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OPINION

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring
parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies
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Rapporteur for opinion: Peter Simon

SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses that, while making sure that all assignments resulting from the regulatory framework are carried out in full and within deadline, Union agencies should carefully adhere to their tasks and act in accordance with the mandates assigned to them by Parliament and the Council; considers it imperative that the Union agencies are transparent when carrying out their mandates;
2. Requests that the Union agencies, in order to improve their level of accountability, should reply to questions addressed to them by Parliament or the Council no later than five weeks after receiving them; suggests, furthermore, that upon request, the Chairperson of a Union agency should hold confidential oral discussions behind closed doors with the Chair, Vice-Chairs and Coordinators of Parliament's competent committee;
3. Considers that Union agencies should seek to regularly involve relevant stakeholders and to apply the principles of better regulation, including conducting open public consultations on their draft proposals for secondary and tertiary legal acts;
4. Suggests that the attendance of Parliament representatives at meetings of boards of supervisors and agency stakeholder groups would facilitate mutual understanding of the issues at stake by Parliament, the Member States and the Commission, in the same way that attendance at the Commission's expert group meetings does;
5. Underlines that Parliament's prerogatives should be respected at all times; believes, therefore, that Parliament should systematically be involved, and on equal terms with the Commission and Council, in defining and weighting the criteria for the location of all Union bodies and agencies; recalls, in this regard, the Council's commitment to engage in the revision of the Joint Statement of 19 July 2012 on decentralised agencies, with the aim of ensuring the joint and deep involvement of all EU institutions; believes that ensuring the best value for money for the European citizen, as represented by Parliament, should be an important factor in this decision-making process;
6. Calls on the Commission, in its in-depth analysis of the implementation of the Joint Statement and Common Approach of 19 July 2012, to see to it that it assess, by April 2019, the arrangements that should be revised and enforced to ensure proper scrutiny by Parliament and the extent to which the provisions reflect the reality of the legal and institutional landscape of decentralised agencies, notably as regards structure and governance-related aspects, and whether they allow sufficient flexibility to cater for the agencies' diverse nature;
7. Recalls its prerogative as co-legislator and insists on complete respect for the ordinary legislative procedure as to decisions regarding the location of the seats of its bodies and agencies;
8. Notes that the number of agencies and the resources allocated to them has been growing

in recent years; calls for a clear and common understanding between the EU institutions on the role of the agencies;

9. Stresses that the location of the seat of an agency should not affect the execution of its powers and tasks, its governance structure, the operation of its main organisation or the main financing of its activities; underlines, however, that the location of an agency should allow for better budgetary efficiency through the implementation of shared services among Union agencies, notably joint premises, since shared infrastructure, administrative support and facility management services deliver significant efficiency gains.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.12.2018
Result of final vote	+: 48 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Hugues Bayet, Pervenche Berès, Jonás Fernández, Giuseppe Ferrandino, Stefan Gehrold, Sven Giegold, Neena Gill, Roberto Gualtieri, Brian Hayes, Gunnar Hökmark, Danuta Maria Hübner, Barbara Kappel, Othmar Karas, Wolf Klinz, Georgios Kyrtos, Philippe Lamberts, Werner Langen, Bernd Lucke, Olle Ludvigsson, Gabriel Mato, Bernard Monot, Caroline Nagtegaal, Luděk Niedermayer, Ralph Packet, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Dariusz Rosati, Martin Schirdewan, Molly Scott Cato, Pedro Silva Pereira, Peter Simon, Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, Kay Swinburne, Paul Tang, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Marco Valli, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Miguel Viegas, Jakob von Weizsäcker
Substitutes present for the final vote	Matt Carthy, Ashley Fox, Sophia in 't Veld, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Syed Kamall, Paloma López Bermejo, Thomas Mann, Romana Tomc, Lieve Wierinck, Roberts Zile

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Sophia in 't Veld, Wolf Klinz, Caroline Nagtegaal, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Lieve Wierinck
ECR	Ashley Fox, Syed Kamall, Bernd Lucke, Ralph Packet, Kay Swinburne, Roberts Zīle
EFDD	Bernard Monot, Marco Valli
ENF	Barbara Kappel
GUE/NGL	Matt Carthy, Paloma López Bermejo, Martin Schirdewan, Miguel Viegas
PPE	Stefan Gehrold, Brian Hayes, Gunnar Hökmark, Danuta Maria Hübner, Othmar Karas, Georgios Kyrtos, Werner Langen, Thomas Mann, Gabriel Mato, Luděk Niedermayer, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Dariusz Rosati, Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, Romana Tomc, Tom Vandenkendelaere
S&D	Hugues Bayet, Pervenche Berès, Jonás Fernández, Giuseppe Ferrandino, Neena Gill, Roberto Gualtieri, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Olle Ludvigsson, Pedro Silva Pereira, Peter Simon, Paul Tang, Jakob von Weizsäcker
VERTS/ALE	Sven Giegold, Philippe Lamberts, Molly Scott Cato

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention