2011 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

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The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget 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 Agency 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 from the Court of Auditors' report that the Agency's 2011 budget amounted to EUR 16.4 million, which represents a 5.8% increase.
- **Implementation rate of appropriations**: it regrets that at the same time, the cancellation rate for appropriations doubled from 4% in 2010 to 8% of the total budget for 2011, indicating difficulties in the implementation of the actions foreseen in the annual work programme and in complying with the budgetary principle of annuality. It calls for a more realistic and feasible programme to be presented in future.
- **Seat agreement**: Parliament notes with concern the Court of Auditors' finding that the Agency has not concluded a seat agreement. It takes note of the Agency's reply that negotiations concerning the Agency's seat agreement continue. It calls on the Agency to duly inform the discharge authority on the progress of the negotiations and invites the Member State hosting the Agency to take steps to speed up the negotiations and to conclude the seat agreement in the near future.

Lastly, Parliament made a series of observations concerning its performances and its control systems.