management positions**;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8 a. **Welcomes the efforts made in staff policy to promote teleworking and healthy life and continues to encourage the Agency 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**;

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

**Motion for a resolution**

13. Notes that the Agency’s internal audit capability conducted an audit on the ‘harmonised classification and labelling’ activity and that there were six important recommendations, namely to improve working methods, to improve knowledge management and consistency, to improve feedback mechanisms, to ensure sufficient resources for the Agency’s secretariat and committees, to clarify the roles and responsibilities within the Agency, and to consider further process simplification and efficiency gains;

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Caterina Chinnici

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

**Motion for a resolution**

14. Notes that the Agency made a smooth transition to large-scale teleworking for staff, continuing collaboration with external stakeholders and moving the operation of all of the Agency’s bodies online following the outbreak of the pandemic; notes that, according to the Agency’s report, the rapid transition to large-scale, long-term teleworking resulted in significant additional efforts for the Agency’s security unit, not least because not all the Agency’s contractors were prepared for the large-scale teleworking and related arrangements had to be put in place, with high priority; calls on the Agency to carefully evaluate the arrangements in place, including from a cyber-security perspective, and related risks for business continuity;

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the balance between professional and private life;

Amendment 8
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16 a. Regrets that the Agency has not yet acted on the recommendations of the European Parliament in its decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Agency for the financial year 2019 with regard to pro-active measures and resourcing for speeding up, improving and quantifying reductions in the number of animal tests and the replacement of such tests by new approach methodologies, as well as the establishment within the Agency of a team exclusively dedicated to animal protection and the promotion of non-animal test methods;

Amendment 9
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Michal Wiezik, Alin Mituța, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

16 b. Notes that the European Medicines Agency has a working group on the application of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction
and Refinement) in Regulatory Testing of Medicinal Products and its 2025 strategy includes significant work on non-animal testing, and that the European Food Safety Authority includes in the remit of its Science Studies and Project Identification Office, the development of a roadmap to use non-animal methods to routinely address data gaps by 2027; regrets that the Agency lacks similar initiatives which could help to deliver the goal set out in the resolution of the European Parliament of 16 September 2021 on plans and actions to accelerate the transition to innovation without the use of animals in research, regulatory testing and education;¹a

¹a Not yet published in the Official Journal.

Amendment 10
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18 a. Recalls the importance to increase the digitalisation of the Agency in terms of internal operation and management but also in order to speed up the digitalisation of procedures; stresses the need for the Agency to continue to be proactive in this regard in order to avoid a digital gap between the agencies at all costs; draws attention, however, to the need to take all the necessary security measures to avoid any risk to the online security of the information processed; calls on the Agency to swifter develop its cybersecurity policy, to be delivered before the 31 January 2022 and to report back to
the discharge authority on this matter;

Or. en