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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training
(CEPOL)

(2020/2166(DEC))

Amendment 1

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

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Repeats its concern that CEPOL continues to suffer from a high staff turnover and a limited number of applications from other Member States; reiterates its worries that this might impact the operations of the Agency; notes in this regard that the Staff Regulations offer the necessary flexibility for labour market conditions prevailing in the Union to be taken into account when recruiting officials in order to address the specific needs of the institutions; calls on CEPOL to take measures to improve the situation;

Amendment

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to take the necessary steps to finalise these corrective actions in a timely manner;

Or. en

Amendment 3

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

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

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; welcomes the implementation of two observations made by the Court in 2017 and 2018, i.e. e-submission and a justification of a call for tenders; nevertheless, notes that the Agency is still the subject of an outstanding observation regarding the official publication of job offer on the EPSO website;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Caterina Chinnici

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes that CEPOL launched a call for tender for a framework contract for travel services with an estimated market volume of EUR 8.5 million over a period of 4 years in December 2017; notes that, despite the awarding of the contract to the cheapest tenderer whose offer amounted to 56 % of the average of its two competitors, the payments incurred in 2018 (EUR 2.06 million) almost reached the estimated market volume of EUR 2.13 million; shares the view of the Court that in cases where tenderer offers seem to be abnormally low, the Agency should analyse the underlying reasons to ensure its correct estimation of the market volume and that the contract is awarded to the tenderer offering the best price-quality ratio;

Or. en

**Amendment 5
Ioan-Rareş Bogdan**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Highlights the observation made by the Court according to which the Agency continues to publish the vacancy notices only on its own website and on social media, but not on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO); regrets that despite the recommendations of the Court and of the Parliament this issue remains unsolved and calls on the Agency to take all the necessary measures to publish its vacancy notices on the EPSO website;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes with approval the Agency's corrective actions concerning processes for internal control following findings by the Court concerning inappropriate approval of certain budgetary commitments by personnel who were not authorised to approve them;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Stresses that the Court found weaknesses in the internal controls system used in the procurement procedure of the Agency; calls on CEPOL to improve its public procurement procedures, ensuring full compliance with the applicable rules;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Reminds that the functioning of the agencies implies high costs and heavy administrative burden; stresses therefore

that their activity and effectiveness in the service of citizens should be each time carefully analysed and assessed;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Clare Daly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Urges the Agency to take into account the geographical balance when recruiting new staff;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Caterina Chinnici

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Expresses its satisfaction that CEPOL has completed two out of the six outstanding recommendations of the Court, namely the ones concerning the revalidation of the accounting system and the comprehensive Brexit impact analysis; notes that corrective actions regarding two others, i.e. the high staff turnover and the publication of vacancy notices on the European Personnel Selection Office website, are still ongoing; calls on the Agency to take the necessary steps to finalise these corrective actions in a timely manner and to follow up on the outstanding recommendation regarding e-procurement, namely the introduction of e-submission, without delay;

Amendment 11

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

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Notes with approval that the Agency completed the only action pertaining to the court's observations for the financial year 2018; encourages the Agency to publish vacancy notices on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) in addition to doing so on its own website and social media;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Welcomes the fact that in 2019 CEPOL carried out 327 training activities which saw the participation of 34,723 police officers; also expresses its satisfaction with the opening in 2019 of the CEPOL Cybercrime Academy (CCA) which gave the opportunity to 100 students to increase their knowledge and that another 28 students were able to graduate from the European Joint Master Program (EJMP);

Or. en

Amendment 13
Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Expresses its satisfaction that CEPOL *trainings are closely aligned with the requirements voiced by the EU Policy Cycle EMPACT groups* while *expertise was secured from Member States, Europol, Eurojust, Frontex, EJTN, FRA, EASO and other stakeholders.*

Amendment

4. Expresses its satisfaction that CEPOL *will take into account sustainability in its overall business processes and will deliberate on realistic goals on environment management, given the responsibilities of the Agency as a public administration while taking into consideration the impact on human and financial resources related to full implementation of EMAS and green procurement;*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Olivier Chastel, Abir Al-Sahlani, Sophia in 't Veld, Moritz Körner, Hilde Vautmans, Michal Šimečka, Fabienne Keller, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Malik Azmani, Ramona Strugariu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4 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 15
Saskia Bricmont, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Agency to ensure, in all its activities, full transparency and full respect with fundamental rights;

Or. en