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17.1.2019

OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the
financial year 2017
(2018/2186(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Romeo Franz

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of Eurojust present fairly its financial position on 31 December 2017 and that its transactions are legal and regular;
2. Welcomes the lack of remarks of the Court of Auditors regarding the execution of the 2017 budget of Eurojust; welcomes especially that most of the recommendations issued by the Courts of Auditors for previous years have been closed; highlights, in particular, that as from 2017 the Court of Auditors does no longer report excessive carry-overs of commitment appropriations from the previous year (2016) to the current year (2017) for Title II (expenditure for support activities);
3. Regrets that Eurojust does not publish all of its vacancy notices on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) but only on its own website and in social media; acknowledges the concerns of Eurojust with regard to additional translation costs due to the fact that EPSO requires publication of vacancy notices in all official languages but points out that there is only a limited number of vacancies concerned in the case of Eurojust; agrees with the Court of Auditors that this would be relevant and useful as EPSO publications increase transparency and publicity and allow Union citizens to identify vacancies published by the different Union institutions and agencies collectively; requests therefore that Eurojust also publishes its vacancy notices on the EPSO website; invites the Commission to consider measures aimed at reducing the financial burden for the translation of vacancy notices upon the agencies, including by establishing an ad hoc framework agreement with the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT);
4. Recalls the importance and the added value of Eurojust in the fight against organised crime across Europe and, in particular, its role in funding Joint Investigation Teams (JITs); welcomes, in that regard, the recent conclusion of a new Memorandum of Understanding between Eurojust and Europol¹ laying down criteria and conditions for the financial support to JITs activities provided by both of them;
5. Regrets that the recommendation issued by the Court of Auditors in 2010 to reconsider the definition of respective roles and responsibilities between the Administrative Director and the College of Eurojust to avoid overlap of responsibilities resulting from the Founding Decision² was still open at the end of 2017; acknowledges that addressing this issue is not under the Eurojust's control but was under consideration by the co-legislators in the context of the review of the Eurojust's mandate; welcomes the adoption of the new Eurojust Regulation³ and expects that these issues are resolved with

¹ Memorandum of Understanding on the joint establishment of rules and conditions for financial support to joint investigation team activities between Europol and Eurojust, signed on the 1 June 2018.

² Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime (OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 1).

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the

the new structure and the clarification of roles and responsibilities therein, including the new Executive Board.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	10.1.2019
Result of final vote	+: 43 -: 2 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Martina Anderson, Heinz K. Becker, Monika Beňová, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Laura Ferrara, Romeo Franz, Kinga Gál, Ana Gomes, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Monika Hohlmeier, Sophia in 't Veld, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský, Auke Zijlstra
Substitutes present for the final vote	Dennis de Jong, Anna Hedh, Lívia Járóka, Marek Jurek, Jean Lambert, Jeroen Lenaers, Andrejs Mamikins, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Norbert Erdős, Fernando Ruas, Adam Szejnfeld

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

43	+
ALDE	Nathalie Griesbeck, Sophia in 't Veld, Angelika Mlinar, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz
ECR	Marek Jurek, Monica Macovei, Helga Stevens
EFDD	Laura Ferrara
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson, Dennis de Jong, Marie-Christine Vergiat
PPE	Asim Ademov, Heinz K. Becker, Michał Boni, Rachida Dati, Frank Engel, Norbert Erdős, Kinga Gál, Monika Hohlmeier, Lívia Járóka, Jeroen Lenaers, Roberta Metsola, Fernando Ruas, Csaba Sógor, Adam Szejnfeld, Traian Ungureanu, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Monika Beňová, Caterina Chinnici, Ana Gomes, Sylvie Guillaume, Anna Hedh, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Andrejs Mamikins, Claude Moraes, Ivari Padar, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Birgit Sippel, Josef Weidenholzer
VERTS/ALE	Romeo Franz, Jean Lambert, Judith Sargentini, Bodil Valero

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ENF	Auke Zijlstra
NI	Udo Voigt

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ECR	Kristina Winberg

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention