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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015  
(2014/2040(BUD))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Takes into account the decrease of 1,9% in commitments in Heading 3 on security and Citizenship compared to the 2014 budget, mostly due to the end of the Schengen Facility for Croatia, in accordance with its Treaty of Accession and welcomes the increase of 12,2% in payments, which will contribute to ensure that payment appropriations are sufficient to implement the policies in this area;
2. Insists that the Agencies under its responsibility should have adequate resources to fulfil their mandate and is aware of the inter-institutional Agreement to reduce staff levels by 5 per cent in the next five years; insists, however, that those cuts are implemented on a case-by-case basis respecting the resources needed by the Agencies to fulfil their assigned tasks;
3. Doubts that the increased budget of the EASO will be sufficient, as this Agency is crucial to address pressing asylum issues and will have a reinforced role in promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package;
4. Is satisfied with the increase in the budget of Frontex as it must reinforce its operational assistance in particular to Member States facing strong pressure at the external borders and to increase its reactivity to rapid evolutions in migration flows; considers that Frontex should have additional staff to fulfil its tasks and implement the EUROSUR system;
5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to increase Europol's annual budget; considers that the Agency's establishment plan should be adjusted to allow it to recruit additional personnel, in particular cybercrime experts, criminal analysts and IT experts so that the EC3 and Europol ICT capabilities can keep up with the rising demand for support in the fight against cybercrime and serious international crime and terrorism;
6. Supports the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to ensure secure and well-functioning IT systems in Home Affairs; supports the further development of the Agency in view of possible further tasks such as the entry-exit system and the registered travellers programme;