

Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2124(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control	PPE MATHIEU HOUILLON Véronique Shadow rapporteur S&D STAVRAKAKIS Georgios ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan Verts/ALE STAES Bart	01/10/2009
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	S&D HAUG Jutta	06/10/2009
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
26/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0104/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0103/2010	Summary

05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01116

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	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.465	03/02/2010	EP	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE431.042	23/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.365	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0104/2010	26/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0103/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/518](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0141](#) Summary

2008 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 40.7 million (compared tot EUR 28 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, the Centre, which is based in Stockholm (Sweden), officially set out 130 posts in its establishment plan. 101 posts are currently occupied + 53 other posts, totalling 154 posts assigned to operational and administrative duties.

In 2008, the Centre concentrated on the development of its activities in terms of monitoring diseases, namely:

- 251 threats monitored using the Threat Tracking Tool (TTT).
- A weekly communicable diseases threat report and a weekly epidemiological bulletin published.
- Support to epidemic intelligence for two large mass gathering events in Europe.
- Preparation of 31 original threat assessments.
- Organisation of two simulation exercises.
- 41 fellows coached through the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET).
- 250 public health experts from 30 EU-EEA countries participated in ECDC short training modules.
- Organisation of the second European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (Escaide) in November 2008 in Berlin.
- Support to 4 Member States in conducting assessments of their training needs and resources - 21 scientific documents published in 2008.

- Organisation of the first European Antibiotic Awareness Day with participation of 32 countries.
- Produced scientific guidance: Guidance for the introduction of HPV vaccines in EU countries, Guidance on priority risk groups for influenza vaccination.
- Conducted survey and built database of public health microbiology reference laboratories in EU.
- 2nd Annual epidemiological report published.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address:
http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/Pages/AboutUs_KeyDocuments.aspx

2008 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and that 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 welcome the fact that the Centre consolidated its public health functions, enhanced the capacities of its disease-specific programmes, further developed partnerships and improved its managerial structures. They call on the Centre to set out, in its table to be annexed to the Court of Auditors' next report, 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 its performance more effectively from one year to the next;
- carry-over of appropriations: Members note that about EUR 16 200 000 (representing 40 % of the Centre's total budget) have had to be carried over; is consequently concerned that this situation is at odds with the principle of annuality and shows weaknesses in the programming and subsequent implementation of the Centre's budget. Moreover, other information shows that the Centre's cash reserves amounted to EUR 16 705 090.95 on 31 December 2008. They, therefore, call on the Commission to examine ways of ensuring that the principle of needs-based cash management to ensure that the Centre's cash reserves are kept as low as possible on a long-term basis;
- the Centre's seat: noting that, as of 31 December 2008, there was still no agreement on the Centre's seat with the Swedish Government and that, in its discharge for the financial year 2007, the discharge authority had already expressed concern at the Court of Auditors' observation that the Centre had disbursed additional expenditure on renovation works on the buildings rented for its premises, Members welcome the fact that an agreement was concluded in March 2009 on personal identity numbers that will enable staff working at the Centre to access certain public services. They support the Centre's efforts with the Swedish government to find definitive solutions;
- human resources: Members point out that there are still weaknesses in the planning of recruitment but that, by the end of 2008, considerable recruitment had ensured that the Centre could carry out its tasks effectively;
- internal audit: although Members deplore the Centre's slowness in providing certain information in relation to its internal audit, they nevertheless recognise that the Centre gave certain information on the quality of its management, follow-up action in respect of certain internal control standards and the implementation of other internal control standards.

2008 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

The European Parliament adopted by 556 votes to 32, with 53 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) 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:

- performance: Parliament welcomes the fact that the Centre consolidated its public health functions, enhanced the capacities of its disease-specific programmes, further developed partnerships and improved its managerial structures. It calls on the Centre to set out, in its table to be annexed to the Court of Auditors' next report, 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 its performance more effectively from one year to the next;
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certain internal control standards and the implementation of other internal control standards.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament approves the closure of the Centre's accounts. However, it makes 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\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).

2008 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/518/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the implementation of the Authority'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.