# 2009 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2009, as part of the 2009 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of **EUROJUST**

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2009 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including Eurojust.

In 2009, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- **description of Eurojust's tasks**: Eurojust, which is located in The Hague, was set up by Council Decision 2002/187/JHA with a view to stepping up the fight against serious organised crime. Its objective is to improve the coordination of investigations and prosecutions covering the territories of several Member States of the European Union, as well as that of non-member States;

- **Eurojust's budget for the 2009 financial year**:the Eurojust 2009 budget amounted to EUR 28.2 million, compared with EUR 24.8 million the previous year. The number of staff employed by Eurojust at the end of the year was 248, as compared with 222 the previous year.

The complete version of the Eurojust final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.eurojust.europa.eu/adm_budg_finance.htm