2009 discharge: European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders FRONTEX

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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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Members States (FRONTEX)**.

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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Members States (FRONTEX).

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

- **description of the Agency's tasks**: FRONTEX, which is located in Warsaw, was established in 2004 by Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004. The Agency's main task is to coordinate Member States' activities in the field of the management of external borders (support for operational cooperation, technical and operational assistance, risk analysis);
- **FRONTEX budget for the 2009 financial year:** the Agency's budget for 2009 amounted to EUR 89 million, (compared to EUR 71.2 million the previous year). The number of staff employed by the Agency at the end of the year was 226 as compared with 185 the previous year.

The complete version of the Agency's final accounts may be found at the following address http://www.frontex.europa.eu/budget_and_finance