2005 discharge: European Environment Agency

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Environment Agency 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 32.1 million** (against EUR 31.1 million in 2004) including an 84% Community subsidy.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose headquarters are in Copenhagen (Denmark), officially set out 115 posts in its establishment plan. 107 of these posts are currently occupied with + 34 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local and employment-agency staff) assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. Staff expenditure amounted to EUR 14.5 million.

The Agency’s main activities concentrated on the following :

- the launch of the report on the state of, trends in and prospects for the environment entitled ‘The European environment: state and outlook 2005’;

- implementation of base indicators concerning the state of the environment as an operational part of the AEE’s environmental information system;

- launch of the process of ‘Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators’;

- launch of two new topic centres on biodiversity and resource and waste management;

- seminars organised under the Presidency of the Council;

- assistance in harmonising data;

- management of the EIONET network (European Environment Information and Observation Network).

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

http://www.eea.europa.eu/documents