



**2017/2153(DEC)**

26.1.2018

# OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Translation  
Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2016  
(2017/2153(DEC))

Rapporteur: Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Reiterates its unwavering commitment to multilingualism in the European Union as a key platform for engaging with citizens and, as such, as an essential condition for the success of the Unions's democratic system; welcomes the role that the Translation Centre plays in facilitating the work of the agencies and bodies of the Union by delivering high-quality translation and language services;
2. Expresses its satisfaction that new agreements were signed between the Centre and three entities in 2016, bringing the Centre's total number of clients to 64; calls on Union agencies and bodies to avoid the duplication of translation services wherever possible by making greater use of the Centre's services;
3. Notes that the Centre has so far complied with the target of a 5% staff reduction (plus 5% as a "cruising speed" agency) from 2014 to 2018; insists that the Centre must have the resources required to deliver a first-class translation and language service; advises against future cuts to the Centre's budget or establishment plan;
4. Applauds the Centre's efforts to reduce its budgetary surplus through a reduction in its prices in 2015, with cash and short-term deposits decreasing from EUR 38.3 million in 2015 to EUR 34.2 million in 2016 and reserves from EUR 34 million in 2015 to EUR 31.1 million in 2016; takes note of the Director's statement that a price increase will be inevitable at some stage and calls on the Centre to manage such a price rise in close collaboration with clients;
5. Endorses the Centre's clear commitment to quality, as evidenced through its tough stance on "repeatedly unsatisfactory" translations from external contractors; welcomes its approach to providing ongoing thematic training both for the Centre's in-house translators and for external contractors as this helps to maintain high quality standards;
6. Urges the Centre to pursue its efforts to explore innovative language technologies as an aid to its core work; considers that, in developing multilingual terminology sources, such as the IATE database, the Centre helps to ensure that all the official languages of the Union keep pace with emerging concepts.

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	23.1.2018						
<b>Result of final vote</b>	<table><tr><td>+: </td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>–: </td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0: </td><td>0</td></tr></table>	+:	27	–:	0	0:	0
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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Isabella Adinolfi, Dominique Bilde, Andrea Bocskor, Nikolaos Chountis, Silvia Costa, Mircea Diaconu, Damian Dr ghici, Angel Dzhambazki, Jill Evans, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Petra Kammerevert, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Curzio Maltese, Rupert Matthews, Stefano Maullu, Luigi Morgano, John Procter, Michaela Šojdrová, Yana Toom, Helga Trüpel, Sabine Verheyen, Julie Ward, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Krystyna Łybacka						
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Algirdas Saudargas						

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Mircea Diaconu, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Yana Toom
ECR	Angel Dzhambazki, Rupert Matthews, John Procter
EFDD	Isabella Adinolfi
ENF	Dominique Bilde
GUE/NGL	Nikolaos Chountis, Curzio Maltese
PPE	Andrea Bocskor, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Stefano Maullu, Algirdas Saudargas, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski
S&D	Silvia Costa, Damian Dr ghici, Petra Kammerevert, Krystyna Łybacka, Luigi Morgano, Julie Ward
Verts/ALE	Jill Evans, Helga Trüpel

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- : against

0 : abstention