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DECISION n°154

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting an Opinion on the Annual Accounts 2016

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways¹ (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 881/2004 (hereinafter called "the Regulation"), and in particular Article 65 § 5 thereof requiring the Management Board to deliver an opinion on the final accounts,

Having regard to the Agency's Financial Regulation², adopted on 31 December 2013, and in particular Article 99 § 2 thereof,

Having regard to the audit report by Ernst & Young on the provisional accounts 2016 and the preliminary observations by the European Court of Auditors on the provisional accounts 2016, adopted in its meeting of 25 April 2017 and forwarded to the Chairman of the Management Board by the President of the Court;

HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

The Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways, having examined the final accounts presented to it by the Accounting Officer, has considered the 2016 annual accounts as annexed to the present decision.

The Management Board has concluded, based on the preliminary observations from the Court of Auditors and the audit report from the external auditor on the provisional accounts Ernst & Young, that the said accounts, taken as a whole, and drawn up under the responsibility of the Agency's Executive Director, reflect the implementation of the Agency's 2016 budget and the activities undertaken by it during this year.

Done at Valenciennes, on 27-06-2017 For the Management Board

The Chairperson Mats ANDERSSON

Annex 1: Final accounts 2016

Annex 2: Report on budgetary and financial management 2016

¹. OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 1-43.

^{2.} Decision No. 93 of the Administrative Board of the European Railway Agency adopting the financial regulation of the Agency, ERA AB WP 02-2013.