

2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

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PURPOSE: presentation of the report from the Court of Auditors on the 2007 annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

CONTENT: the Court of Auditors report includes a detailed section on the expenditure of the European Monitoring Centre as well as an analysis of the expenditure in the accounts and the Agency's replies.

- **The Court's analysis of the accounts:** the Court of Auditors recalls that the Centre is in disagreement with Norway concerning the calculation of Norway's financial contribution for its participation in the Centre's work (applicable from 2007 onwards). The disagreement is due to the fact that the formula in the signed original agreement (applied by the Centre) differs from the formula in the agreement as published in the Official Journal (applied by Norway). The Centre has accounted for this contribution using its interpretation of the formula. The Centre should seek to resolve this disagreement as soon as possible as it has an impact on the budget and on the Centre's financial statements
- **The Centre's replies:** the EMCDDA is actively trying to reach a compromise with the Norwegian authorities in order to overcome the current impasse, whilst avoiding jeopardising the EMCDDA's activities/operations and its good relations with Norway.