



2024/2030(DEC)

5.2.2025

OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the EU agencies
for the financial year 2023
(2024/2030(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Nela Riehl

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OPINION

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following into its motion for a resolution:

Discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

1. Notes the efforts of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union ('the Centre') to enable and promote multilingualism in the Union, for example as regards communications of the Union agencies and the development of terminology in specialised subject areas to improve the quality of translations;
2. Welcomes the setting up of a working group on artificial intelligence (AI) in June 2023 and the decision to take the work of that group further in a new advisory group on AI;
3. Is pleased with the Centre's multi-engine machine translation strategy, which allows for clients' documents to be translated on site in combination with the intervention of human translators, which is essential for delivering high-quality translations; encourages the Centre to continue its efforts in that area;
4. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors, in its annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2023, confirms the legality and regularity of the revenue and payments underlying the Centre's accounts;
5. Observes with concern the Court's findings with regard to various public procurement procedures, which led to irregular payments; encourages the Centre to continue its efforts in improving its monitoring of contracts and its procurement procedures; recommends the establishment of robust oversight mechanisms and regular training for staff to ensure compliance and mitigate risks;
6. Notes that the Centre has still three open observations that have not yet been remedied; encourages the Centre to comply with the ECA's recommendation for corrective action;
7. Notes with concern the underrepresentation of women in senior and middle management positions as well as on the management board; urges the Centre to implement a comprehensive gender balance strategy, including measurable targets and proactive recruitment initiatives, to ensure equitable representation at all levels;
8. Welcomes the fact that the Centre approved its 2023-2024 internal control and anti-fraud action plan, with a focus on raising awareness among staff with regard to identifying and registering exemptions and non-compliance events, on the prevention of fraud and on ethics;
9. Notes the fact that the Centre has contracted a specialist consultancy to design and implement an EMAS-compliant environment management system; strongly encourages the Centre to pursue its efforts to obtain an EMAS certificate.

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

The rapporteur for the opinion declares under her exclusive responsibility that she did not receive input from any entity or person to be mentioned in this Annex pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION BY COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	30.1.2025
Result of final vote	+: 20 -: 0 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Nikolaos Anadiotis, Zsuzsanna Borvendég, Alma Ezcurra Almansa, Sunčana Glavak, Catherine Griset, Hannes Heide, Giusi Princi, Emma Rafowicz, Sabrina Repp, Nela Riehl, Sandro Ruotolo, Malika Sorel, Marco Squarta, Eugen Tomac, Zala Tomašič, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski
Substitutes present for the final vote	Maria Guzenina, Erik Marquardt, Carolina Morace, Sabine Verheyen
Members under Rule 216(7) present for the final vote	Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Elisabeth Grossmann

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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NI	Nikolaos Anadiotis
PPE	Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Alma Ezcurra Almansa, Sunčana Glavak, Giusi Princi, Zala Tomašič, Sabine Verheyen, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski
PfE	Catherine Griset, Malika Sorel
Renew	Eugen Tomac
S&D	Elisabeth Grossmann, Maria Guzenina, Hannes Heide, Emma Rafowicz, Sabrina Repp, Sandro Ruotolo
The Left	Carolina Morace
Verts/ALE	Erik Marquardt, Nela Riehl

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ECR	Marco Squarta
ESN	Zsuzsanna Borvendég

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention