2011 discharge: EU general budget, European Data Protection Supervisor

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The European Parliament adopted by 593 votes to 52 with 12 abstentions, a decision granting the European Data Protection Supervisor discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2011.

In its resolution accompanying the decision, Parliament notes the conclusion of the Court of Auditors that the payments as a whole for the year ended on 31 December 2011 for administrative and other expenditure were free from material error. It also observes that no significant weaknesses had been identified in respect to the audited topics related to the human resources and procurement for the Supervisor.

At the same time, Parliament notes that, in 2011, the Supervisor had a total of EUR 7 564 137 in commitment appropriations and that the implementation rate of those appropriations was 89.31%. It finds this a positive development but calls for this rate to exceed 90% in 2012.

Members call on the Supervisor to include an exhaustive table of all the human resources at the Supervisor's disposal, broken down by category, grade, sex, participation in professional training and nationality in the next annual activity report.

Videosurveillance: Parliament welcomes the Supervisor's inspection report on 13 Brussels-based Union institutions and bodies verifying that the public is informed about video-surveillance in an effective and comprehensive manner by Union institutions and bodies. It suggests the exchange of that information and best practices with the national data protection authorities.