2006 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Maritime 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 44.7 million** (compared to EUR 35.3 million in 2005) consisting of a 100% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is now based in Lisbon (Portugal) set out 132 posts in the establishment plan. 111 posts are currently occupied + 20 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local staff, employment-agency staff) totalling 100 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure in 2006 amounted to EUR 10.387 million.

The Agency aims to ensure a high, uniform and effective level of maritime safety and prevention of pollution by ships as well as providing the Member States and the Commission with technical and scientific assistance. In 2006, it produced 49 specification and guideline documents. It carried out 47 inspections and 7 exercises at sea. In addition, the Agency organised 59 seminars, trainings and workshops representing a total of 102 days and which gathered 1 440 participants.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.emsa.europa.eu/end645.html