2012 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012, as part of the 2012 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the **European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)**.

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND).

In 2012, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- **description of the Foundation's tasks**: the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, which is located in Dublin, was set up by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75. Its aim is to contribute to the planning and establishment of better living and working conditions in the Union by increasing and disseminating knowledge which is relevant to this subject. In particular, it is required to consider the following areas: (i) man at work, (ii) organisation of work and particularly job design, (iii) specific problems to certain categories of workers, (iv) improvement of the work environment;
- **the Foundation's budget for the 2012 financial year**: the Foundation’s budget for 2012, as presented in the Commission document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union, gives the following figures:

§ **Commitment appropriations** :

- **committed** : EUR 22 million;

- **paid** : EUR 21 million;

- **carried-over** : 0.

§ **Payment appropriations** :

- **committed** : EUR 26 million;

- **paid** : EUR 20 million;

- **carried-over** : EUR 5 million.

Please refer also to the final accounts of the Foundation.