



Procedure file

Basic information		
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2007 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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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	A6-0178/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0272/2009	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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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		PE416.344	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0178/2009	23/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0272/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act	
Budget 2009/657 OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0145	Summary

2007 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2007 budget. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 46.12 million in 2007 (compared to EUR 40.88 million in 2006).

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Luxembourg, officially set out 200 posts in its establishment plan. 176 posts are currently occupied and are assigned to operational and administrative duties. Staff expenditure amounted to EUR 15.430 million (final budget appropriations paid).

In 2007, the Centre's main activities concentrated on translating texts from a number of bodies and institutions of the European Union.

In total, the Centre notes that in 2007 the number of pages translated amounted to 732 673 (a very large increase compared to 2006).

The number of pages translated by languages is as follows:

- official languages: 729 286;
- other languages: 3 387 (this figure is significantly smaller than in 2006).

Lastly, the report notes the number of pages translated per client:

- bodies: 711 131;
- institutions: 21 542 (a net increase).

In 2007, the number of pages translated freelance amounted to 395 701 (compared to 260 303 pages in 2006).

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://www.cdt.europa.eu/cdt/ewcm.nsf/>

2007 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christopher FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of the 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 its audit of procurement procedures showed that the evaluation of award criteria was not appropriately documented;
- certain recruitment procedures lacked transparency.

Noting the Centre's willingness to follow up on the problems detected by the ECA, MEPs call on the Centre to report on the follow-up action taken and the results achieved in its activity report 2008.

In terms of the follow-up on previous discharge exercises, MEPs note that, in 2007, the Centre refunded EUR 9.3 million to its clients from outturn carried over from previous financial years. MEPs also regret that, although this issue has been highlighted in discharge resolutions over many years, a solution concerning the conflict between the Centre and the Commission as to the employer's share of pension contributions for staff has still not been found. They therefore call on the Commission and the Centre to strive to resolve the dispute quickly and to inform the discharge authority of the outcome of the negotiations.

2007 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT

The European Parliament adopted by 582 votes to 13, with 38 abstentions, a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Director of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union in respect of the implementation of the Centre's 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 state that:

- the Court of Auditors brought to light the fact that the Centre's audit of procurement procedures showed that the evaluation of award criteria was not appropriately documented and that certain recruitment procedures lacked transparency.
- Noting the Centre's willingness to follow up on the problems detected by the ECA, Parliament calls on the Centre to report on the follow-up action taken and the results achieved in its activity report 2008.

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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 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.

2007 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/657/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the Translation Centre 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.