

# 2009 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

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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 the **European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)**.

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 the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

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

- **description of EMSA's tasks:** the Agency, which is located in Lisbon, was established by was set up by [Regulation \(EC\) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#). The Agency's tasks are to ensure a high level of maritime safety and to prevent pollution by ships, provide the Commission and the Member States with technical assistance, and monitor the implementation of Union legislation, as well as to evaluate its effectiveness;
- **EMSA's budget for the 2009 financial year:** the Agency's 2009 budget amounted to EUR 53.3 million, compared with EUR 50.2 million the previous year. The number of staff employed by the Agency at the end of the year was 212, as compared to 211 in the previous year.

The complete version of the Agency's final accounts may be found at the following address: [www.emsa.europa.eu](http://www.emsa.europa.eu)