

FINAL COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS DISCHARGE 2020

FRA - 2021/2145(DEC)

AMs: 29

Covered: AM 1 Greens, AM 2 S&D, AM 4 EPP, AM 8 S&D, AM 13 S&D, AM 15 EPP, AM 16 Greens, AM 20 Greens, AM 23 The Left, AM 24 Renew, AM 25 EPP, AM 26 EPP, AM 27 Renew, AM 28 Renew, AM 29 Renew

Fall: AM 3 ID, AM 9 ID, AM 10 ECR, AM 11 ECR, AM 12 ID, AM 14 ID, AM 17 ID, AM 18 ID, AM 19 ID, AM 21 ECR, AM 22 ECR

Not included in teh compromises: AM 5 EPP, AM 6 The Left, AM 7 Greens

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CA 1

Covered: AM 1 Greens, AM 2 S&D, AM 4 EPP

Fall: AM 3 ID

1. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors (the ‘Court’) has declared the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Fundamental Rights Agency (‘FRA’) for the financial year **2020** to be legal and regular in all material respects ***and that its financial position at 31 December 2020 is fairly presented (AM 2 S&D)***; welcomes the fact that the budget of FRA increased from EUR 29 million in 2019 to EUR 30 million in 2020 ***this amount being just a return (AM 1 Greens)*** to the state of 2018; ***notes (AM4 EPP)*** the staff decrease from 114 to 105 (-7.9%) during the same time; ***highlights that a lack of adequate financial and staff resources can affect the quality of work that FRA provides and the implementation of its proposed new mandate (AM 1 Greens)***;

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Covered: AM 13 S&D

Fall: AM 9 ID, AM 10 ECR, AM 11 ECR, AM 12 ID

3. Underlines the important role of FRA in helping to ensure that the fundamental rights of people living in the Union are promoted and protected; recalls the importance of FRA in promoting a reflection on security and fundamental rights; highlights, in particular, the value of FRA’s studies and opinions for the development and implementation of Union law; ***recalls FRA's commitment on the protection of vulnerable groups and against any form of discrimination; (AM 13 S&D)***

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Covered: AM 15 EPP, AM 16 Greens

Fall: AM 14 ID, AM 17 ID

4. Notes with satisfaction that FRA responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by publishing six bulletins, which provided a timely and comprehensive overview of the fundamental rights implications of national measures adopted across the Union to safeguard citizens from the COVID-19; ***recalls, however, that this additional task was not accompanied with additional resources; (AM 16 Greens)*** ***welcomes that despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, FRA produced 163 079 materials and tools related to awareness-raising activities***

which is well above target set for 2020; appreciates the increased media presence of FRA; (AM 15 EPP)

CA 4

Covered: AM 20 Greens, AM 23 The Left

Fall: AM 18 ID, AM 19 ID, AM 21 ECR, AM 22 ECR

5. Welcomes the extension of FRA's fundamental rights advice to other Union agencies, especially in assisting the European Border and Coast Guard Agency ('Frontex') with ***completing the recruitment of the 40 fundamental rights monitors across its operations and with preparing the legal and operational framework for their deployment to the field; considers that other agencies whose competences are being extended, such as Europol, could be usefully assisted by the FRA; (AM 20 Greens)***

5 a (new) Underlines the continuous monitoring by FRA of the many fundamental rights challenges that result from collecting, storing and processing data in large-scale IT systems and their interoperability; highlights that FRA stresses the potential fundamental rights risks, with respect to the protection of personal data, protection against non-discrimination, and right to an effective remedy and the need to properly implement safeguards; (AM 23 The Left)

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Covered: AM 24 Renew, AM 25 EPP

5 b (new) Welcomes that FRA successfully implemented its Annual Work Programme in 2020 and managed to accomplish all targets; (AM 25 EPP) welcomes the intensification of the cooperation between FRA and international organisations such as the Council of Europe and the United Nations; (AM 24 Renew) appreciates FRA's support to other agencies and welcomes that FRA continues to explore ways of cooperation with agencies of similar interest; (AM 25 EPP) reiterates its appreciation of the launch of the European Union Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS) for the more systematic use of assessments of the Union's and Member States' international human rights obligations; (AM 24 Renew)

CA 6

Covered: AM 8 S&D, AM 26 EPP, AM 27 Renew, AM 28 Renew, AM 29 Renew

5 c (new) Welcomes the fact that the Court's observation regarding the introduction of e-tendering and e-submission has been acted upon and completed; (AM 8 S&D, AM 27 Renew)

5 d (new) Notes the gender distribution reported for 2020 in senior management is three women (50%) and three men (50%); notes that gender distribution in management board members is 30 women (60%) and 20 men (40%); notes that the staff overall is composed of 53 women (51,96%) and 49 men (49,04%); reminds the Member States to consider gender balance when nominating members to management board; (AM 26 EPP)

5 e (new) Acknowledges the complex nature of the studies carried out by FRA, covering the law and practice of all Member States and the high number of publications produced and trainings delivered to ensure fundamental rights compliance that also contribute and feed into the work of different Union bodies and agencies; (AM 28 Renew)

5 f (new) Highlights the commitment of the Agency to the protection of vulnerable groups and on all types of discrimination within the Union; welcomes the Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights clarifies that the scope of the Agency's activities, covering all the competences of the Union; (AM 29 Renew)