Basic information

2023/2142(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2022 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT) **Subject** 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	SARVAMAA Petri (EPP)	14/06/2023
	Shadow rapporteur RÓNAI Sándor (S&D) CICUREL Ilana (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/06/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2023)0391	
12/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

04/03/2024	Vote in committee		
08/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0082/2024	
10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0244/2024	Summary
11/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/10/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/2142(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/12919

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE753.508	09/01/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.212	12/02/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0082/2024	08/03/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0244/2024	11/04/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06180/2024	12/03/2024	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2023)0391	28/06/2023	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0096/2023 OJ C 000 27.10.2023, p. 0000	26/10/2023	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2024/2261 OJ OJ L 10.10.2024

2022 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)

2023/2142(DEC) - 11/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union (CdT) for the financial year 2022 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2022 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 557 votes to 39, with 11 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations set out in the resolution on the performance, financial management and control of European Union agencies.

Qualified opinion

It should be noted that the Court identified irregular payments totalling EUR 1.3 million, of which EUR 0.6 million pertained to the Court’s determination that the Centre’s justifications for selecting certain procurement procedures without prior notification were insufficient, and EUR 0.7 million related to a failure by the Centre to monitor the consumption of financial ceilings at the level of individual procedures and framework contracts for translations, cumulatively accounting for 2.4 % of the payment appropriations available in 2022, thereby exceeding the materiality threshold set for the audit and, consequently, resulting in a qualified opinion on the legality and regularity of payments underlying the Centre’s accounts.

Centre's financial statements

The final budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for 2022 was **EUR 49 839 955**, representing a decrease of 6.02 % compared to 2021.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 89.08 % representing an increase of 5.55 % compared to 2021. The current year payment appropriations execution rate was 83.50 %, representing an increase of 6.99 % compared to 2021.

Parliament noted that the Centre’s initial budget for 2022 (EUR 49 million) was subject to one amending budget adopted by the Centre’s management board in September 2022 and aimed to include the updated forecasts received from clients and the result of the review by the Centre of all expenditure items.

Other observations

Parliament made a number of observations concerning performance, staff, transparency and internal controls.

In particular, it noted that:

- the overall implementation rate of the Centre’s work programme for 2022 was 89.6 % according to amending budget 1/2022. Parliament regretted that that rate is lower than in 2021 (93.4 %), therefore ending a positive trend of year-on-year improvements since 2018 when the implementation rate was 82.4 %;

- with 348 070 pages, the number of pages of documents translated, modified, edited and revised decreased by 5.2 % compared to 2021 (367 264 pages);

- with regard to EU trade marks, the number of translated pages (239 964) further decreased by 12.6 % in comparison to 2021 (274 706 pages), therefore continuing on a significant downward trend. With a total of 588 033 pages translated in 2022, the actual volume decreased by 8.4 % from 2021;

- 2022 was a difficult year for the Centre, considering the external environment with the war in Ukraine, the continuing impact of COVID-19, increasing energy costs and inflation, and, therefore, a consequential increase in internal costs for the Centre's premises and staff salaries;

- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 93.78 % implemented, with 46 officials and 135 temporary agents appointed out of 51 officials and 142 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (193 authorised posts, as in 2021). There is an underrepresentation of men in the Centre's overall staff;

- the Centre is still working on the solution that will allow the management board's members to upload and maintain the declaration of interests and CVs by themselves;

- the Centre finalised and adopted a new anti-fraud action plan for 2022 and 2023;

- efforts were made to increase the Centre's public visibility.