2011 discharge: Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Gerben-Jan GERBRANDY (ADLE, NL) on discharge to be granted to the Administrative Manager of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) in respect of the implementation of the Body's budget for the financial year 2011.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Body for the financial year 2011 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members approve the closure of BEREC's accounts. However, they make a number of recommendations that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

- **Financing, budget and financial management**: the overall budget of the Body for the financial year 2011, EUR 1 178 785,60, was entirely funded by a Union contribution.
- **Implementation rate of appropriations and carryovers**: Members observe that appropriations were committed at a rate of 63.4%, while payments reached a level of 70.1% of the total appropriations managed (or 44.5% of available appropriations). They note with concern that the Court of Auditors identified 21 cases where appropriations carried over to 2012 did not correspond to legal commitments and that those carryovers were, therefore, irregular.

Lastly, Members made a series of observations as regards the Body's recruitment procedures as well as its internal control standards.