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Committee on Transport and Tourism

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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 Railway Agency for the financial year 2008
(SEC(2009)1089 – C7-0197/2009 – 2009/2126(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 (the Court) found the European Railway Agency's accounts for 2008 to be reliable and regarded the transactions underlying them, taken as a whole, as legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Agency received EUR 18 million in commitment and in payment appropriations from the 2008 EU budget;
3. reiterates its concern about the extent to which appropriations were carried forward (more than EUR 4 100 000), which indicates continued difficulties, caused by increased staff and missions, for programming and budgeting; welcomes the Agency's commitment to improved planning and monitoring of budget execution;
4. Regrets the weaknesses in objective setting and the absence of performance measures identified by the Court; expects the new arrangements for defining objectives and performance indicators mentioned in the Agency's reply to lead to more positive assessments in future;
5. Expresses concern about the weaknesses in procurement procedures revealed by the Court's audit;
6. Proposes, nevertheless, that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.2.2010
Result of final vote	+: 34 -: 2 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	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
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Jean-Paul Basset, Philip Bradbourn, Tanja Fajon, Michael Gahler, Anne E. Jensen, Petra Kammerevert, Dominique Riquet, Anna Rosbach, Janusz Władysław Zemke
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Charalampos Angourakis