

Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2114(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 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		01/10/2009
		PPE MATHIEU HOUILLON Véronique	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D STAVRAKAKIS Georgios	
		ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	
		Verts/ALE STAES Bart	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		22/07/2009
		S&D LÓPEZ AGUILAR Juan Fernando	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2994	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	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
25/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0067/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		

05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0107/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/2114(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01091

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2009)1089	23/07/2009	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0012/2010 OJ C 304 15.12.2009, p. 0001	08/10/2009	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		N7-0036/2009 OJ C 269 10.11.2009, p. 0001	10/11/2009	CofA	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE430.718	13/01/2010	EP	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.469	02/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.367	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0067/2010	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0107/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/526](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0160](#) Summary

2008 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 2008 financial year.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the EMCDDA's 2008 budget. It indicates that EMCDDA's final budget amounted to EUR 15.1 million in 2008 (compared with EUR 14.4 million in 2007) 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, 78 of which are occupied and 26 others (auxiliary contracts, contract staff and temporary replacements) amounting to 104 posts undertaking operational, administrative or mixed tasks.

In 2008, the EMCDDA's activities mainly focused on:

Reitox Network: the Centre runs a computerised network for the collection and exchange of information called the 'European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction' (Reitox). This network connects national drug information networks, specialist centres in the Member States and the information systems of international organisations working with the Centre.

Publications

- Annual report on the state of the drug problem in Europe (23 language versions, publication and interactive website),
- Selected issues: 3 issues, publication, multilingual summaries EN,

- Statistical bulletin and interactive website containing over 350 tables, 100 graphs,
- General report of activities (annual, EN)
- Drugnet Europe newsletter - 4 issues, EN,
- Drugs in Focus (policy briefings) - 1 issue, 25 language versions,
- EMCDDA Scientific monograph - 1, two volumes, EN,
- EMCDDA Insights - 3, EN,
- EMCDDA technical datasheets - 3,
- Drug profiles - 5 new and 6 updated, DE, EN, FR,
- Technical and scientific studies, including articles and scientific summaries 53,
- Data collection, validation, storage and retrieval system (Fonte).

Other websites: set-up/updating/content development of public EMCDDA website including:

- country overviews,
- drug treatment overviews,
- european legal database on drugs,
- evaluation instruments bank,
- best practice portal (exchange on drug demand reduction action).

Promotional brochures: 6 products.

Media products: 177 miscellaneous products.

Participation in international conferences/meetings: 203.

Organisation of technical and scientific meetings: 35.

The Observatory's full accounts are available from the following address: <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/html.cfm/index81990EN.html>

2008 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Centre 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 its 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 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;
- budgetary and financial management: Members conclude from the annual closure of accounts and the amount of interest payments that the Centre maintains high cash reserves over long periods. They note that as of 31 December 2008 the Centre's cash reserves amounted to EUR 1 635 537,86. They call on the Commission to examine ways of ensuring that the principle of needs-based cash management is implemented to the full and what changes in approach are needed to ensure that the Centre's cash reserves are kept as low as possible on a long-term basis;
- internal audit: **Members call on the Monitoring Centre to implement the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS).**

2008 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

The European Parliament adopted by 552 votes to 32, with 54 abstentions, a decision on 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 2008. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency. Furthermore, Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The main points are as follows:

- performance: Parliament calls 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;
- budgetary and financial management: Parliament concludes from the annual closure of accounts and the amount of interest payments that the Centre maintains high cash reserves over long periods. It notes that, as of 31 December 2008, the Centre's cash reserves

amounted to EUR 1 635 537.86. It calls on the Commission to examine ways of ensuring that the principle of needs-based cash management is implemented to the full and what changes in approach are needed to ensure that the Centre's cash reserves are kept as low as possible on a long-term basis;

- internal audit: Parliament calls on the Monitoring Centre to implement the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS).

Noting that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament approves the closure of its accounts and refers to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).

2008 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 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/526/EU 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 2008.

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 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.