



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2008/2254(DEC)	Procedure completed
2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		26/03/2008
		PPE-DE FJELLNER Christofer	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2922	10/02/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	KALLAS Siim	

Key events			
23/07/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2008)2359	Summary
20/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
23/03/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0177/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0271/2009	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/2254(DEC)

Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/6/67258

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2008)2359	23/07/2008	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N6-0004/2009 OJ C 311 05.12.2008, p. 0001	05/12/2008	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		05588/2009	23/01/2009	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE416.352	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0177/2009	23/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0271/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2009/655](#)
[OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0141](#) Summary

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

PURPOSE: [presentation of the final accounts of the European Centre for the Development for vocational training \(Cedefop\) for the financial year 2007.](#)

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the Centre's expenditure in 2007. According to this document, the final budget amounted to EUR 17.4 million (compared to EUR 17.6 million in 2006) representing a 96% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Thessaloniki (Greece), officially set out 97 posts in the establishment plan. 89 of these positions are currently occupied with + 39 other staff (contract staff and seconded national experts) totalling 128 assigned to operational, administrative tasks.

During 2007, the Centre mainly focused on the following information activities: 11 conferences, 82 workshops and 24 presentations/visits.

Cedefop also carried out:

- Studies: 14 + 23 grant procedures for ReferNet;
- Projects: 40 of which 8 administrative plus 13 virtual communities;
- Participation in: Helsinki follow-up and preparation for the ministerial meeting in Bordeaux 2008, Education and Training 2010 programme, Leonardo da Vinci programme and transition to Lifelong Learning programme, social partners' joint action framework, Advisory Committee for Vocational Training, Directors-General for Vocational Training, Education and Training 2010 Coordination Group;
- Publications: 34 + 3 issues of Cedefop info; 3 issues of the European journal on vocational training;
- Circulation of documents: 8 477 on request, 1 565 subscriptions to the European journal, 8 490 subscriptions to Cedefop info;
- Electronic publications: 3 364 subscriptions to ETV newsletter, 4 million number of ETV page views.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address:
<http://www.CEDEFOP.europa.eu/index.asp?section=4&sub=4>

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

Noting that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of the Centre's accounts.

However, they make a number of recommendations as part of the decision on discharge. In addition to the general recommendations

appearing in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#)), MEPs make the following observations:

- the ECA's observation that objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable;
- the Centre is working on a more precise formulation of objectives and performance indicators, and that it introduced Activity Based Budgeting for the 2008 financial year.

Lastly, MEPs call on the Centre to report on the specific follow-up action taken with regard to the ECA's recommendations in its activity report 2008.

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

Furthermore, the Parliament adopted by 577 votes to 14, with 41 abstentions, a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The Parliament stresses that:

- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) observed that objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable for the activities undertaken by the Centre;
- the Centre took a decision to provide for such indicators for activities undertaken in 2008.

Lastly, noting that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, the Parliament approves the closure of the Centre's accounts and refers, for other observations accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#) - adopted in parallel.

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/655/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2007.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 23 April 2009 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 23/04/2008). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.