2005 discharge: European Centre for Disease prevention and control ECDC

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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 Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 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, it confirms that EUR 1.4 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:

- calls on the Centre to improve its **expenditure planning**, in order to comply with the principle of annuality and to reduce to a minimum level the rate of carry-over;
- takes note that the Centre has recently brought in an **activity-based planning** and set up a financial system in order to improve the quality of its internal control standards regarding transactions and to respect the requirements of the Centre's Financial Regulation;
- calls on the Centre to take adequate measures to remedy the weaknesses identified in the **recruitment** process.