

2005 discharge: European Training Foundation

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

In doing so, the Council confirms that EUR 1.5 million (68%) of the EUR 2.2 million in appropriations carried forward from the financial year 2004 to the financial year 2005 have been used. In addition, EUR 9.9 million in appropriations have been carried forward from the financial year 2005 to the financial year 2006 and EUR 800 000 have been cancelled.

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

- notes the efforts undertaken by the Foundation to improve its management. In order to avoid substantial amounts of **carry-overs** in the future, the Council calls on the Foundation to better programme its operating activities, while noting the specific conditions regarding MEDA and Tempus;
- regrets that the Foundation published only a summary of its 2005 budget in the Official Journal and notes that it has fully **complied with its Financial Regulation** as regards the publication of its 2006 budget. The Council also calls on the Foundation to create an appropriate budget nomenclature and to coordinate better the activities of its financial unit with the operational units;
- calls on the Foundation to comply with existing rules when establishing its final accounts and to respect the deadlines set;
- calls on the Foundation to pay particular attention to its **supervisory and control activities** and to improve its financial and budgetary reports so that it can finally complete the introduction of its internal control system;
- calls on the Foundation to improve its **staff selection procedures**, in particular regarding completeness of documentation and the information given in the pre-selection phase.