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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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2019 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Data Protection

Supervisor

(2020/2148(DEC))

Amendment 1

Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Patrick Breyer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises the important role of the European Data Protection Supervisor ('EDPS'), namely to ensure the protection of personal data and privacy of individuals by monitoring personal data processing by the Union institutions **and** bodies, by advising them on all matters related to personal data processing and by cooperating with national supervisory authorities with a view to ensure the **consistent** protection of individuals' **privacy** rights irrespective of where they live in the Union;

Amendment

1. Emphasises the important role of the European Data Protection Supervisor ('EDPS'), namely to ensure the protection of personal data and privacy of individuals by monitoring personal data processing by the Union institutions, bodies **and agencies**, by advising them on all matters related to personal data processing and by cooperating with national supervisory authorities with a view to ensure the protection of individuals' **fundamental rights and freedoms, including the rights to data protection and privacy** irrespective of where they live in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 2

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that the EDPS is not a decentralised Union agency and takes the view that even if its budget represents a very small percentage of the Union budget, the legality and regularity of EDPS transactions should nevertheless be properly examined by the European Court of Auditors ('the Court') as transparency is vital for the appropriate functioning of all Union bodies; notes that the EDPS is neither covered by the report of the Court on the implementation of the Union budget for 2019, nor by the 2019 report on Union agencies and other bodies;

Amendment

2. Recalls that the EDPS is not a decentralised Union agency and takes the view that even if its budget represents a very small percentage of the Union budget, the legality and regularity of EDPS transactions should nevertheless be properly examined by the European Court of Auditors ('the Court') as transparency is vital for the appropriate functioning of all Union bodies; notes that the EDPS is neither covered by the report of the Court on the implementation of the Union budget for 2019, nor by the 2019 report on Union agencies and other bodies; **calls therefore**

on the Court to reconsider its position and start publishing audit reports covering the EDPS from the coming year; requests therefore that the Court issues separate annual activity reports on the annual accounts of this important Union body which aims to ensure that Union institutions and bodies fully respect the right to privacy and data protection;

Or. en

Amendment 3

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

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2. Recalls that the EDPS is not a decentralised Union agency *and* takes the view that even if its budget represents a very small percentage of the Union budget, the legality and regularity of EDPS transactions should nevertheless be properly examined by the European Court of Auditors ('the Court') as transparency is vital for the appropriate functioning of all Union bodies; notes that the EDPS is neither covered by the report of the Court on the implementation of the Union budget for 2019, nor by the 2019 report on Union agencies and other bodies;

Amendment

2. Recalls that the EDPS is not a decentralised Union agency; *takes not of the Court's position that the small budget of the EDPS, its low volume of financial transactions and the low level of assessed risks do not justify the publication of such report;* takes the view, *however*, that even if its budget represents a very small percentage of the Union budget, the legality and regularity of EDPS transactions should nevertheless be properly examined by the European Court of Auditors ('the Court') as transparency is vital for the appropriate functioning of all Union bodies; notes that the EDPS is neither covered by the report of the Court on the implementation of the Union budget for 2019, nor by the 2019 report on Union agencies and other bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 4

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

Strugariu

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3. Welcomes the annual report published by the EDPS in March 2020; appreciates the insights given therein on all EDPS activities in 2019; highlights in particular its cooperation with the European Data Protection Board;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the annual report published by the EDPS in March 2020; ***notes the 15.15% increase in its budget compared to 2018***; appreciates the insights given therein on all EDPS activities in 2019; highlights in particular its cooperation with the European Data Protection Board;

Or. en

Amendment 5

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

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4. ***Takes note of*** the fact that, according to the annual activity report of the EDPS, the Court has examined the financial year of 2019 and this examination did not give rise to any observations;

Amendment

4. ***Highlights*** the fact that, according to the annual activity report of the EDPS, the Court has examined the financial year of 2019 and this examination did not give rise to any observations;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Welcomes the efforts to update the internal code of conduct in 2019 in order to adapt and integrate anti-harassment policies, disciplinary proceedings and administrative investigations and to reinforce the rights of the persons whether whistle-blowers or alleged wrongdoers;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Patrick Breyer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Reminds that the workload of the EDPS as a responsible body for monitoring data protection compliance at agencies such as Europol and Eurojust has increased in the last years, and is expected to further increase due to the growing digitalisation trend in Union institutions, bodies and agencies; underlines the importance that the EDPS budget matches its tasks and priorities in order to enable EDPS to fulfil with the duties it is entrusted to;

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Takes note of the follow-up of the Parliament's resolution concerning the discharge of the 2017 budget; notes that the EDPS has tackled the issues of

retaliation and whistleblowing in its code of conduct for staff and has shown commitment to raise awareness regarding this issue among its staff; welcomes the positive trend towards a gender balance;

Or. en

Amendment 9

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls on the agency to continue to develop its synergies, increase cooperation and exchange of good practices with other European agencies with a view to improving efficiency (human resources, building management, IT services and security);

Or. en

Amendment 10

Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Reminds that all Union bodies must rigorously comply with financial regulations and high management standards;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. 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;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

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

Or. en