

2005 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 2005.

CONTENT: this document published in the Official Journal of the EU sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2005 budget, including the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year concerned.

According to this document, the final budget amounted to **EUR 17.1 million** (compared to EUR 16.6 million in 2004) including a 96% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Thessalonica, officially set out 91 posts in the establishment plan. 85 of these positions are currently occupied with + other staff (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts) totalling 123 assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure amounted to nearly EUR 9.5 million in 2005.

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 2005, the Centre :

- held 90 conferences and seminars with an average of 24 participants;
- carried out 26 studies and 29 projects (2 of which administrative) plus 20 virtual communities (1 of which administrative);
- participated in Maastricht follow-up, Education and Training 2010 programme, Leonardo da Vinci programme, social partners' joint action framework, Advisory Committee for Vocational Training, Directors- General for Vocational Training, Education and Training 2010 Coordination Group;
- published 60 publications (3 issues of Cedefop info, and 4 issues of the European journal on vocational training);
- circulated 8 582 documents on request, 2 462 subscriptions to the European journal and 7 493 subscriptions to Cedefop info;
- distributed the following electronic publications: 3 160 subscriptions to ETV newsletter; 60 440 registered ETV users; 3 366 490 ETV page views; 7 553 registered members in the virtual communities and 762 participants in the study visits programme.

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

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/index.asp?section=2&sub=5&tab=2>