

OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON CEDEFOP'S FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023

The Management Board:

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- Having regard to Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2019/128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of the Council of 10 February 1975 as last amended in 2004, and the Financial Regulation applicable to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training adopted by the Management Board on 16 July 2019, and in particular Article 102(4) on the submission of accounts;
- Having regard to the annual accounts of Cedefop for 2023 together with the Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2023;
- Having regard to the Executive Director's statutory declaration of assurance in the CAAR 2023;
- Having regard to the certification of the annual accounts 2023 by the Agency Accountant and the declaration of assurance of the Internal Control Coordinator;
- Having regard to the preliminary observations of the Court of Auditors on Cedefop's final accounts 2023, which confirm the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying the accounts in all material aspects as well as their reliability;
 - (1) declares it has reasonable assurance, on the basis of the facts in its possession, that Cedefop's annual accounts for the financial year 2023 are reliable;
 - (2) notes that Cedefop's CAAR for 2023 includes complete financial information;
 - (3) notes with satisfaction the high implementation rate with 99.97% of Cedefop's budget committed;
 - (4) notes the Court's preliminary observations in regard to the 2023 accounts and asks Cedefop to continue its respective efforts;
 - (5) expresses its satisfaction with the performance of Cedefop and its staff and asks management and staff to continue their efforts.

The Management Board, in consequence, confirms hereby its positive assessment of the annual accounts 2023 and expresses its opinion that it has the necessary

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assurance that the annual accounts 2023 provide a true and fair view of Cedefop's financial position and that the underlying actions have been legal and regular in all material aspects.

For the Management Board

Mario Patuzzi Chairperson of the Management Board