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# **AMENDMENTS**

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### **Amendment 1**

**Olivier Chastel, Jozef Mihál, Alin Mituța, Ilana Cicurel, Ramona Strugariu**

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

##### **Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 a. stresses the importance of continuing support all initiatives for a better common understanding of Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) contributing to the development of a strong and competitive European rail industry ;**

Or. en

### **Amendment 2**

**Olivier Chastel, Jozef Mihál, Alin Mituța, Ilana Cicurel, Ramona Strugariu**

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

##### **Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Insists for more support for innovation in rail freight and intermodal transport services to achieve competitive integration into the logistic value chain, with automation and digitalisation of freight rail**

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Sándor Rónai, Hannes Heide**

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

##### **Paragraph 13**

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*Amendment*

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out in 2022 of the HR management system (SYSPER) of the Commission and the migration, in pilot phase, to the new budgetary, accounting and financial system, SUMMA; welcomes that the Agency's SPD 2023-2025 foresees to further digitise its workflows;

*eliminating paper-processes and bringing forward online solutions such as e-procurement, e-invoicing, electronic travel booking*, including through the roll out in 2022 of the HR management system (SYSPER) of the Commission and the migration, in pilot phase, to the new budgetary, accounting and financial system, SUMMA; welcomes that the Agency's SPD 2023-2025 foresees to further digitise its workflows;

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#### **Amendment 4** **Sándor Rónai, Hannes Heide**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 14**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Observes from the Agency's Opinion with regard to the follow-up measures taken in light of the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Agency's for the financial year 2021 (hereinafter The 'Agency's Opinion') that the Agency has implemented several measures to reduce the cost of operations in Lille (i.e. missions and travel expenses for staff and external stakeholders have been significantly reduced) and has ended the current lease contract for Lille premises; notes that the intention of the Agency is to organise only the mandatory meetings in Lille in order to comply with the European Council decision on the double seat 'Lille-Valenciennes'; notes the positive experience and development within the Agency with regard to the use of the teleworking regime during after the COVID 19 pandemic, leading the Agency to conclude that the new normal is that teleworking is accepted as being equal as working at the office for most of the staff, while physical presence remains key for

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Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Sándor Rónai, Hannes Heide**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Notes the lack of gender balance within the Agency's senior management, with 8 out of 10 (80 %) being men; notes the gender distribution within the Agency's management board (MB), with 34 out of 64 (53 %) being men; further notes the gender distribution within the Agency's overall staff, with 120 out of 188 (64 %) being men; notes the Agency's continuous work towards closing the gender gap, with specific projects such as "Women in transport" to strengthen women's employment and equal opportunities in the transport sector; notes in this context the Agency's endeavours to increase the number of women in the transport sector through deliverables such as speed networking events and webinars focusing on diversity and inclusion in 2022;

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16. Notes **with concern** the lack of gender balance within the Agency's senior management, with 8 out of 10 (80 %) being men; notes the gender distribution within the Agency's management board (MB), with 34 out of 64 (53 %) being men; further notes the gender distribution within the Agency's overall staff, with 120 out of 188 (64 %) being men; **recalls the importance to ensure gender balance and calls on the Agency to take this aspect into consideration with regard to future recruitments of staff and appointments within its senior management**; notes the Agency's continuous work towards closing the gender gap, with specific projects such as "Women in transport" to strengthen women's employment and equal opportunities in the transport sector; notes in this context the Agency's endeavours to increase the number of women in the transport sector through deliverables such as speed networking events and webinars focusing on diversity and inclusion in 2022;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Sándor Rónai, Hannes Heide**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17 a. Welcomes that the Agency strives to ensure a geographical balance of its staff members with encouraging candidates from all Member States to apply for its positions; notes that the temporary posts are published in all EU languages and the calls for application are not only published on the Agency's website, but also disseminated at the level of Member States' permanent representations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Sándor Rónai, Hannes Heide**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32 a. Welcomes the continued efforts of the Agency in strengthening its communication, implemented through various channels to reach the largest public possible; notes the development and launch of the new ERA website in November 2022, which provides a clearer, streamlined, and modern tool to present the Agency's contribution to the railway sector and EU citizens at large; acknowledges the Agency's efforts of organising 9 webinars and preparing several publications and videos in 2022; welcomes that the Agency maintained a strong presence in the media and increased its social media following in 2022;**

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