2008 discharge: European Environment Agency EEA

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PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Environment Agency's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that the final budget amounts to EUR 37.1 million in 2008 (compared to EUR 35.1 million in 2007), representing a 85% Community subsidy.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is in Copenhagen (Denmark), officially set out 123 posts in its establishment plan. 116 of these posts are currently occupied with 51 other posts (contract agents and seconded national experts) assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2008, the Agency's main activities concentrated on the following:

Publication of reports and studies

- TERM 2007 - *Climate for a transport change: indicators tracking transport and environment in the European Union*.
- Report on the application of the Emissions Trading Directive by EU Member States (reporting year 2007).
- Report on air pollution by ozone across Europe during summer 2007.
- Annual European Community greenhouse gas inventory 1990-2006 and inventory report 2008.
- Annual European Community LRTAP Convention emission inventory report 1990-2006.
- Greenhouse gas emission trends and projections in Europe 2008.
- *Maximising the environmental benefits of Europe's bioenergy potential*.
- Energy and environment report 2008
- NEC Directive status report 2007.

Collaboration: the EEA also continued to collaborate closely with DG Environment, ESTAT and the JRC in the 'Group of Four' to streamline environmental reporting. The EEA takes the lead in the following five areas: climate change, air quality, water and marine environment, biodiversity and land use.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/documents/administrativedocuments/eea-accounts-for-the-year-2008