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# **DRAFT OPINION**

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

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on Discharge 2013: European Medicines Agency  
(2014/2102(DEC))

Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via

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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 authorised appropriations in the initial budget for 2013 of the European Medicines Agency's ("the Agency") totalled EUR 231 560 000 representing a 4.08% increase over the 2012 initial budget (EUR 222 489 000); notes that one amending budget was introduced in 2013 to account for an increase in revenue from services rendered of EUR 20 000 000, bringing the budget total to EUR 251 560 000 and making for a 13.1% increase over the 2012 final budget (EUR 222 489 000); notes that the balancing expenditure was allocated to the on-going project to fit out the agency's new headquarters;
2. Notes that in 2013, out of the total resources available to the Agency of EUR 251 560 000, 16,3% (EUR 40 937 454) had been EU budget contributions (including a special contribution for orphan medicines fee reductions of EUR 6 509 360); likes to stress that this amount represents 0.027% of the overall EU budget;
3. Welcomes that 583 of 611 available posts had been filled by the end of 2013 and that 144 contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff were employed by the Agency; notes that the occupation rate has decreased compared to 2012 and that the proportion of contract staff, seconded national experts and employment agency staff has decreased compared to 2012; notes that the Agency is dedicating 81% of its human resources to operational tasks and that this represents a slight increase compared to the situation in 2012; encourages the Agency to further progress on this path;
4. Reiterates the important role of the Agency in protecting and promoting public and animal health by assessing and supervising medicines for human or veterinary use; welcomes the policy on the handling of conflict of interests, last updated and endorsed by the Management Board in March 2012;
5. Welcomes that the Court of Auditors considers the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2013 as legal and regular in all material respect;
6. Recommends, on the basis of the facts available, that discharge be granted to the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.