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27.1.2022

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 (CdT) for the financial year 2020 (2021/2118(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Petra Kammerevert

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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. Underlines that the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (the 'Centre'), which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2020, makes a crucial contribution to upholding the key principle of multilingualism in the Union, thus not only enabling the smooth functioning of Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, but also empowering Union citizens and organisations to access information and take full advantage of the social, cultural, economic and educational opportunities open to them; congratulates the Centre on the improvements in achieving its mission and calls on it to maintain its contribution to multilingualism in the Union;
2. Welcomes the fact that the European Court of Auditors, in its report on the Centre's annual accounts for 2020, confirms the legality and regularity of the revenue and payments underlying the Centre's accounts;
3. Welcomes the fact that after several years of budget deficits, in 2020, the Centre recovered its capacity to balance its budget; calls for further investments and support to widen the service-oriented translation capacities;
4. Commends the Centre for expanding its client portfolio, which the European Public Prosecutor's Office joined in November 2020;
5. Welcomes the Centre's continued efforts in 2020 to assure the quality of translations produced by its external language service providers, as well as the stringent measures taken against several contractors whose documents were judged to be repeatedly unsatisfactory; in that regard, welcomes the setting up, by August 2020, of a fully revised client feedback system, shifting the focus from measuring client satisfaction via satisfaction forms to the provision of updated versions; calls on the Centre to continuously update and adjust the system based on feedback received;
6. Notes the successful implementation of the Centre's 2019-2020 Transformation Plan and the Programme Initiation Document (PID), which was undertaken to bring about changes in the structure of the Centre; encourages the Centre to continue on the path of technological transformation, with the aim of continuously adapting to clients' needs and making full use of available new technologies; in that regard, encourages the Centre to strengthen its investment in staff training;
7. Stresses the need for the Centre to continue with its ambitious transformation related to digitalisation and artificial intelligence to respond to the multilingual communication needs of Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, which are faced with a high volume of varied and specialised content to be translated with limited budgetary resources; at the same time, points out that in general the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on, in particular, contract staff and asks that ways be found to cushion and prevent precarious situations in that respect;

8. Welcomes the fact that the Centre is currently studying the possibility of starting the procedure for obtaining an ISO 14001 or EMAS certificate in the near future in order to enhance its environmental performance; in that spirit, welcomes the preparation by the Centre of its initial environmental review in 2020.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	27.1.2022
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 0 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Andrea Bocskor, Ilana Cicurel, Gianantonio Da Re, Laurence Farreng, Tomasz Frankowski, Alexis Georgoulis, Sylvie Guillaume, Hannes Heide, Irena Joveva, Petra Kammerevert, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Predrag Fred Matić, Dace Melbārde, Victor Negrescu, Niklas Nienaaß, Peter Pollák, Marcos Ros Sempere, Monica Semedo, Andrey Slabakov, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Maria Walsh, Salima Yenbou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver
Substitutes present for the final vote	Catherine Griset, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Dace Melbārde, Andrey Slabakov
NI	Andrea Bocskor
PPE	Asim Ademov, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Maria Walsh, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver
Renew	Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Irena Joveva, Monica Semedo
S&D	Sylvie Guillaume, Hannes Heide, Petra Kammerevert, Predrag Fred Matić, Victor Negrescu, Marcos Ros Sempere, Massimiliano Smeriglio
The Left	Alexis Georgoulis, Niyazi Kizilyürek
Verts/ALE	Niklas Nienä, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel, Salima Yenbou

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention