

2011 discharge: EU general budget, Section III, Commission and executive agencies

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2011 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2011 of the following Executive Agencies:

- Education, Audiovisual and Culture,
- Competitiveness and Innovation,
- Health and consumers,
- Trans-European Transport Network,
- Research and the European Research Council Executive Agency,

as well as the report by the Court of Auditors on the annual accounts of the Executive Agencies for the financial year 2011, accompanied by the Executive Agencies' replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommends the European Parliament to give a discharge to all the Executive Agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011.

The Council considers that a certain number of observations should be taken into account when granting discharge (overestimation of staff expenditure, insufficient budgetary planning, lack of respect of budget annuality and excessive carry-overs, recruitment issues, weaknesses in the management of certain programmes).