2014 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Derek VAUGHAN (S&D, UK) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) for the financial year 2014.

The parliamentary committee calls on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of the agency's budget for the financial year 2014.

Noting that the Court of Auditors issued a statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions for the financial year 2014, Members call on Parliament to approve the closure of the Centre's accounts. They made, however, a number of recommendations that needed 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:

- **Centre's financial statements:** Members note the final budget of the Centre for the financial year 2014 was EUR 17 275 766, representing a decrease of 3.62 % compared to 2013.

- **Performance:** Members observe that the periodic external evaluation also examined possible synergies between the Centre, the European Training Foundation (ETF), the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). They acknowledge that, according to the conclusions of the evaluation, **the Centre did not duplicate activities of any other actors at Union**, national or international level

Members also made a series of observations regarding budgetary management, contract award, recruitment, control, and internal audit procedures.

Lastly, Members deplore the continuation of serious delays with the **repair works on the Centre's building** in Greece. They recall that the works were to be finalised by the end of 2015 but were suspended due to the economic situation in the country.