


# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2110(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		01/10/2009
		PPE <a href="#">MATHIEU HOUILLON</a> <a href="#">Véronique</a> Shadow rapporteur S&D <a href="#">STAVRAKAKIS Georgios</a> ALDE <a href="#">GERBRANDY</a> <a href="#">Gerben-Jan</a> Verts/ALE <a href="#">STAES Bart</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>EMPL</b> Employment and Social Affairs		26/11/2009
		PPE <a href="#">GRÄSSLE Ingeborg</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2994</a>	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Budget</a>	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
23/07/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2009)1089	Summary
07/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
26/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A7-0091/2010</a>	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0099/2010</a>	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information
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Procedure reference	2009/2110(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01099

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2009)1089	23/07/2009	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0012/2010 <a href="#">OJ C 304 15.12.2009, p. 0001</a>	08/10/2009	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		N7-0036/2009 <a href="#">OJ C 269 10.11.2009, p. 0001</a>	10/11/2009	CofA	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">05827/2010</a>	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE430.473</a>	02/02/2010	EP	
Committee opinion	EMPL	<a href="#">PE430.902</a>	25/02/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A7-0091/2010</a>	26/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0099/2010</a>	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2010/510](#)  
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0124](#) Summary

## 2008 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 2008.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of the Centre's expenditure in 2008. According to this document, the final budget amounted to EUR 18.38 million (compared to EUR 17.4 million in 2007) representing a 93% Community contribution.

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Thessaloniki (Greece), officially set out 99 posts in the establishment plan. 97 of these positions are currently occupied with other staff (contract staff and seconded national experts) totalling 128 assigned to operational, administrative tasks.

During 2008, the Centre mainly focused on the following activities:

- Strategy documents: the impact of the Centre in providing analysis and research results for evidence based policy-making is best illustrated by the fact that 21 major policy documents (for example Council Conclusions on future priorities for enhanced European cooperation in Vocational Education Training (VET) or Commission Communication on new skills for new jobs) not only reflected the Centre's work but also requested the Centre to further contribute or monitor, etc. This shows also appreciation for the work done. The draft policy report contributed greatly to the preparation of the ministerial conference of the French presidency and the Bordeaux communiqué in November. The Centre worked closely with both 2008 presidencies and provided major input (publications, background material, keynote speeches, etc.) to all the major events relating to VET (for example guidance conference in Lyon).
- Work on skills: the Centre's work on skills needs to be further developed. At the request of the EC President, the forecast was extended to 2020. The publication 'Skill needs in Europe: focus on 2020' was downloaded over 140 000 times. In November 2008, the Centre's proposal to introduce future skill needs as a forward looking indicator to analyse employment was adopted by the Employment Committee indicators group.
- Europass website and European CVs: after the adoption of the European Qualification Framework (EQF), implementation in Member States of the European tools for VET has accelerated. The Centre has contributed substantially towards the development of these tools (EQF, European Credit transfer system, Quality assurance, Guidance, Europass) and continued to support the EC working groups and clusters and to host the Europass website. Its use by European citizens continued to increase. In 2008, over 6 million visits to the website were recorded and more than 2 million European CVs have been completed online. An external evaluation confirmed the positive development.

- Study visits: a revised study visits programme has been successfully implemented.
- Workshops and conferences: with more than 65 workshops and conferences, 24 new publications, a newly established press service (19 press releases in 2008), 8 policy briefs the Centre continued to provide a platform for VET stakeholders and provided updated information on VET in the European Union.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: [http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/about/budget\\_discharge.asp](http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/about/budget_discharge.asp)

## 2008 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 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 that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#)):

- Performance: Members note that the Centre has made enormous progress with regard to the inventory procedure for identifying, recording and capitalising assets, to documentation on internal control processes and to procurement procedures. However, they also call on the Centre to consider making a Gantt diagram part of the programming for each of its operational activities, with a view to indicating in concise form the amount of time spent by each staff member on a project and encouraging an approach geared towards achieving results. The committee calls on the Centre to set out a comparison of operations carried out during the year for which discharge is to be granted and in the previous financial year so as to enable the discharge authority to assess more effectively its performance from one year to the next. Members welcome the close cooperation and the synergies established between the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training and the European Training Foundation (ETF), given the two agencies' related areas of responsibility and they call on the two agencies to include a detailed follow-up report on the cooperation agreement in their 2009 activity reports.
- Budgetary and financial management: the committee draws attention to the fact that the Centre has again carried appropriations forward (25% of payment appropriations, or EUR 1.4 million. It points out that this reveals weaknesses in the programming and monitoring of differentiated appropriations for operating activities.
- Internal audit: congratulating the Centre on being the first agency voluntarily to undergo a pilot audit on the ethical framework, MEPs note that a number of recommendations still have not been implemented. They mainly relate to human resources management.

## 2008 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

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[The European Parliament adopted by 553 votes to 32, with 54 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training \(CEDEFOP\) in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.](#)

Furthermore, Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The main points are as follows:

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## 2008 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/510/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2008.

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 2008.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 5 May 2010 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 5 May 2010).

A parallel Decision, adopted on the same day, approves the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.