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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for the financial
year 2018
(COM(2019)0316 – 2019/2066(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Expresses its satisfaction*** that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2018 is fairly represented;

Amendment

1. ***Notes*** that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2018 is fairly represented;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Commends*** the budget implementation rate ***of*** 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017;

Amendment

2. ***Notes that*** the budget implementation rate ***was*** 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017;

Or. it

Amendment 3
Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Dragoș Pîslaru, Jordi Cañas, Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Commends the budget implementation rate of 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017;

Amendment

2. Commends the ***exemplary*** budget implementation rate of 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017 ***and the 96% occupation rate of the establishment plan;***

Amendment 4

Alex Agius Saliba, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Milan Brglez, Elisabetta Gualmini, Marianne Vind

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Commends the budget implementation rate of 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017;

Amendment

2. Commends the budget implementation rate of 100 % in 2018 compared to 99.95 % in 2017; ***notes that this exceptional result and budget execution demonstrates the Centre's successful efforts towards optimal use of resources;***

Amendment 5

Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies;***

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 6

Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Dragoș Pîslaru, Jordi Cañas, Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice *in* vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies;

Amendment

3. Appreciates the Centre's ***continued high-quality*** work to provide research, analyses and technical advice ***to assist the development of European lifelong learning and*** vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies ***in particular through the Skills Panorama and its role in supporting the participants of the Copenhagen process;***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Anne Sander

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies;

Amendment

3. Appreciates the Centre's ***expertise and its*** work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies, ***with the aim of promoting high-quality training tailored to the needs of the labour market;***

Or. fr

Amendment 8

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training

Amendment

3. Appreciates the Centre's ***high-quality*** work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational

(VET), qualifications and skills policies;

education and training(VET), qualifications and skills policies; *stresses to this end the importance of ensuring adequate staff and financial resources allowing Cedefop to implement its growing and changing tasks;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies;

Amendment

3. Appreciates the Centre's work to provide research, analyses and technical advice in vocational education and training (VET), qualifications and skills policies; *stresses the necessity of providing the agencies with enough material and human resources to fulfil their tasks in a proper manner, while ensuring their pre-eminence over private contractors;*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Highlights that transparency and citizens' awareness of the existence of the agencies are essential for their democratic accountability; considers that usability and ease of use of agency resources and data are of paramount importance; calls therefore for an assessment of how data and resources are currently presented and

made available and of the degree to which citizens find them easy to identify, recognise and use; recalls that public awareness in this respect can be raised by Member States through developing a comprehensive plan to reach out to more Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Welcomes Cedefop's contributions and expertise in providing new knowledge, evidence and policy analysis, monitoring policy trends and acting as a knowledge broker to highly relevant policy themes on the EU agenda; acknowledges the Centre's quality work on different projects, in particular the Skills Agenda for Europe, Europass, the revision of the Skills Panorama, the European Skills Index and Skills forecast;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers noteworthy Cedefop's initiative on a new strand on digitalisation, and in particular on its online tools, providing country specific

information and improved visualisation opportunities of online data, such as guidance resources on labour market information or skills forecasts; acknowledges to that end Cedefop's targeted marketing campaigns in raising awareness on the content of its website;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Appreciates the Centre's cooperation* with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs;

Amendment

4. *Considers it necessary for the Centre to be more efficient* with other agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, *in terms of costs and resources;*

Or. it

Amendment 14

Alex Agius Saliba, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginell, Milan Brglez, Elisabetta Gualmini, Marianne Vind

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Appreciates the Centre's cooperation with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs;

Amendment

4. Appreciates the Centre's *continuous support to the European Commission, Member States and social partners, and its* cooperation with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs *and in particular with ETF and Eurofound; notes in this regard that the recent cooperation between Cedefop and Eurofound has helped to develop a*

common project and skills forecast for the manufacturing sector, which demonstrated the quality and added value of Cedefop's work for the other agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Appreciates the Centre's cooperation with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs;

Amendment

4. Appreciates the Centre's cooperation with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs ***within and beyond the framework of the EU Agencies' Performance Development Network, allowing to build synergies and to exchange ideas and best practices and aiming to achieve more balanced governance, improved efficiency, reduced costs and greater coherence between them; stresses the necessity of improving cooperation between the agencies and the EU institutions, avoiding the externalisation of services that can be provided by them;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Appreciates the Centre's cooperation with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee on Employment

Amendment

4. Appreciates the Centre's cooperation ***and good practices*** with other Agencies under the remit of the Committee

and Social Affairs;

on Employment and Social Affairs; ***calls for continued exploitation of synergies between the agencies in order to enhance their complementarity and efficiency;***

Or. fr

Amendment 17

Alex Agius Saliba, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Milan Brglez, Elisabetta Gualmini, Marianne Vind

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes with regret that the Court identified weaknesses in two recruitment procedures which undermined the principles of transparency and equal treatment of applicants; ***notes from the Centre's reply that it*** had already revised its conflict of interest procedure and had been in ***the*** process of ***undertaking measures to improve*** its selection procedures ***and to ensure*** that any prolongation of a reserve list would be done in a regular manner;

Amendment

5. Notes with regret that the Court identified weaknesses in two recruitment procedures which undermined the principles of transparency and equal treatment of applicants; ***acknowledges, however, that Cedefop*** had already revised its conflict of interest procedure and had been in ***a thorough*** process of ***improving*** its selection procedures ***in general and ensuring*** that any prolongation of a reserve list would be done in a regular manner ***and that scoring methods and documentation of the whole selection process would be reviewed; notes in this regard that the vacancy notice model has been improved substantially to ensure increased transparency and clarity criteria;***

Or. en

Amendment 18

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Notes the Court's observation that in the procurement procedure for its travel agency services the Centre should have used more detailed and adequate criteria regarding the price and quality in order to ensure the best value for money contract; **notes** the Centre's commitment to improve the application of quality award criteria for similar services in the future;

7. Notes the Court's observation that in the procurement procedure for its travel agency services the Centre should have used more detailed and adequate criteria regarding the price and quality in order to ensure the best value for money contract; **commends** the Centre's commitment to improve the application of quality award criteria for similar services in the future **and acknowledges that Cedefop has already adjusted the formula used to identify potentially abnormal low tenders; encourages the Centre to further improve its public procurement procedures ensuring full compliance with the applicable rules and best value for money principle;**

Or. en

Amendment 19
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. ***Welcomes the fact that*** the Centre ***prepared an action plan to address*** all the areas for improvement identified by the Commission's Internal Audit Service in its audit report on 'Human Resource Management and Ethics in CEDEFOP';

Amendment

8. ***Calls on*** the Centre ***to address speedily and in practical ways*** all the areas for improvement identified by the Commission's Internal Audit Service in its audit report on 'Human Resource Management and Ethics in CEDEFOP';

Or. it

Amendment 20
Alex Agius Saliba, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginell, Milan Brglez, Elisabetta Gualmini, Marianne Vind

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Welcomes Cedefop's initiative to revise and improve its performance indicators with new quality indicators allowing to better understand the quality and relevance of the Centre's work and expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Guido Reil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2018.

Amendment

9. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge ***should not*** be granted to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2018.

Or. de

Amendment 22
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2018.

Amendment

9. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge ***should not*** be granted to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2018.

Or. it