

# 2009 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

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**PURPOSE:** presentation by the Court of Auditors of its report on the annual accounts of the Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA) for the financial year 2009, together with the Agency's replies

**CONTENT:** in accordance with the tasks and objectives conferred on it by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Court of Auditors, in the context of the discharge procedure, addresses to the European Parliament and the Council a Statement of Assurance on the reliability of the annual accounts, as well as of the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying them of each EU institution, body or agency, on the basis of an external, independent audit.

This audit also covered the annual accounts of the Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA).

In the Court's opinion, **the Agency's annual accounts presented "fairly, in all material respects", its financial position as of 31 December 2009** and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation.

The Court also stated that the **transactions underlying the annual accounts** of the Agency for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 were, "in all material respects, **legal and regular**".

The report again confirmed that the Agency's 2009 final budget amounted to EUR 10.1 million and that it employed 49 agents during the financial year.

The report also included comments on the Agency's budgetary and financial management, together with the Agency's replies. The main comments are as follows:

## **The Court's comments:**

- shortcomings in the Agency's 2009 work programme and related activity-based management issues;
- backlog for filling certain temporary posts at the Agency.

## **The Agency's replies:**

- the Agency is continuously developing and fine-tuning outputs and relevant performance indicators for each policy area (the Agency's Annual report 2009 presents a table with the deliverable of activities and the performance indicators evaluation);
- the rate of occupation of posts in the establishment plan in 2009 was made in line with budget availability for salaries and other staff costs. (Most of these posts have been occupied in early 2010 as planned in line with the budget.)

Lastly, the Court of Auditor's report contained a summary of the **Agency's activities in 2009** in the following areas:

- on the operational level, development of common deployment plans for cod and bluefin tuna in several European fishing areas; support activities to fight illegal unreported and unregulated fisheries;
- capacity building.

