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AMENDMENTS

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2020 discharge : European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation
(Eurojust)
(2021/2143(DEC))

Amendment 1

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

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Administrative Director of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2020 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the Administrative Director of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2020;***

Amendment

1. Grants the Administrative Director of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 2

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

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) for the financial year 2020 / ***Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) for the financial year 2020;***

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) for the financial year 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the Agency continued to strengthen operational cooperation and increase of referral of cases by the liaison prosecutors, resulting in 291 new cases in 2020 , representing a 17 % increase compared to 2019; **notes** that the Agency reinforced the operational cooperation with its partners and third countries with the appointment of liaison prosecutors from Serbia, Georgia and Albania, and through a **4 %** increase in the number of common cases; **further** notes that the network of the Agency contact points increased to 55 countries with the participation of Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Mexico and Kosovo; **notes** that the Agency stepped up its cooperation on criminal matters between the Union and its South partner countries by becoming the host of the new phase of the EuroMed Justice Programme;

Amendment

4. Notes that the Agency continued to strengthen operational cooperation and increase of referral of cases by the liaison prosecutors, resulting in 291 new cases in 2020 , representing a 17 % increase compared to 2019; **welcomes the fact** that the Agency **has** reinforced the operational cooperation with its partners and third countries with the appointment of liaison prosecutors from Serbia, Georgia and Albania, and through a **4%** increase in the number of common cases; notes **positively** that the network of the Agency contact points increased to 55 countries with the participation of Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Mexico and Kosovo; **is pleased** that the Agency **has** stepped up its cooperation on criminal matters between the Union and its South partner countries by becoming the host of the new phase of the EuroMed Justice Programme;

Or. it

Amendment 4

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that in 2020 prosecutors from across the Union and beyond turned to the Agency for assistance in 8 799 cross-border criminal investigations, an increase of 13 % compared to 2019, and that 4 200 were new cases opened during 2020 and that 164 of these were related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment

5. Notes that in 2020 prosecutors from across the Union and beyond turned to the Agency for assistance in 8 799 cross-border criminal investigations, an increase of 13 % compared to 2019, and that 4 200 were new cases opened during 2020 and that 164 of these were related to the COVID-19 pandemic; **welcomes that the**

Agency provided legal, financial and operational support to 268 joint investigation teams in 2020 and facilitated the execution of 1 284 European Arrest Warrants;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Stresses the importance of the Agency having suitable human and economic resources at its disposal, not least in view of the increase in its activities;*

Or. it

Amendment 6
Caterina Chinnici

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Notes that the reported figures for gender balance within the Agency for 2020 are 5 men and 5 women in senior and middle management, 17 men (65,4 %) and 9 women (34,6 %) in the Agency's management board, and that the staff overall is composed of 71 men (32%) and 152 women (68%);*

9. *Welcomes the achieved gender balance within the Agency for 2020 with 5 men and 5 women in senior and middle management, and notes with concern the uneven gender distribution with 17 men (65,4 %) and 9 women (34,6 %) in the Agency's management board, and that the staff overall is composed of 71 men (32%) and 152 women (68%); asks the Agency to ensure gender balance at the staff 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*

Amendment 7

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Takes note of* the Agency's existing measures and ongoing efforts to prevent harassment; welcomes that in 2020, the Agency offered refresher training on psychological and sexual harassment to all staff and additional training on conflict management and resolution was provided to the confidential counsellors and managers;

Amendment

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Amendment 8

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that, according to the Court's report, a number of weaknesses in the Agency's audited public procurement procedures were detected; notes that in one case, where the Agency signed a framework contract with a single economic operator, the Court concluded that the use of this sort of framework contract was not appropriate for the nature of the services required (the leasing of vehicles), as the related market is subject to frequent fluctuations in price; acknowledges the

Amendment

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Court's observation that the Agency should have used a framework contract with a reopening of competition in order to ensure that the required services were acquired as economically as possible; notes the Agency's reply to this observation and its commitment to prepare more robust ex-ante documentation aimed at clarifying why a certain procurement procedure has been followed;

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Caterina Chinnici

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Welcomes the fact that the Agency has completed the Court's observation from 2018 concerning the use of a negotiated procurement procedure deemed as not justified;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Gilles Boyer, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Regrets the fact that the CVs of senior management, external experts and in-house experts of the Agency are not published on its website; notes that the Agency has adopted an updated standard operating procedure on the management of

17. Regrets the fact that the CVs of senior management, external experts and in-house experts of the Agency are not published on its website; ***calls on the Agency to publish these CVs immediately;*** notes that the Agency has adopted an

conflicts of interest by Decision AD 2020-44 of the administrative director and that no conflicts of interest were reported in 2020;

updated standard operating procedure on the management of conflicts of interest by Decision AD 2020-44 of the administrative director and that no conflicts of interest were reported in 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes that the Agency responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by activating its business continuity plan, that a business continuity team was formed, and that, based on the team's recommendations, the administrative director adopted measures to counter the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Agency's staff and operational processes; notes that the staff were expected to telework unless their job required physical presence in the Agency's premises and that the Agency encouraged a flexible approach to the organisation of work, taking diverging staff needs into account; notes that data protection issues were considered in the assessment of IT tools and that software for secure teleworking and video-conferencing was introduced;

Amendment

23. Notes that the Agency responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by activating its business continuity plan, that a business continuity team was formed, and that, based on the team's recommendations, the administrative director adopted measures to counter the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Agency's staff and operational processes; ***expresses its satisfaction that the Agency maintained full operational continuity during the COVID-19 crisis; highlights the coordinating role that Agency has played in compiling and disseminating information on the main practical and legal issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, as well as providing information about the impact of national measures taken in this context;*** notes that the staff were expected to telework unless their job required physical presence in the Agency's premises and that the Agency encouraged a flexible approach to the organisation of work, taking diverging staff needs into account; notes that data protection issues were considered in the assessment of IT tools and that software for secure teleworking and video-conferencing was introduced;

Amendment 12

Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Elżbieta Rafalska, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls for buildings to be modernised in order to meet zero-emission standards, in particular by installing solar panels on all buildings belonging to the Agency;

Or. pl