

RESOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 23 April 2009****with observations forming an integral part of the Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the final annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2007, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 10 February 2009 (5588/2009 — C6-0060/2009),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of the Council of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of, and Annex V to, its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0177/2009),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors (ECA) stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular,
- B. whereas on 22 April 2008 Parliament granted the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training discharge in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2006 ⁽⁶⁾, and in its resolution accompanying the discharge decision, *inter alia*, drew attention to observations by the ECA concerning the high proportion carry-overs and cancellations, the absence of a suitable inventory procedure for identifying, registering and capitalising assets, incomplete documentation of internal control processes and problems in relation to one procurement procedure,
1. Congratulates the Centre on the fact that, unlike in previous years, it received a positive statement of assurance from the ECA in relation to the financial year 2007, not only with regard to the accounts, but also with regard to the underlying transactions;
 2. Notes the ECA's observation that objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable, although the Centre's 2007 work programme listed specific objectives for each activity and gave a detailed description of outputs to be delivered; agrees with the ECA that this makes it difficult to assess achievements;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 278, 31.10.2008, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 311, 5.12.2008, p. 130.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 39, 13.2.1975, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 88, 31.3.2009, p. 109.

3. Notes that the Centre is working on a more precise formulation of objectives and performance indicators, and that it introduced activity-based budgeting for the 2008 financial year;
4. Endorses the ECA's recommendation that the Centre define precise objectives and, in its programming, establish clear links between objectives and the budgetary resources needed to achieve them;
5. Expects the Centre to report on the specific follow-up action taken with regard to the ECA's recommendations in its activity report 2008;
6. Refers for other observations accompanying its Decision on discharge which are of a horizontal nature to its Resolution of 23 April 2009 on financial management and control of EU agencies ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ See page 206 of this Official Journal.