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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Maria Grapini**  
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2018 discharge: EU Agency for Railways (ERA)  
(2019/2081(DEC))



## **Amendment 1**

**Marco Campomenosi, Massimo Casanova, Lucia Vuolo, Paolo Borchia**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. ***Welcomes*** the finding of the Court of Auditors that the accounts of the European Union Agency for Railways ('the Agency') for the 2018 financial year are legal and regular in all material aspects;

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Notes*** the finding of the Court of Auditors that the accounts of the European Union Agency for Railways ('the Agency') for the 2018 financial year are legal and regular in all material aspects;

Or. it

## **Amendment 2**

**Barbara Thaler**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***1a. Notes that the objective set by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of establishing a single European railway market has not been achieved; calls on the Agency to focus its efforts and publications on this area;***

Or. de

## **Amendment 3**

**Barbara Thaler**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 b (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***1b. Notes that the aim of shifting traffic from road to rail can only be achieved if a competitive European railway area is established; calls on the Agency to draw up a set of measures***

*designed to ensure that in future rail transport can be incorporated into modern logistics chains;*

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Barbara Thaler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1c. Points out that the next five years will be crucial for the future of the rail sector and that the Agency must be provided with the funding and staff it needs to meet the coming challenges;*

Or. de

**Amendment 5**  
**Marco Campomenosi, Massimo Casanova, Lucia Vuolo, Paolo Borchia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Notes the Court's observations concerning the legality and regularity of the transactions, and joins the Court in urging the Agency to employ procurement procedures which are consistent with the Financial Regulation;*

Or. it

**Amendment 6**  
**Marco Campomenosi, Massimo Casanova, Lucia Vuolo, Paolo Borchia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b.** *Notes the Court's observations concerning internal controls, and calls on the Agency to carry out more effective ex ante checks on payments in connection with contracts, with a view to ensuring that all procurement procedures are competitive and transparent;*

Or. it

**Amendment 7**

**Marco Campomenosi, Massimo Casanova, Lucia Vuolo, Paolo Borchia**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2c.** *Calls on the Agency to take account of the specific needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) when applying fees and charges in connection with the new certification tasks and to carry out effective checks to verify the SME-related criteria when dealing with applicants;*

Or. it

**Amendment 8**

**Marco Campomenosi, Massimo Casanova, Lucia Vuolo, Paolo Borchia**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a.** *Deplores the fact that the Agency still has two seats, in Lille and Valenciennes, and points out that costs could be reduced if all operations were to be centralised at a single seat;*

## Amendment 9

Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Dominique Riquet, Ondřej Kovařík

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 7

##### *Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Agency's continued efforts to prepare for its new tasks as defined by the Fourth Railway Package; welcomes in particular that all the legal texts and Management Board decisions were adopted on time and that the Agency published the Application guide for vehicle authorisation; welcomes the other steps taken by the Agency to prepare for its new tasks (active stakeholders interaction, learning cases and shadow running, pilot National Safety Authorities monitoring); welcomes the development of the One-Stop Shop;

##### *Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Agency's continued efforts to prepare for its new tasks as defined by the Fourth Railway Package ***and to take up, in June 2019, its role of EU authority responsible for issuing authorisations for placing railway vehicles on the market, single safety certificates for railway undertaking and ERTMS trackside approvals***; welcomes in particular that all the legal texts and Management Board decisions were adopted on time and that the Agency published the Application guide for vehicle authorisation; welcomes the other steps taken by the Agency to prepare for its new tasks (active stakeholders interaction, learning cases and shadow running, pilot National Safety Authorities monitoring); welcomes the development of the One-Stop Shop;

Or. en

## Amendment 10

Barbara Thaler

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 (new)

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***welcomes the fact that the Agency has made a start on the task of harmonising the more than 14 000 national rules governing rail transport;***

**Amendment 11**  
**Barbara Thaler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(1) deplors the fact that, unlike in the aviation and road transport sectors, in the rail sector harmonisation is still a distant objective;**

Or. de

**Amendment 12**  
**Barbara Thaler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 – point 2 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(2) calls on the Agency significantly to step up its efforts to establish a single European rail area;**

Or. de

**Amendment 13**  
**Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Bill Newton Dunn, Dominique Riquet, Ondřej Kovařík**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 a. Highlights the Agency's strategic role in improving competitiveness of rail with other modes of transport, and in ensuring the safety and interoperability of European rail system; stresses therefore the importance to provide the Agency with**

*the sufficient budgetary means to fulfil its role;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Barbara Thaler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a.** *Notes that the Agency plays a key role in removing bureaucratic obstacles in the area of cross-border rail transport;*

Or. de

**Amendment 15**  
**Barbara Thaler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b.** *Notes that, as regards both infrastructure and rolling stock, far too little progress has been made in introducing the equipment required for the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS) in Europe, and calls on the Agency to propose measures to speed up that process;*

Or. de

**Amendment 16**  
**Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Dominique Riquet, Ondřej Kovařík**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Welcomes the Agency's awareness and readiness to take into account the specific need of the small and medium-sized enterprises when implementing the regulation on fees and charges;**

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Dominique Riquet, Ondřej Kovařík**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7 c. Calls on the Commission to swiftly decide over the Agency's request for a derogation to its Financial Regulation in order to ensure proper planning of the fees and charges and corresponding commitments and payments in the budget;**

Or. en