

2017 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2017 and the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 of the European Police College (CEPOL), as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2017, accompanied by the Agency's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommended the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Executive Director of the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017.

The Council welcomed the Court's opinion that, in all material respects, the Agency's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Agency's Financial Regulation, and that the underlying transactions for 2017 are legal and regular in all material respects.

Nevertheless, the following observations were made:

- **accounting**: the Council encouraged the Agency to address and remedy any unjustified delays in the re-validation of its accounting system;
- **procurement**: the Agency should further improve its procurement procedures in order to ensure the effectiveness of the process, as well as to ensure the full implementation, without any unjustified delays, of electronic public procurement;
- **Brexit**: the Council encourages the Agency to take into account any possible financial impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU on its organisation, operations and accounts.