2011 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

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

The observations in the Court of Auditors' report in relation to the financial year 2011 call for some comments by the Council, which may be summarised as follows:

- the Council welcomes the Court's opinion that, in all material respects, the Agency's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2011 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Agency's Financial Regulation, and that the underlying transactions for that financial year are legal and regular;
- nevertheless, the Council urges the Agency to improve its **financial programming** and its monitoring of the budget implementation in order to reduce the amounts carried over to the next financial year, in line with the budgetary principle of annuality;
- the Council takes note of the weaknesses identified by the Court in the **Agency's assets management** and the corrective action taken by the Agency;
- lastly, as in previous years, the Council is concerned about the weaknesses identified by the Court in the Agency's selection procedures and urges the Agency to take the necessary measures to ensure transparency in the recruitment process.