



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2008/2258(DEC)	Procedure completed
2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA		
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
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		20/02/2008
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
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	A6-0175/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0270/2009	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

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		PE416.347	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE416.413	02/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0175/2009	23/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0270/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2009/653](#)
[OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0137](#) Summary

2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) for the 2007 financial year.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the EMCDDA's 2007 budget. It indicates that EMCDDA's final budget amounted to 14.4 million EUR in 2007 (compared with 13.1 million EUR in 2006) 93% of which is derived from a Community subsidy.

In terms of personnel, the EMCDDA, whose headquarters are in Lisbon (Portugal) had 82 posts in its establishment plan, 73 of which are occupied and 25 others (auxiliary contracts, contract staff and temporary replacements) amounting to 98 posts undertaking operational, administrative or mixed tasks.

In 2007, the EMCDDA's activities mainly focused on:

Publications

- Annual report on the state of the drug problem in Europe; 23 language versions, publication and interactive website);
- Selected issues published alongside the Annual report (3 issues, publication, summaries and interactive website, EN);
- Statistical bulletin and interactive website containing over 350 tables, 100 graphs and PDF files;
- General activities report ? annual, EN;
- Drugnet Europe newsletter ? 4 issues, EN;
- Drugs in Focus (policy briefings) ? 3 issues, 25 language versions;
- Technical and scientific studies, including Articles and scientific summaries 57.

Set-up/updating/content development of public EMCDDA website

- Drug profiles,
- Country situation summaries,
- Country data profiles,
- Drug treatment overviews,
- European legal database on drugs,
- Evaluation instruments bank,
- Exchange on drug demand reduction action,
- FONTE: a data collection, validation, storage and retrieval system.

Promotional brochures: 3 products.

Media products: 174 miscellaneous products.

Participation in international conferences/meetings: 230.

Organisation of technical and scientific meetings: 41.

The Observatory's full accounts are available from the following address:

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.Content&nnodeid=6465&sLanguageiso=EN>

2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, 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 the Centre's IT needs increased dramatically, explained by the Centre's move to new premises and, therefore, the need for new equipment;
- there is a disagreement between the Centre and Norway about Norway's financial participation in the Centre's work;
- a compromise has since been achieved, according to which Norway made a one-off payment of EUR 34 230 and accepted the waiving of an existing surplus of its contribution to the Centre; Norway also accepted a new calculation method for future contributions.

Lastly, on the issue of follow-up to previous discharge exercises, MEPs welcome the fact that the Centre closely cooperates with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), also based in Lisbon, in order to share buildings and jointly use infrastructures and services.

2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/653/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction 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 23/04/2009). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

2007 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

The European Parliament adopted by 581 votes to 12, with 39 abstentions, a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction in respect of the implementation of its 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 highlights:

- that the Centre's IT needs increased dramatically due to the Centre's move to new premises;
- the disagreement between the Centre and Norway about Norway's financial participation in the Centre's work;
- the compromise which has since been achieved, according to which Norway made a one-off payment of EUR 34 230 to the Community.

On the issue of follow-up to previous discharge exercises, Parliament welcomes the fact that the Centre closely cooperates with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), also based in Lisbon, in order to share buildings and jointly use infrastructures and services.

Lastly, noting that the Monitoring 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 its 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.