



Procedure file

Basic information		
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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
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		29/01/2008
		PPE-DE OLAJOS Péter	
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	A6-0170/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0269/2009	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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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		PE416.335	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE416.687	12/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0170/2009	23/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0269/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2009/651](#)
[OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0133](#) Summary

2007 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's budget for the financial year 2007. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 28.9 million (compared tot EUR 17.1 million in 2006) including a Community subsidy of 98% and 2% of EFTA (European Free Trade Association) funds.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Stockholm (Sweden), officially set out 90 posts in its establishment plan. 80 posts are currently occupied + 42 other posts, totalling 122 posts assigned to operational and administrative duties.

In 2007, the Centre concentrated on the development of its activities in terms of monitoring diseases, namely:

- a communicable disease threat database (Threat Tracking Tool, TTT) was developed and implemented;
- ECDC completed the transfer of the EWRS operations and initiated the development of standard operating procedures for outbreak investigation and response;
- two simulation exercises were conducted: (i) test of internal procedures and equipment and (ii) test of procedures regarding risk assessment and Member States support for contact tracing activities;
- launch of the European Surveillance System, collecting data for the dedicated surveillance networks migrating to ECDC;
- publication of the First European Epidemiological Report and of the EU Zoonoses Report in close collaboration with Members States and EFSA (European Food Safety Authority);
- integration of the scientific journal Eurosurveillance into ECDC;
- organisation of five training sessions on outbreak investigation in partnership with the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER). Additionally, a module on management of public health crises was organised, gathering senior epidemiologists from all Member States. A training manual on applied epidemiology was further developed;
- influenza Pandemic Preparedness Self-Assessment visits to all thirty EU/EEA Member States were completed. In the area of HIV and STI surveillance and prevention, the Centre prepared the ground for taking responsibility for the surveillance of HIV/AIDS in Europe, performed two country visits to review programmes for prevention, control and surveillance, and carried out EU-wide studies to evaluate prevention interventions. In the context of the TB disease specific activities, an Action Plan to fight TB in the EU was developed;
- a Scientific Consultation Group of EU-wide Learned Societies was created;

the first European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) was organised and hosted by the Centre.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/About_us/Key_documents/

2007 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control calling on the European Parliament to grant the 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 fact that, in 2006, the carry-over rate was nearly 45 %, and that no major improvement was made in 2007, when it was close to 43 %, which shows the Centre's difficulties in implementing its budget;
- that the level of budget amendments revealed weaknesses in the monitoring of budget implementation;
- that the Centre disbursed EUR 500 000 on renovation works on the buildings rented for its premises, and that, as in 2006, these works were decided upon by direct agreement between the Centre and the owner without specifying the nature of the works and the deadlines and payment conditions; notes that, according to the ECA, (this practice did not comply with the financial regulation and was at odds with the principle of economy).

MEPs call on the Centre to align its practices with the financial regulation.

As regards the follow-up to previous discharge exercises, MEPs note that, as in 2006, the Court of Auditors detected weaknesses as regards budget implementation, in particular a high level of appropriations carried over. They call on the Centre to follow up on the Court's recommendations, in particular as regards budget implementation, and to report on the action taken and the results achieved in its forthcoming annual report 2008.

2007 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/651/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the implementation of the Authority'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 23/04/2009). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

2007 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

The European Parliament adopted by 583 votes to 11, with 41 abstentions, a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

In parallel, the European Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

Parliament states that:

- in 2006, the carry-over rate was nearly 45 %, and that no major improvement was made in 2007, when it was close to 43 %, which shows the Centre's difficulties in implementing its budget;
- the level of budget amendments revealed weaknesses in the monitoring of budget implementation;
- the Centre disbursed EUR 500 000 on renovation works on the buildings rented for its premises, and that, as in 2006, these works were decided upon by direct agreement between the Centre and the owner without specifying the nature of the works and the deadlines and payment conditions;
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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.