2011 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

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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 Director of Eurojust in respect of the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2011.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2011 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members approve the closure of Eurojust'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 budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2011 was EUR 31.358 million, which represents a decrease of 2.91% compared to 2010. The balance for the outturn account for Eurojust in 2011 was positive, totalling EUR 2.5 million.
- **Implementation rate of appropriations**: Members acknowledge that the payments execution ratio was 58% in 2011 and call on Eurojust to inform the discharge authority of the actions taken to address that deficiency as the low execution ratio indicates difficulties in the planning or implementation of Eurojust activities. They deplore the high level of carry-overs to 2012 (16% of total payment appropriations). They call on Eurojust to inform the discharge authority of the actions taken to address that deficiency as its level is excessive and at odds with the principle of annuality.

Lastly, Members made a series of observations as regards the accounting system, premises, transfers as well as the recruitment procedures of this Agency.