2013 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

2014/2087(DEC) - 29/04/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 554 votes to 132, with 1 abstention, a decision to grant discharge to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) for the financial year 2013. The vote on the discharge decision approved the closure of the accounts (in accordance with Annex VI, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament).

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 578 votes to 103, with 9 abstentions, a resolution containing a number of recommendations that form an integral part of the discharge decision and as well as the general recommendations that appear in the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

- **Centre’s financial statements**: Parliament noted that the final budget of CEDEFOP for the financial year 2013 was EUR 17 925 075, representing a decrease of 6.72% compared to 2012. The overall contribution of the Union to the Centre's budget for 2013 amounted to EUR 17 133 900.
- **Commitments and carry-overs**: Parliament noted that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2013 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.95% and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 92.39%. This reduction was due to savings and postponement of recruitment. It also noted a clear reduction in carryovers.

Parliament also noted that the Centre had finally developed processes to monitor and report on legality and regularity and was currently deploying **its own anti-fraud strategy**. It welcomed the exemplary measures taken by the Centre with regard to cost-effective and environment-friendly solutions and encouraged it to maintain good practice.

It noted only with regret that the repair works on the Centre's building continue to be delayed and should be completed in 2014.