



2020/2156(DEC)

29.1.2021

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 Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT) for the financial year 2019 (2020/2156(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Morten Løkkegaard

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Emphasises the importance of preserving and promoting multilingualism in the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and the need to treat all official languages equally; acknowledges the invaluable contribution of the Centre's translation services to the smooth functioning of the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and to making their work transparent and accessible to Union citizens in their respective mother tongues;
2. Recalls that the Centre's budget decreased from EUR 51 million for 2018 to EUR 49 million in 2019, while the number of staff decreased from 206 to 201;
3. Notes that with 309 047 pages, the number of pages of documents translated, modified, edited and revised decreased by 16,2 % compared with 2018, which had been a record year, but recalls that this volume was 2,4 % higher than the forecast in the initial budget and 8,3 % higher than the forecast in the amended budget for 2019;
4. Welcomes the implementation by the Centre of a Translation Quality Assurance Action Plan for 2019-2020, the focus of which is to enhance the quality of the language services provided to clients and the Centre's operational efficiency;
5. Welcomes the result of the report of the European Court of Auditors (the 'Court') on the annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the year 2019 (the 'Court's report'), which confirms the legality and regularity of revenues and payments of underlying accounts; invites the Centre to follow the recommendation in the Court's report to make sure that contracts avoid any confusion between the procurement of IT services and the deployment of interim workers;
6. Encourages the Centre to continue with the implementation of the Transformation Plan adopted in 2019, which aims to reinforce structural changes and implement a financially sustainable business model based on translation technologies, including machine translation, and new services for clients.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	26.1.2021
Result of final vote	+: 25 -: 4 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Isabella Adinolfi, Andrea Bocskor, Ilana Cicurel, Gilbert Collard, Gianantonio Da Re, Laurence Farreng, Tomasz Frankowski, Alexis Georgoulis, Hannes Heide, Irena Joveva, Petra Kammerevert, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Dace Melbārde, Victor Negrescu, Marcos Ros Sempere, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Andrey Slabakov, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Salima Yenbou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver
Substitutes present for the final vote	Ibán García Del Blanco, Marcel Kolaja, Elżbieta Kruk, Radka Maxová, Diana Riba i Giner

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Elzbieta Kruk, Dace Melbārde, Andrey Slabakov
ID	Gianantonio Da Re
NI	Isabella Adinolfi
PPE	Asim Ademov, Andrea Bocskor, Tomasz Frankowski, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Theodoros Zagorakis, Milan Zver
Renew	Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Irena Joveva, Radka Maxová
S&D	Ibán García Del Blanco, Hannes Heide, Petra Kammerevert, Victor Negrescu, Marcos Ros Sempere, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Massimiliano Smeriglio
The Left	Alexis Georgoulis, Niyazi Kizilyürek

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ID	Gilbert Collard
Verts/ALE	Marcel Kolaja, Diana Riba i Giner, Salima Yenbou

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention