2005 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Maritime 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 35.3 million** (against EUR 13.3 million in 2004) consisting of a 100% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose temporary headquarters are in Brussels but shall be relocated to Lisbon in the future, set out 95 posts in the establishment plan. 80 posts are currently occupied + 20 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, local staff, employment-agency staff) totalling 100 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

Staff expenditure amounted to EUR 9 788 000.

The Agency aims to ensure a high, uniform and effective level of maritime safety and prevention of pollution by ships as well as providing the Member States and the Commission with technical and scientific assistance. In 2005, it produced 29 specification and guideline documents. It carried out 40 inspections and 10 investigations. In addition, the Agency organised 22 seminars.

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

http://emsa.eu.int