2011 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

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The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for the financial year 2011. The vote on the decision to grant discharge covers the closure of the accounts (in accordance with Annex VI, Article 5(1) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure).

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2011 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted a resolution containing 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:** Parliament recalls that accordance with its Foundation Regulation, the Institute's 2011 budget was financed by a subsidy granted by the Union, a contribution granted by the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries and a contribution granted by the host Member State. The Institute's overall budget for 2011 amounted to EUR 64 294 640.
- **Implementation rate of appropriations:** Parliament takes note that the execution rate for the period of financial autonomy stands at 92.81% for commitment appropriations, 24.70% for payment appropriations against commitment and 11.48% for payment against the commitment. It calls on the Institute to inform the discharge authority of the actions it will take to address this deficiency as the low execution rates show difficulties in budget planning and implementation. It also observes that a high level of payment appropriations was carried over non-automatically from 2011 to 2012.
- **Recruitment procedures:** Parliament notes that by the end of 2011, 40 posts (23 temporary agents and 17 contract agents) had been filled, which shows an increase of 66 %, compared to 24 posts filled by the end of 2010.

Lastly, Parliament makes a series of observations as regards the accounting systems of this Agency.