2006 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (formerly European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia)

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (formerly the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) for the financial year 2006.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2006 budget, including the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year concerned. To recall, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) was established through Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007. It is based in Vienna and is being built on the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC). FRA carries out its tasks independently. It cooperates with national and international bodies and organisations, in particular with the Council of Europe.

According to this document, the final budget amounted to **EUR 9.5 million** (compared to EUR 8.279 million in 2005) representing a 100% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, whose head office is based in Vienna (Austria), officially set out 37 posts in its establishment plan. 35 of these are currently occupied + 10 other staff (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local and employment-agency staff) totalling 47 members of staff assigned to administrative, operational and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure amounted roughly to EUR 3.693 million in 2006.

During 2006, the Monitoring Centre’s activities concentrated on the following:

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- Number of contributions through the 25 national focal points: 375
- Number of meetings: 2

Research reports:

- Number of reports: 9
- Number of meetings: 5
- Annual reports: 2
- EUMC Bulletin: 6
- Equal Voices: 3

Cooperation with the Member States and the other institutions (number of events organised jointly):

- Member States: 15
- Commission: 29
- European Parliament: 7
- Committee of the Regions: 2
- European Economic and Social Committee: 1
- Council of Europe: 10
- OSCE: 4

- United Nations: 1
- Inter-agency: 4
- NRT: 4
- ERT: 1

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.fra.europa.eu/fra/index.php