2005 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia 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 8.279 million** (compared to EUR 7.9 million in 2004) including a 100% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, whose headquarters are based in Vienna (Austria), officially set out 37 posts in its establishment plan. 35 of these are currently occupied + 4 other staff (auxiliary contract, seconded national experts, local and employment-agency staff) totalling 41 members of staff assigned to administrative, operational and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure amounted roughly to EUR 3.2 million in 2005.

The Monitoring Centre’s primary tasks are to provide the Union and the Member States with reliable information on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the Union and to cooperate with the Council of Europe in these areas. It aims to study the extent and development of the phenomena of racism and xenophobia and to collect and analyse information, via the European Racism and Xenophobia Information Network (RAXEN).

During 2005, the Monitoring Centre’s activities concentrated on the following:

Raxen

- 400 contributions through the 25 national focal points;
- 5 meetings.

Research reports

- 13 reports;
- 7 meetings;
- 2 annual reports;
- 5 EUMC newsletters;
- 2 editions of “Equal Voices”.

Cooperation with the Member States and other institutions: number of events organised jointly:

- Member States: 4
- Commission: 14
- European Parliament: 8
- COR: 3
- EESC: 3
- Council of Europe: 10

- OSCE: 3
- UN: 3
- Inter-agency: 3
- NRT: 6
- ERT: 1

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

http://eumc.eu.int