

2004 discharge: European Environment Agency

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PURPOSE : presentation of the final accounts of the European Environment Agency 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 33,6 million (against EUR 27,5 million) including an 81% Community subsidy.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose headquarters are in Copenhagen (Denmark), officially set out 115 posts in its establishment plan. 102 of these posts are currently occupied with + 15 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local and employment-agency staff) assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

The Agency's main activities concentrated on the following :

- support work and provision of indicators for the Synthesis report on sustainable development;
- indicators concerning the state of the environment;
- analysis and estimation of greenhouse gas emissions (1990-2020);
- finalisation of the Kiev report (state of the environment in candidate Central and Eastern European countries);
- three seminars organised under the Presidency of the Council;
- provision of environmental indicators in specific fields (transport sector in candidate countries, Danube region - Black Sea);
- assistance in harmonising data;
- management of the EIONET network (European Environment Information and Observation Network).

The total operational expenditure represented EUR 14,5 million. Half of this amount had been carried over. Over the 2004 financial year, the Agency reported a negative net result of EUR - 2.8 million.

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

<http://org.eea.eu.int/documents>