2007 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency ENISA

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The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Network and Information Security Agency for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

Moreover, the Parliament adopted by 423 votes to 18, with 11 abstentions, a resolution with observations which form an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The Parliament stresses that the European Court of Auditors (ECA) noted a number of weaknesses:

- the implementation of operational activities was concentrated in the last quarter of 2007, (with about 40% of commitments and more than 50% of payments being executed in November and December 2007);
- in terms of carry-overs, in four cases, (representing a total value of EUR 121 500), appropriations carried over did not correspond to legal commitments;
- in terms of the inventory, fixed assets were managed using a spreadsheet, which did not guarantee the integrity of the data; moreover, no exhaustive physical inventory was made.

Satisfied with the majority of the responses given by the Agency to each of its criticisms, the Parliament notes its concern about the fact that the Court of Auditors found weaknesses in procurement procedures. It calls on the Agency to report on measures taken in order to remedy shortcomings in the field of procurement in its annual activity report for 2008.

Noting that the Agency’s annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, the Parliament approves the closure of the Agency’s accounts and refers, for other observations accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see 2008/2207(INI) - adopted in parallel.