2008 discharge: EU general budget, European Data Protection Supervisor

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL) recommending the European Parliament to grant the European Data Protection Supervisor discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

The committee notes that in 2008 the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) had commitment appropriations available amounting to a total of **EUR 5.3 million** (2007: EUR 5 million), with a utilisation rate of 86.14%, below the average of the other institutions (95.67%).

Members note the continuous increase in permanent posts allocated to the EDPS. However, they also highlight that the expenditure under article "Other staff" demonstrates the implementation rate below the average (51.98%).

Noting that the Court of Auditors indicated in its annual report that the audit did not give rise to any significant observations as regards the EDPS, Members recall the evaluation performed by the EDPS Internal Audit Service (that is, Commission's internal auditor on the basis of the Administrative Cooperation Agreement) had demonstrated the functionality and efficiency of the internal control system and its ability to provide reasonable assurance for the achievement of the institution’s objectives.

Members welcome the annual publication of declarations of financial interests of the elected Members of the institution (EDPS and Assistant Supervisor). They request that the EDPS include in its next activity report (financial year 2009) a chapter providing a detailed account of the follow-up during the year to Parliament's earlier discharge decisions.