DRAFT 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))

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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, office 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;

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. Commends the Centre for expanding its client portfolio, which the European Public Prosecutor’s Office joined in November 2020;

4. Welcomes the Centre’s continued efforts in 2020 to assure the quality of translations produced by its external language service providers; in that regard, welcomes the setting up, by August 2020, of a fully revised client feedback system;

5. Notes the successful implementation of the Centre’s 2019-2020 Transformation Plan; 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 continue investing in staff training;

6. 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.