



# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">2009/2117(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT		
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>	
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 <a href="#">Budget</a>	Commissioner ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
22/07/2009	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	<a href="#">A7-0071/2010</a>	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0098/2010</a>	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2117(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01103

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="#">PE430.480</a>	02/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE439.349</a>	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A7-0071/2010</a>	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0098/2010</a>	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act	
<a href="#">Decision 2010/508</a> <a href="#">OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0119</a>	Summary

## 2008 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 2008.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2008 budget. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 59.94 million in 2008 (compared to EUR 46.12 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Luxembourg, officially set out 233 posts in its establishment plan. 189 posts are currently occupied and are assigned to operational and administrative duties.

In 2008, 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 2008 the number of pages translated amounted to 747 416 (an increase compared to 2007).

The number of pages translated by languages is as follows:

- official languages: 742 256;
- other languages: 5 160 (a large increase from 2007).

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

- bodies: 731 944;
- institutions: 15 472.

In 2008, the number of pages translated freelance amounted to 441 223 (compared to 226 822 pages in 2007).

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

## 2008 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union CdT

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) 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 in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Centre'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 congratulate the Centre on having developed an efficient IT tool, FLOSYSWEB;
- budget surplus contrary to the Regulation establishing the Centre: Members note that for several years the Centre has had an accumulated budget surplus (EUR 26.7 million in 2008). They call on the Centre to take more effective measures to remedy this constant rise in its surplus. They also note that on 31 December 2008 the Centre's cash holdings amounted to EUR 48 405 006.88 and ask the Commission to examine what scope there is for helping to ensure that the cash holdings are managed entirely on a needs-orientated basis. They call on the Centre to offer its clients cost-covering services in future;
- pension contributions for staff: Members consider it very regrettable 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 note with concern that this ongoing conflict with the Commission is costing the Centre several millions. They note in particular that in 2008 the Centre established a reserve of EUR 15.3 million to tackle the consequences of this conflict. Members call therefore on the Centre to inform the discharge authority of the progress of the negotiations and of staff costs (in relation to time and expenditure) incurred as a result of this conflict;
- human resources: Members observe that only 81% of the posts provided for were occupied by officials and temporary staff in December 2008. They note that the Centre has justified this inadequate figure by pointing to a lack of office space, which made it impossible to recruit in accordance with the establishment plan. They consider nonetheless that the Centre should plan its recruitment procedures more realistically and effectively in order to respect the time limits and meet all the needs arising from an increase in the Centre's staff. They encourage the Centre to establish comprehensive training maps based on requisite staff skills and capabilities in order to maintain a high level of competence of its staff;
- internal audit: Members acknowledge that most of the recommendations of the Internal Audit Services (IAS) have now been implemented. They consider that it is highly important for the Centre to implement fully a policy on sensitive posts and staff mobility.

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The European Parliament adopted by 560 votes to 26, with 50 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union 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 to this Agency.

The main points are as follows:

- performance: Parliament congratulates the Centre on having developed an efficient IT tool, FLOSYSWEB;
- budget surplus contrary to the Regulation establishing the Centre: Parliament notes that, for several years, the Centre has had an accumulated budget surplus (EUR 26.7 million in 2008). It calls on the Centre to take more effective measures to remedy this constant rise in its surplus. It also notes that, on 31 December 2008, the Centre's cash holdings amounted to EUR 48 405 006.88 and asks the Commission to examine what scope there is for helping to ensure that the cash holdings are managed entirely on a needs-orientated basis. It calls on the Centre to offer its clients cost-covering services in future;
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- internal audit: Parliament acknowledges that most of the recommendations of the Internal Audit Services (IAS) have now been implemented. It considers that it is highly important for the Centre to implement fully a policy on sensitive posts and staff mobility.

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).

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**PURPOSE:** to grant discharge to the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2008.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision 2010/508/EU 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 2008.

**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 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.