

2015 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Inés AYALA SENDER (S&D, ES) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) for the financial year 2015.

The committee called on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the agency's budget for the financial year 2015.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2015 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Members called on Parliament to approve the closure of the Agency'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](#):

- **Agency's financial statements:** Members stated that the final budget of the Agency for the financial year 2015 was EUR 16 852 526, representing a decrease of 2.34 % compared to 2014.
- **Budget and financial management:** Members noted that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2015 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 97.5 %, representing a decrease of 1.2 % compared to 2014. The budget allocated for operational expenditure was implemented to 98.36 % and the carry-overs were partly or fully justified by the multiannual nature of the agencies' operational programmes.

Members also made a series of observations regarding transfers, internal controls and audits, the prevention and management of conflicts of interests, procurement and recruitment procedures.

Lastly, Members recognised the role that the Agency is playing in the implementation of the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014 to 2020 and appreciated the Agency's contribution to promoting healthy and safe workplaces across the Union and beyond. They noted the progress in the implementation of its Multiannual Strategic Programme, in particular the pilot project on 'Safer and healthier work at any age' and the online interactive risk assessment (OiRA).