

2006 discharge: European Environment Agency EEA

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Environment Agency 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.

According to this document, the final budget amounted to **EUR 37.1 million** (compared to EUR 32.1 million in 2005) representing a 75% Community subsidy.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is in Copenhagen (Denmark), officially set out 115 posts in its establishment plan. 110 of these posts are currently occupied with + 47 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local and employment-agency staff) assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. In 2006, staff expenditure amounted to EUR 15.692 million.

The Agency's main activities concentrated on the following :

- launch of Prelude (PRospective Environmental analysis of Land Use Development in Europe);
- update of the European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER);
- publication of reports on, inter alia, transport and the environment, agriculture and the environment, energy and the environment, bioenergy, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, the state of Europe's coasts, urban spread and the management of natural resources;
- seminars organised under the Presidency of the Council;
- assistance with data harmonisation;
- management of the Eionet (European Environment Information and Observation Network).

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/documents>