

2017 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

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The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) in regard to the implementation of the Centre's budget for the 2017 financial year and to approve the closure of the accounts for the financial year in question.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2017 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 497 votes to 124 with 9 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations, which form an integral part of the decision on discharge and which add to the general recommendations set out in the [draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies](#):

Centre's financial statements

The final budget of CEDEFOP for the financial year 2017 was EUR 17 869 389, representing a slight decrease of 0.84 % compared to 2016.

Budget and financial management

Parliament noted with satisfaction that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2017 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.95 %, representing a slight decrease of 0.04 % compared to 2016. The payment appropriations execution rate was at 89.66 %, representing a decrease of 4.89 % compared to the previous year. It also noted with concern that the cancellation of carryovers from 2016 to 2017 amounted to EUR 52 767, representing 5.06 % of the total amount carried over, an increase of 2.31 % in comparison to 2016.

Parliament also made a series of observations regarding performance, procurement and staff policy.

In particular, it noted that:

- on 31 December 2017, the establishment plan was 93.48 % filled, with 86 officials or temporary agents appointed out of 92 officials authorised under the Union budget.
- the transparency of recruitment processes is not always fully given;
- by the end of 2017 the Centre was not yet using any of the tools launched by the Commission aimed to introduce a single solution for the electronic exchange of information with third parties participating in public procurement procedures (e-procurement).