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Draft opinion
Caterina Chinnici
(PE663.238v02-00)

2019 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
(EMCDDA)
(2020/2153(DEC))
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Amendment 1
Caterina Chinnici

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Paragraph 1

1. Highlights the important role of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (the ‘Centre’) in providing policy-makers and practitioners with analyses and information concerning drugs and drug addiction as well as emerging trends with a view to effectively countering illicit drug use and trafficking and in contributing to a healthier Europe by addressing important drug-related public health concerns;

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Olivier Chastel, Abir Al-Sahlan, Sophia in 't Veld, Moritz Körner, Hilde Vautmans, Michal Šimečka, Fabienne Keller, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Malik Azmani, Ramona Strugariu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Paragraph 2 b (new)

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2 b. Welcomes the cooperation between the Centre and EUROPOL; acknowledges the publication of their third joint report on EU Drug Markets and its supporting digital information package; notes the two new cooperations at institutional level with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), in order to implement the New Psychoactive Substances legislation;

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Roberta Metsola, Paulo Rangel, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Lena Düpont, Andrzej Halicki, Tomas Tobé, Tomáš Zdechovský, Axel Voss

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3. Reiterates its concern that the Court has identified a recurrent shortcoming applying to several agencies in the use of external staff and interim workers; calls for the dependency on external recruitment in this important area to be addressed and for applicable labour law to be respected; welcomes that the Centre's reply that it has reassessed its policy for use of temporary workers with a view to further rationalise the latter is in line with its operating needs and the relevant legal
temporary agency workers to EU agencies.  

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Amendment 7
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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3 a. Stresses the importance to increase the digitalisation of the agency in terms of internal operation and management but also in order to speed up the digitalisation of procedures; stresses the need for the agency to continue to be proactive in this regard in order to avoid a digital gap between the agencies at all costs; draws attention, however, to the need to take all the necessary security measures to avoid any risk to the online security of the information processed;
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Paragraph 3 a (new)

3 a. Welcomes the fact that the observation of the Court regarding the financial contribution from Norway to the Centre, which was not in line with the envisaged contribution mechanism, has been acted upon and completed;

Amendment 9
Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

3 a. EU institutions must rigorously comply with financial regulation and high management standards;

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

3 b. Highlights the contribution of the Centre, by means of its annual reports, to the development of the EU Agenda and
Action Plan on Drugs 2021-2025\textsuperscript{1a}, and the role the Centre is going to play in its implementation;

\textsuperscript{1a} COM(2020) 606 final.

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3 b. Underlines the important effect of turnover within the staff of the Union agencies; calls for the implementation of human and social policies to remedy it.

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