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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 European
Training Foundation for the financial year 2020
(2021/2139(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Romana Tomc

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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 Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as of 31 December 2020 is fairly represented;
2. Welcomes in particular the Foundation's ongoing initiative 'Skills for Enterprise Development' addressing the need for skills adaptation and enhancement, enabling enterprises to respond and manage challenges, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, contribute to greener, inclusive and innovative societies and boost sustainable competitiveness and resilience;
3. Welcomes the Foundation activities in helping Union partner countries harness the potential of their human capital and improve the employment prospects of their citizens through the reform of education, vocational training, skills and labour market systems, in the context of the Union's external relations policies; highlights the need to ensure adequate human and financial resources allowing the Foundation to continue implementing its work programme with a very high activity completion rate;
4. Recognises that the Foundation's objectives and actions are closely aligned with Union policies and activities in the field of vocational education and training, human development, skills and migration; welcomes the Foundation's continued cooperation and sharing of resources with other agencies, in particular with CEDEFOP and Eurofound, which enables significant knowledge sharing; stresses the Foundation's importance, autonomy and added value in its field of expertise;
5. Takes note that the transparency and the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control systems have been undermined by the Foundation not fully complying with internal control principle n. 12 of its own internal control framework and urges the Foundation to fully comply with it and to record deviations from the rules and procedures in its register of exceptions;
6. Notes that the Foundation still has to take action to respond to the Court's observations of 2018 as regards the use of mostly non-competitive price elements in award criteria for a public procurement procedure for a temporary-agency services; stresses that the Foundation should respond to the Court's observation and use award criteria that focus on competitive price elements;
7. Underlines the need to avoid digital overloading and emphasizes that staff should only work within working hours; welcomes the Foundation's new tools that were recently uploaded for the delivery of messages within working hours; calls on the other agencies to follow this as a good practice;
8. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Director of the European Training Foundation in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's

budget for the financial year 2020.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	1.2.2022
Result of final vote	+: 47 -: 5 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Marc Angel, Dominique Bilde, Gabriele Bischoff, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Sylvie Brunet, Jordi Cañas, David Casa, Ilan De Basso, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Özlem Demirel, Klára Dobrev, Jarosław Duda, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Nicolaus Fest, Loucas Fourlas, Cindy Franssen, Helmut Geuking, Elisabetta Gualmini, Alicia Homs Ginel, France Jamet, Agnes Jongerius, Radan Kanev, Ádám Kósa, Stelios Kympouropoulos, Katrin Langensiepen, Miriam Lexmann, Elena Lizzi, Giuseppe Milazzo, Dragoş Pîslaru, Manuel Pizarro, Dennis Radtke, Elżbieta Rafalska, Daniela Rondinelli, Mounir Satouri, Monica Semedo, Michal Šimečka, Beata Szydło, Eugen Tomac, Romana Tomc, Nikolaj Villumsen, Marianne Vind, Maria Walsh, Stefania Zambelli, Tatjana Ždanoka, Tomáš Zdechovský
Substitutes present for the final vote	Marc Botenga, Peter Lundgren, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Kim Van Sparrentak

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

47	+
ECR	Giuseppe Milazzo, Elżbieta Rafalska, Beata Szydło
NI	Ádám Kósa, Daniela Rondinelli
PPE	David Casa, Jarosław Duda, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Loucas Fourlas, Cindy Franssen, Helmut Geuking, Radan Kanev, Stelios Kypourouopoulos, Miriam Lexmann, Dennis Radtke, Eugen Tomac, Romana Tomc, Maria Walsh, Tomáš Zdechovský
Renew	Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Sylvie Brunet, Jordi Cañas, Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Dragoș Pîslaru, Monica Semedo, Michal Šimečka, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir
S&D	Marc Angel, Gabriele Bischoff, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Ilan De Basso, Klára Dobrev, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Elisabetta Gualmini, Alicia Homs Ginel, Agnes Jongerius, Manuel Pizarro, Marianne Vind
The Left	Marc Botenga, Özlem Demirel, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop, Nikolaj Villumsen
Verts/ALE	Katrin Langensiepen, Mounir Satouri, Kim Van Sparrentak, Tatjana Ždanoka

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ECR	Peter Lundgren
ID	Dominique Bilde, Nicolaus Fest, France Jamet, Stefania Zambelli

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ECR	Margarita de la Pisa Carrión
ID	Elena Lizzi

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention