2003 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

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PURPOSE : to present the accounts and balance sheets of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the year 2003.

CONTENT : sources made available to the Monitoring Centre in 2003 amount to EUR 10.45 million of which 89% was subsidized by the Community.

As regards the staffing policy, 63 posts were allocated with 54 posts actually being occupied. +18 other staff (auxiliary, contracts, seconded national experts, local staff and employment agency staff) which makes a total of 72 staff assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

The objectives of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction, whose headquarters are based in Lisbon, aims to provide the EU with reliable information at EU level concerning drugs and drugs addiction and their consequences.

In addition, the Monitoring Centre runs a computerised network for the collection and exchange of information called the ‘European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction (Reitox). This network connects the national drug information networks, the specialist centres in the Member States and the information systems of international organisations working with the Monitoring Centre. It has published an annual report on the state of the drug problem in the EU, a general report of activities, bi-monthly newsletter (Drugsnet Europe) and bi-monthly briefings (Drugs in focus).