2010 discharge: EU general budget, Committee of the Regions

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Having regard to the observations made in the Court of Auditor's report, the Council calls on the European Parliament to **give a discharge to all of the other institutions of the European Union in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010**.

Although the Council notes with satisfaction that, again in 2010, the administrative expenditure of EU institutions and bodies continued to **remain free from material error and that their supervisory and control systems continued to be effective** in ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Financial Regulation, it makes a series of case-specific comments.

As regards the Committee of Regions, the Council welcomes the remedial action already taken by the institution concerned and encourages it to address the remaining weaknesses pointed out by the Court.

As regards weaknesses identified by the Court in the recruitment procedures of the Committee of the Regions, the Council supports the Court's recommendation to establish appropriate documentation and to respect eligibility criteria as strictly as possible.

Concerning the problems in **procurement procedures** noted in the Committee of Regions, the Council supports the Court's recommendation that authorising officers should have appropriate checks at their disposal and receive better guidance, to diminish the risk of error when applying the rules, even when these rules are considered to be complex.