Basic information

2022/2095(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2021 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) **Subject** 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CHASTEL Olivier (Renew)	14/07/2022
	Shadow rapporteur ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš (EPP) MANDA Claudiu (S&D) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	TOMC Romana (EPP)	19/09/2022
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2022)0323	

23/06/2022	Non-legislative basic document published		
13/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2023	Vote in committee		
05/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0125/2023	
09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament		
10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0148/2023	Summary
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/09840

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE737.480	17/01/2023	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE736.611	24/01/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE742.566	21/02/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0125/2023	05/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0148/2023	10/05/2023	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06248/2023	13/02/2023	

European Commission

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Non-legislative basic document	COM(2022)0323	23/06/2022	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0002/2023 OJ C 412 27.10.2022, p. 0012	27/10/2022	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2023/1853 OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0215

2021 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)

2022/2095(DEC) - 10/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) in regard to the implementation of the Centre's budget for the 2021 financial year and to approve the closure of the accounts for the financial year in question.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2021 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 553 votes to 78 with 6 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations, which form an integral part of the decision on discharge and which add to the general recommendations set out in the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

Centre's financial statements

The final budget of CEDEFOP for the financial year 2020 was EUR 18 488 800, representing an increase of 1.15 % compared to 2020.

Budget and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 100 %, remaining equal compared to 2020. Payment appropriation rate was 80.02 %, representing an increase of 10.56 % compared to 2020. Parliament noted that an adaptation to the calculation of associated countries' contribution during 2021 fostered a slight increase in the contributions received from Norway and Island. As an effect of such an increase, the amending budget No 1/2021 added EUR 13 100 to Title 2 of the budget, bringing the final budget from 18 488 800 to 18 501 900.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations regarding performance, staff policy, internal control, digitalisation and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Centre fully implemented its work programme in 2021 and launched a new green observatory to explore trends towards a greener and more sustainable economy as well as its implications for vocational education and training (VET);

- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 97 % implemented (as in 2020), with 78 temporary agents appointed out of 82 temporary posts and nine officials out of nine authorised under the Union budget;

- weaknesses were identified in the Centre's recruitment procedures;

- 23 procurement procedures were processed in 2021;

- the Centre should put in place more systematic rules on transparency, incompatibilities, conflicts of interest, illegal lobbying and revolving doors;

- the Centre should also strengthen its internal control mechanisms, including the setting up of an internal anticorruption mechanism;

- the Centre is pursuing the effort to improve the Centre's cybersecurity and protection of personal data, especially through new multifactor authentication systems and training activities organised for staff;

- the digital divide between the Union agencies should be avoided by speeding up the digitalisation of procedures;

- in 2021, in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, the Centre reported a reduction of 78 % of the expenses related to missions and meetings, and that it has planned to reduce its staff travels by 70 % (compared to pre-COVID-19 crisis levels) in the programming period 2023-2025;

- the Centre is urged to ensure greater transparency and public accountability by better utilising media and social media channels.