

2011 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

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The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011. The vote on the decision to grant discharge covers the closure of the accounts (in accordance with Annex VI, Article 5(1) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure).

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Centre for the financial year 2011 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted a resolution containing a number of recommendations that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the [draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies](#):

- **Financing, budget and financial management:** Parliament recalls that the contribution of the Union to the Centre's budget for the financial year 2011 was EUR 16 987 000, which represents a slight increase from 2010. It also notes that the Centre receives annual contributions from two third countries which benefit from its work.
- **Implementation rate of appropriations:** Parliament acknowledges from the annual accounts that EUR 900 000 was carried over to 2012 and calls on the Centre to inform the discharge authority of the actions taken to address this deficiency as the excessive level of carryovers for Title II is at odds with the budgetary principle of annuality.
- **Cooperation with other agencies:** Parliament invites the Commission, together with the European Training Foundation, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work to further explore the **synergies that exist between those agencies** and to report to the discharge authority on the possible deeper integration of those four agencies. It should be evaluated so see whether closer cooperation could lead to economies of scale and optimisation of their performance. Parliament welcomes the fact that the Centre and ETF further systematised their cooperation to maximise the benefits for their respective mandates, which resulted in the organisation of knowledge sharing seminars, collaboration in the area of qualifications development and the implementation of common Union instruments.

Lastly, Parliament made a series of observations as regards grants, transfers, recruitment of this Agency as well as on its performance and its internal audit systems.