

# 2011 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFSA)

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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 Fisheries Control 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 procurement and accounting procedures** in line with the Court's recommendations;
- it fully supports the Court's observations on the need to further improve staff selection procedures and urges the Agency to thoroughly address its deficiencies in this area;
- lastly, it regrets that the **regulations governing appointments to key posts were contravened in the course of the procedure concerning the post of Executive Director.**