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OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2007
(SEC(2008)2359 - C6-0440/2008 - 2008/2267(DEC))

Rapporteur: Péter Olajos

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that 2007 was the fifth operational year for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA);
2. Underlines the EFSA's role in providing independent scientific advice on all matters with a direct or indirect impact on food safety, including animal health and welfare and plant protection, a role which is becoming more and more necessary in view of consumers' concerns and the need to communicate scientific advice properly;
3. Notes that the 91 % of the EFSA budget was committed; this commitment level is below the forecast made that was mainly influenced by scientific activities, contracts or subventions, and risk communication projects; however, it represents a year-on-year increase of 30 %, a significant improvement compared to 2006 and previous years, where the level of execution was closer to 70 %;
4. Observes that the Personnel specific line reached 95 % of the execution rate instead of the 97 % forecast; notes, nevertheless, that the EFSA still had difficulties in recruiting highly skilled scientific staff to Parma;
5. Refers in terms of personnel to the staff survey carried out at the end of 2007; encourages the EFSA management to conduct such a survey on a regular basis and to incorporate its results into its personnel management and daily work;
6. Expresses its satisfaction with the implementation of the 2007 budget lines although the execution of the budget shows that the EFSA still needs to stabilise its structures;
7. On the basis of the data available, is of the opinion that the Executive Director of the EFSA can be granted discharge in respect of implementation of the budget of the EFSA for the financial year 2007.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	10.2.2009
Result of final vote	+: 41 -: 0 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Adamos Adamou, Georgs Andrejevs, Pilar Ayuso, Maria Berger, Johannes Blokland, John Bowis, Martin Callanan, Magor Imre Csibi, Chris Davies, Avril Doyle, Mojca Drčar Murko, Elisabetta Gardini, Matthias Groote, Françoise Grossetête, Satu Hassi, Gyula Hegyi, Christa Klaß, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Holger Kraemer, Urszula Krupa, Peter Liese, Linda McAvan, Péter Olajos, Miroslav Ouzký, Vladko Todorov Panayotov, Vittorio Prodi, Frédérique Ries, Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, Guido Sacconi, Amalia Sartori, Carl Schlyter, Horst Schnellhardt, Richard Seeber, María Sornosa Martínez, Antonios Trakatellis, Thomas Ulmer, Åsa Westlund
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Iles Braghetto, Jutta Haug, Hartmut Nassauer, Bart Staes, Andres Tarand
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Emanuel Jardim Fernandes