

# 2016 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)

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**PURPOSE:** to grant discharge to the European Training Foundation (ETF) in respect of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision (EU) 2018/1406 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2016.

**CONTENT:** the European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Training Foundation for the implementation of its 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 stressed that the **work-life balance** should be part of the staff policy of the Foundation. It regretted that the average number of sick leave per staff is 15 days (11.5 days without medical part-time), which is one of the highest number among the Union agencies. Parliament recommended that this should be examined to establish the reason, particularly whether it is related to **workplace stress**.

Parliament noted that an e-learning and awareness-raising exercise on fraud and conflict of interests for all staff was carried out at the beginning of 2017.