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Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2023/2142(DEC)	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
2022 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)		
Subject 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control	 SARVAMAA Petri Shadow rapporteur  RÓNAI Sándor  CICUREL Ilana  EICKHOUT Bas  KUHS Joachim  CZARNECKI Ryszard  OMARJEE Younous	14/06/2023
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
28/06/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2023)0391	
12/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/03/2024	Vote in committee		
08/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0082/2024	

10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0244/2024	Summary

Technical information	
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Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	CONT/9/12919

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2023)0391	28/06/2023	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N9-0096/2023 OJ C 000 27.10.2023, p. 0000	26/10/2023	CofA	
Committee draft report		PE753.508	09/01/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.212	12/02/2024	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0082/2024	08/03/2024	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		06180/2024	12/03/2024	CSL	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0244/2024	11/04/2024	EP	Summary

2022 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union (CdT) for the financial year 2022 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the Centre's annual accounts for the financial year 2022 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 557 votes to 39, with 11 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations set out in the [resolution](#) on the performance, financial management and control of European Union agencies.

Qualified opinion

It should be noted that the Court identified irregular payments totalling EUR 1.3 million, of which EUR 0.6 million pertained to the Courts determination that the Centres justifications for selecting certain procurement procedures without prior notification were insufficient, and EUR 0.7 million related to a failure by the Centre to monitor the consumption of financial ceilings at the level of individual procedures and framework contracts for translations, cumulatively accounting for 2.4 % of the payment appropriations available in 2022, thereby exceeding the materiality threshold set for the audit and, consequently, resulting in a qualified opinion on the legality and regularity of payments underlying the Centres accounts.

Centres financial statements

The final budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for 2022 was EUR 49 839 955, representing a decrease of 6.02 % compared to 2021.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 89.08 % representing an increase of 5.55 % compared to 2021. The current year payment appropriations execution rate was 83.50 %, representing an increase of 6.99 % compared to 2021.

Parliament noted that the Centres initial budget for 2022 (EUR 49 million) was subject to one amending budget adopted by the Centres management board in September 2022 and aimed to include the updated forecasts received from clients and the result of the review by the Centre of all expenditure items.

Other observations

Parliament made a number of observations concerning performance, staff, transparency and internal controls.

In particular, it noted that:

- the overall implementation rate of the Centres work programme for 2022 was 89.6 % according to amending budget 1/2022. Parliament regretted that that rate is lower than in 2021 (93.4 %), therefore ending a positive trend of year-on-year improvements since 2018 when the implementation rate was 82.4 %;
- with 348 070 pages, the number of pages of documents translated, modified, edited and revised decreased by 5.2 % compared to 2021 (367 264 pages);
- with regard to EU trade marks, the number of translated pages (239 964) further decreased by 12.6 % in comparison to 2021 (274 706 pages), therefore continuing on a significant downward trend. With a total of 588 033 pages translated in 2022, the actual volume decreased by 8.4 % from 2021;
- 2022 was a difficult year for the Centre, considering the external environment with the war in Ukraine, the continuing impact of COVID-19, increasing energy costs and inflation, and, therefore, a consequential increase in internal costs for the Centres premises and staff salaries;
- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 93.78 % implemented, with 46 officials and 135 temporary agents appointed out of 51 officials and 142 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (193 authorised posts, as in 2021). There is an underrepresentation of men in the Centres overall staff;
- the Centre is still working on the solution that will allow the management boards members to upload and maintain the declaration of interests and CVs by themselves;
- the Centre finalised and adopted a new anti-fraud action plan for 2022 and 2023;
- efforts were made to increase the Centres public visibility.