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*Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European  
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2012  
(2013/2236(DEC))

Rapporteur: Barbara Matera

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls the important role of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in promoting gender equality including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies; underlines that the objectives and tasks of the Institute require that a separate dedicated entity is maintained within the institutional framework of the Union;
2. Draws attention to the Court of Auditors' confirmation that the Institute's annual accounts showing a budget of EUR 7 700 000, in all material respects, fairly present its financial position as of 31 December 2012 and that the Institute's operations and cash flows for the financial year 2012 are in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation;
3. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2012 to be, in all material respects, legal and regular;
4. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors about the reduction in the carryover from 50 % in 2011 to 32 % of total commitments in 2012; underlines the significant progress made in the reduction of the carryover and calls on the Institute to continue its efforts to progressively reduce it;
5. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors that the Institute does not have a formalised procurement planning and monitoring procedure and that its annual work programme does not include a procurement schedule linked to the planned activities; notes however that only 7 % of committed appropriations carried over to 2012 have not been used and had to be cancelled; underlines in this respect the Institute's commitment to improve procurement planning and monitoring by creating a monitoring tool and budget monitoring guidelines; calls, therefore, on the Institute to develop and implement formalised procurement and monitoring procedures, and to incorporate a timetable for procurement into the annual work plan;
6. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors about identified shortcomings in the documentation of recruitment procedures; notes in this regard the Institute's actions to update the recruitment guidelines in order to find solutions to these identified shortcomings;
7. Calls on the Institute to update its guidelines on recruitment in order to eliminate the shortcomings identified by the Court of Auditors, and to find satisfactory solutions to the problems that have arisen in this connection;
8. Points out the progress registered by the Institute as regards the completion of its

establishment plan, which contributes to the effective functioning of the Institute;

9. Notes the main findings of the Institute's activity report and points out that in 2012, among others, the Institute has produced two reports for the Presidencies, focusing on “gender equality –climate change” and “violence against women-victims support” , finalised the construction of Gender Equality Index, launched 7 studies and developed an online database of gender training resources;
10. Calls on the Institute to take into consideration in its annual work programme, when planning payment requirements and budgetary priorities, the activities foreseen in the cooperation plan between the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and the Institute;
11. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2012.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	12.2.2014
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 18 -: 1 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Regina Bastos, Marije Cornelissen, Edite Estrela, Iratxe García Pérez, Mikael Gustafsson, Mary Honeyball, Astrid Lulling, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Norica Nicolai, Siiri Oviir, Antonia Parvanova, Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Záborská
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Katarína Nevedálová, Doris Pack, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Rui Tavares, Angelika Werthmann