

2005 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure account for the financial year 2005 and the balance sheet of revenue and expenditure at 31 December 2005 of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, the Council recommends the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Director of the Centre in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2005.

In doing so, the Council confirms that EUR 1.7 million (95%) of the EUR 1.8 million in appropriations carried forward from the financial year 2004 to the financial year 2005 have been used. In addition, EUR 2.2 million in appropriations have been carried forward from the financial year 2005 to the financial year 2006 and EUR 4.2 million have been cancelled.

In parallel, the Council makes accompanying comments on the discharge which should be followed up. In particular, it:

- calls on the Centre to improve its **implementation rate** of the budget in order to remedy the continuous under-implementation of appropriations, to reduce the amounts carried over and to avoid cancellations of carry-overs;
- calls on the Centre to proceed to ex ante verifications of specific commitments relating to freelance translators' fees;
- calls on the Centre to take into account the value of the **intellectual property** rights of the IATE (Inter Active Terminology for Europe) database in the agreement on the division of costs to enable this value to be included in the assets of the institutions participating in the costs;
- finally, as last year, the Council regrets that the conflict with the Commission over the payment of **employer's pension contributions** for the Centre's staff still remains unsolved and urges the Centre, once again, to strengthen its efforts to find an agreement.