



Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| DEC - Discharge procedure | 2008/2254(DEC) | Procedure completed |
| 2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop | | |
| Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | CONT Budgetary Control | | 26/03/2008 |
| | | PPE-DE FJELLNER Christofer | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | EMPL Employment and Social Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| 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 | | | |
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| 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 | A6-0177/2009 | |
| 21/04/2009 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 23/04/2009 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 23/04/2009 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0271/2009 | Summary |
| 23/04/2009 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 26/09/2009 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2008/2254(DEC) |
| Procedure type | DEC - Discharge procedure |
| Legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 100 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | CONT/6/67258 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| 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 | | PE416.352 | 29/01/2009 | EP | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A6-0177/2009 | 23/03/2009 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T6-0271/2009 | 23/04/2009 | EP | Summary |

| Final act | |
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| Budget 2009/655 OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0141 | Summary |

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

PURPOSE: [presentation of the final accounts of the European Centre for the Development for vocational training \(Cedefop\) for the financial year 2007.](#)

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the Centre's expenditure in 2007. According to this document, the final budget amounted to EUR 17.4 million (compared to EUR 17.6 million in 2006) representing a 96% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Thessaloniki (Greece), officially set out 97 posts in the establishment plan. 89 of these positions are currently occupied with + 39 other staff (contract staff and seconded national experts) totalling 128 assigned to operational, administrative tasks.

During 2007, the Centre mainly focused on the following information activities: 11 conferences, 82 workshops and 24 presentations/visits.

Cedefop also carried out:

- Studies: 14 + 23 grant procedures for ReferNet;
- Projects: 40 of which 8 administrative plus 13 virtual communities;
- Participation in: Helsinki follow-up and preparation for the ministerial meeting in Bordeaux 2008, Education and Training 2010 programme, Leonardo da Vinci programme and transition to Lifelong Learning programme, social partners' joint action framework, Advisory Committee for Vocational Training, Directors-General for Vocational Training, Education and Training 2010 Coordination Group;
- Publications: 34 + 3 issues of Cedefop info; 3 issues of the European journal on vocational training;
- Circulation of documents: 8 477 on request, 1 565 subscriptions to the European journal, 8 490 subscriptions to Cedefop info;
- Electronic publications: 3 364 subscriptions to ETV newsletter, 4 million number of ETV page views.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address:
<http://www.CEDEFOP.europa.eu/index.asp?section=4&sub=4>

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, 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 objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable;
- the Centre is working on a more precise formulation of objectives and performance indicators, and that it introduced Activity Based Budgeting for the 2008 financial year.

Lastly, MEPs call on the Centre to report on the specific follow-up action taken with regard to the ECA's recommendations in its activity report 2008.

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

Furthermore, the Parliament adopted by 577 votes to 14, with 41 abstentions, a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The Parliament stresses that:

- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) observed that objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable for the activities undertaken by the Centre;
- the Centre took a decision to provide for such indicators for activities undertaken in 2008.

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.

2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/655/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training 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 23/04/2008). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.