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*Committee on Transport and Tourism*

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**2009/2122(DEC)**

23.2.2010

## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the  
European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2008  
(SEC(2009)1089 – C7-0193/2009 – 2009/2122(DEC))

Rapporteur: Anne E. Jensen

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors found the European Aviation Safety Agency accounts for 2008 to be reliable and the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, to be legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Agency received EUR 30 million in commitment and in payment appropriations from the 2008 budget;
3. Notes that the European Aviation Safety Agency's budget increased by 42% from EUR 72 million to EUR 102 million from 2007 to 2008 and that staff numbers rose from 362 to 442;
4. Accepts that the high level of appropriations that was carried forward to 2009 is at odds with the principle of annuality even if a certain uncertainty about the level of fees and charges is inherent in the Agency's initial business cycle; calls for much more realistic forecasts to be presented to the Commission and Parliament for the next financial year, allowing sufficient time for these to be analysed;
5. Notes that, in 2008, 15% of staff-related expenditure was transferred to operating expenditure, which indicates unrealistic planning; is concerned about the efficiency gains arising from this transfer and will investigate further the development and follow-up costs for the implementation of the enterprise resource planning system (ERP) in this regard;
6. Expresses concern about the lack of coordination between the needs, staff and financial regulation of the Agency and, in particular, that the staff selection procedures make it difficult to recruit appropriately qualified personnel; considers that the interinstitutional working group on decentralised agencies could address this issue;
7. Regrets that, in 2008, the system of annual flat fees generated income which was significantly above the actual costs of the services rendered and calls upon the Agency to put forward, as a matter of urgency, a detailed plan to guarantee that this does not recur in future years;
8. Notes that the actions set out in the Agency's work programme often do not have measurable objectives or performance indicators, making it difficult to evaluate progress; calls on the Agency to set clear and measurable performance objectives and indicators;
9. Proposes, nevertheless, that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	23.2.2010
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 35 -: 2 0: 1
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Magdalena Alvarez, Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Christine De Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Ville Itälä, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Werner Kuhn, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Vilja Savisaar, Olga Sehnalová, Brian Simpson, Dirk Sterckx, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Giommara Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Dominique Vlasto, Artur Zasada
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Jean-Paul Basset, Philip Bradbourn, Tanja Fajon, Michael Gahler, Anne E. Jensen, Petra Kammerevert, Dominique Riquet, Anna Rosbach, Janusz Władysław Zemke
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Charalampos Angourakis