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

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) for the financial year 2016.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2018/1364 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the financial year 2016.

CONTENT: the European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the implementation of the latter's budget for the financial year 2016.

This decision is accompanied by a resolution of the European Parliament containing the observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 (*please refer to the summary dated 18.4.2018*).

In this resolution, Parliament acknowledged from the Centre that, following the Court's comments on various weaknesses found regarding the transparency of the Centre's procurement procedures, the Centre has changed the format and process it uses to create the financing decision for its procurements.

Parliament noted that in spring of 2016, the Centre forwarded a new building project proposal to the Parliament and Council which received a favourable opinion from both institutions.

It welcomed the support the Centre provided during the sudden outbreak of the Zika virus, noting, though, that there are lessons to be learned from the reaction to that outbreak. It also welcomed the support provided during the large multi-country outbreak of Salmonella and noted that the Centre improved its disease surveillance system.

Lastly, Parliament congratulated the Centre on receiving the European Health Award 2016 for its European Antibiotic Awareness Day which aims to provide a platform to support national campaigns on the prudent use of antibiotics, and was recognised as being an outstanding project for the promotion of health in Europe.