2016 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2016 and the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016 of the **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**, as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Centre for the financial year 2016, accompanied by the Centre's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommended the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Director of the Centre in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2016.

The Council welcomed the Court's opinion that, in all material respects, the Centre's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Centre's Financial Regulation, and that the underlying transactions for 2016 are legal and regular in all material respects.

The Centre was called on to:

- fully comply with the Staff Regulations concerning the duration of the posting of the **Director ad interim**;
- implement the agreed measures to address weaknesses in the planning and monitoring of **procurements** and the alignment of the Centre's procurements with the Annual Work Programme and financing decisions and to examine further steps that may be required to adapt its internal procedures;
- consider the Court's suggestion to use **differentiated appropriations** to address the high level of commitments carried over and to continue monitoring its budget implementation in order to reduce the level of commitments carried over to the following financial year to the minimum strictly necessary.