2013 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) for the financial year 2013.

It called on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Institute discharge in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2013.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members called on the Parliament to approve the closure of the Institute's accounts. They made, however, a number of recommendations that needed to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

- **Institute's financial statements**: Members noted that the final budget of the Institute for the financial year 2013 was EUR 10 024 535 representing an increase of 29.49% compared to 2012.
- **Commitments and carry-overs**: Members noted that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2013 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.01% and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 76.93 %. They also noted that the overall level of committed appropriations in 2013 was 99%, indicating that commitments were made in a timely manner. They welcomed the further reduction of the overall level of carry-overs from EUR 2.5 million (32%) in 2012 to EUR 2.2 (29%) in 2013. Those carry-overs mainly concern procurement procedures that were concluded late in 2013 due to reasons mostly beyond the Institute's control.

Members also made a series of observations on procurement procedures, the prevention and management of conflicts of interests, recruitment and internal control.

Lastly, they noted that in order to improve procurement, planning and monitoring, the Institute has put in place a monitoring tool which follows the expected dates of **each step of the annual procurement proceedings**.