2001 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

2002/2106(DEC) - 30/04/2002

PURPOSE : to present the balance sheets and the revenue and expenditure accounts relating to the implementation of the 2001 budget : Section VI - Economic and Social Committee (ESC). CONTENT : this document presents the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheets of the other institutions of the Union (except the Commission) for 2001. It highlights, in particular, the expenditure of the Economic and Social Committee. The 2001 budget for the ESC was EUR 78 million incurring a height of 94.2%. If the request for a non-automatic carryover introduced by the budget authority is accepted in order to anticipate the payment of the lease charges due for the Belliard building, the rate of implementation would increase to 96.5%. The 2001 budget for this institution was marked by the following elements: - new budget system : 2001 was a the first year during which the new general accounting system, introduced in 2000, was used during an entire financial year; - inter-institutional co-operation: in 2001 the ESC ensured technical assistance to some other agencies, in particular the European Agency for the Reconstruction of Kosovo which benefited from the ESC's know-how and also of the Agency for the Health and Safety at Work in Bilbao. The other significant issues to be remembered from the 2001 budgetary implementation concerns certain expenses such as staff training and translation whose expenditure had already been committed within what was provided. Lastly, the document mainly gives precise details on the non-fulfilment of several expenses relating to the management of the ESC's building, caused by the delay of the restoration of the Belliard building or by the important modifications to be made to the work structure (in particular the Montoyer building).