

2005 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and social Committee ESC

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The committee adopted the report by Daniel CASPARY (EPP-ED, DE) granting discharge to the European Economic and Social Committee for 2005. In its accompanying resolution, the committee welcomed the fact that since 2004 all plenary sessions of the EESC have taken place in Parliament's premises. It also noted that consideration was being given within the EESC to establishing a clearer procedure for refunding travel expenses and paying travel and subsistence allowances

In other points, the report noted that the administrative cooperation between the Committee of the Regions and the EESC should be beneficial to both and financially advantageous for European taxpayers, and called on the two institutions to find a suitable way to continue such cooperation. Lastly, in view of the substantial divergences between the findings of the reports of the joint services and the CoR's two external experts, the committee urged the CoR and the EESC to conduct a joint analysis - if necessary with the help of the Court of Auditors - of the precise costs, benefits and savings generated by cooperation.