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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2015
(2016/2161(DEC))

Rapporteur: Marian Harkin

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2015 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2015 is fairly represented;
2. Appreciates the good quality of the Centre's research, analyses and technical advice through which it supports the development of European lifelong learning and VET policies and contributes to their implementation in order to enable workers to acquire good skills and to contribute to achieving the goals set in the Europe 2020 strategy;
3. Commends the high budget implementation rate in 2015 (98,55 %) and good overall target delivery; notes, however, that the level of appropriations carried over was high for title II (28 %); notes that this resulted from a large amount of equipment required following refurbishment of the Centre's building which had not been delivered or invoiced by the end of 2015;
4. Welcomes the Centre's focus on competences and skills which among other objectives helps to better match vocational training to labour market demands and particularly welcomes the first European Skills and Jobs Survey as well as the launch of the new Skills Panorama; welcomes that the Centre provided more country-specific information and analysis and expanded its support to individual Member States through expertise provided in connection with policy implementation;
5. Notes the need for a clearer orientation and direction of the Centre, to further develop personnel management system and to closely link activities to indicators in order to improve the overall performance of the agency;
6. Acknowledges that the policy framework guiding the Centre's work has evolved in 2015 so as to include a new set of priorities for the period 2015 to 2020 as endorsed by Ministers responsible for VET policies in the Riga Conclusions;
7. Notes that there was a downwards salary adjustment at the end of 2015; calls on the Centre to ensure that this does not lead to a negative impact on the living and working conditions of staff members and the Centre's ability to make its positions competitive and attractive;
8. Notes that the Centre introduced a new internal structure in the beginning of 2015 and that 2015 was the Centre's first full year under the remit of the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion;
9. Welcomes the Centre's follow-up measures in relation to the comments of the discharge authority made regarding the implementation of the budget of previous years; notes that in 2015, all internal and external works on the Centre's building to repair and strengthen its structure on account of its location on an active fault line were completed, and that

building safety issues continue to be addressed and should be resolved in 2016; calls on the Centre to continue to keep Parliament updated on these safety issues.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	25.1.2017
Result of final vote	+: 45 -: 3 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Laura Agea, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ole Christensen, Lampros Fountoulis, Arne Gericke, Marian Harkin, Czesław Hoc, Agnes Jongerius, Rina Ronja Kari, Jan Keller, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jean Lambert, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Patrick Le Hyaric, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Javi López, Thomas Mann, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, João Pimenta Lopes, Georgi Pirinski, Terry Reintke, Sofia Ribeiro, Robert Rochefort, Claude Rolin, Anne Sander, Sven Schulze, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Romana Tomc, Yana Toom, Ulrike Trebesius, Marita Ulvskog, Renate Weber, Jana Žitňanská
Substitutes present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Lynn Boylan, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Evelyn Regner, Csaba Sógor, Helga Stevens, Flavio Zanonato
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Marco Valli

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

45	+
ALDE	Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom, Renate Weber
ECR	Arne Gericke, Czesław Hoc, Helga Stevens, Ulrike Trebesius, Jana Žitňanská
GUE/NGL	Lynn Boylan, Rina Ronja Kari, Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, João Pimenta Lopes
PPE	Georges Bach, Heinz K. Becker, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Jeroen Lenaers, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Sofia Ribeiro, Claude Rolin, Anne Sander, Sven Schulze, Csaba Sógor, Romana Tomc
S&D	Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Ole Christensen, Agnes Jongerius, Jan Keller, Javi López, Edouard Martin, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Siôn Simon, Jutta Steinruck, Marita Ulvskog, Flavio Zanonato
VERTS/ALE	Jean Lambert, Terry Reintke

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ENF	Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin
NI	Lampros Fountoulis

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EFDD	Laura Agea, Marco Valli

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention