2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

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PURPOSE : presentation of the final accounts of the European Centre for the Development for vocational training (ECDVT) for the financial year 2004.

CONTENT : this document published in the Official Journal of the EU sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2004 budget, including the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year concerned.

According to this document, the final budget amounted to EUR 16,6 million (compared to EUR 14,7 million in 2003) including a 97% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Thessaloniki, officially set out 88 posts in the establishment plan. 81 of these positions are currently occupied with + 56 other staff (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local employees and employment agency staff) totalling 137 assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure amounted to nearly EUR 8,5 million in 2004.

The Centre’s core mandate is to serve the development of vocational training at Community level. In order to achieve this objective, it has the task of compiling and disseminating documentation on vocational training systems.

During 2004, the Centre :

- held 90 conferences and seminars;

- carried out 55 studies and 38 projects;

- participated in the Copenhagen Process, the e-learning Programme, the Leonardo da Vinci Programme and social partners’ joint action framework;

- published 62 publications (3 issues of Cedefop info, 3 issues of the European vocational training review;

- circulated 10 293 documents on request, 2 034 electronic newsletter subscriptions and 8 460 subscriptions to Cedefop info;

- maintained and development the ’European Training Village’ site, on which over 53 000 people are registered, with virtual communities of 8 000 participants.

The number of participants in the study visits programme amounted to 730.

The total operational expenditure represented nearly EUR 5,2 million. Overall, the Centre showed a negative outturn of EUR – 1,8 million.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address:

http://www.cedefop.eu.int/current_act.asp