Basic information

2000/2165(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
1999 discharge: European Centre for the Development fo vocational Training ECDVT budget **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	CONT Budgetary Control	VAN DER LAAN Lousewies (ELDR)	06/11/2000
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2335	2001-03-12

Key events

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03/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/11/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	N5-0687/2000	Summary
21/03/2001	Vote in committee		
21/03/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0108/2001	
03/04/2001	Debate in Parliament		
04/04/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0182/2001	Summary
04/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/06/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0108/2001	21/03/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0182/2001 OJ C 021 24.01.2002, p. 0132-0228 E	04/04/2001	Summary
Council of the EU				
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Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	**Document type**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
CofA	Non-legislative basic document	N5-0687/2000 OJ C 373 27.12.2000, p. 0027	29/11/2000	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
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Final act	
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1999 discharge: European Centre for the Development fo vocational Training ECDVT budget

2000/2165(DEC) - 29/11/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present the Court of Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop-Thessaloniki) for the financial year ended 31 December 1999. CONTENT : the report shows that definitive appropriations for the year amounted to EUR 15,2 million. Of this total, EUR 14,5 million (95%) were committed and EUR 0,7 million (5%) lapsed at 31 December 1999. Carry-over of approximations stood at EUR 3,7 million against EUR 3,9 million the previous year. The report notes in particular that although far less use was made of imprest accounts than in the previous financial year, the centre continued to make significant proportion of its payments (EUR 2,6 million or 23%) through these accounts in 1999. In addition, it stated that the Centre was not able to perform a thorough reconciliation of its applications for refunding of VAT with its accounts. Moreover, recovery orders should have been drawn up at the same time as the refund applications. As far as the building of the Cedefop is concerned, the report states that the Centre disbursed an amount of EUR 1,2 million less than initially foreseen in connection with the construction of its new building due to favourable conditions. It assigned this amount to the development of additional facilities which had not been expressely planned in the agreement with the Greek authorites. Given the scale of this saving in relation to the expenditure initially envisaged for the building (EUR 6,8 million), the Centre should, in the interests of sound management and transparency in respect of the budgetary authority, have informed not only the Parliament but also the Council of its intentions. The report also mentions that an examination of the contracts for informatics projects revealed certain weaknesses: lack of consultation with the informatics departments, lack of clarity as regards objectives and a failure to follow

administrative and financial procedures and procedures for invitations to tender. Lastly, with regard to the staff, the Court noted the absence of formal decisions by the Appointing Authority determining the financial entitlements of members of staff. On the other hand, the Cedefop states that: 1) the Budgetary Authority was kept abreast of the additional developments. Cedefop stressed that, while there was nor formal communication, the Centre's representatives fully informed the Council about the additional work in question and the need for such work during the discussion before the Budgets Committee; 2) Cedefop took the view that, in the special circumstances, it was preferable to proceed by direct contracting. The Bureau delivered a positive opinion on the two matters, taking the view that, technically, the additional work could not be separated from the main contract. Moreover, Cedefop pointed out that it is the Centre's financial provisions that have vested in its Managament Board and Bureau the powers normally vested in advisory committees on procurements and contracts; 3) the IT projects should be reviewed throughout the course of their conception because of the rise and the rapid pace of development in the IT field which quickly render the initialassumptions obsolete. Improvements are awaited in their framework in the course of the year 2000. Furthermore, Cedefop announced that as from, which in some cases has led to errors in the management of the projects. Cedefop has announced, however, that it has taken the necessary steps to regularise the files of the staff concerned and too ensure that from the year 2000, reports on staff are made systematically every two years.

1999 discharge: European Centre for the Development fo vocational Training ECDVT budget

2000/2165(DEC) - 04/04/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to grant discharge on the implementation of the budget for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for 1999. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2001/448/EC of the European Parliament concerning discharge to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT : with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the CEDEFOP on the implementation of its budget for the 1999 financial year. The decision is in accordance with the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the previous text).

1999 discharge: European Centre for the Development fo vocational Training ECDVT budget

2000/2165(DEC) - 04/04/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Lousewies (ELDR, NL), thereby granting discharge for 1999 to the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop). However, the Parliament calls on the Centre to carry out an evaluation of its activities and the Parliaments' own specialised committees are called upon to monitor closely the activities and impact of the Thessaloniki Centre and the Turin Foundation to assess how well they fulfil their respective mandates.

1999 discharge: European Centre for the Development fo vocational Training ECDVT budget

2000/2165(DEC) - 12/03/2001 - Supplementary non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: presentation of the Council recommendation on the discharge to be granted to the Board of Administration of CEDEFOP on the implementation of the Centre's budget for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT: For the most part, the Council considers that the implementation of CEDEFOP's revenues and expenditures was such that the discharge should be granted. The Council welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors was in a position to accord a statement of assurance on the reliability of the Centre's accounts for 1999. It notes with satisfaction that the process of installation of the Centre in its new premises was completed in favourable conditions. It welcomes the efforts made by the Centre to follow up on the recommendations made by the Court. It notes, in particular, that in 2000 the Centre took steps to ensure the efficient introduction of the accounting system, accelerate the drawing up of recovery orders and requests for the reimbursement of VAT, as well as to reduce payments by a system of advances. Following the example of the Court of Auditors, the Council invites the Centre to take the necessary measures to modify its own financial regulation so as to respect the rules in force concerning the taking into account of VAT. In so doing, it recommends the European Parliament to grant the discharge to CEDEFOP regarding the implementation of its budget.