2012 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

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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 Environment Agency (EEA)**.

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 Environment Agency (EEA).

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

- **description of the Agency's tasks**: the European Environment Agency, which is located in Copenhagen, was established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90. It is responsible for setting up an observation network to provide the Commission, the Parliament, the Member States and, more generally, the public with reliable information on the state of the environment. This information should, in particular, enable the European Union and the Member States to take action to safeguard the environment and assess the effectiveness of such action. Its main task is to report on the quality of and pressures on the environment within the territory of the Union;
- **the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012**: the Agency’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 69 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 52 million;

  - **carried-over** : EUR 16 million.

  § **Payment appropriations** :

  - **committed** : EUR 73 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 45 million;

  - **carried-over** : EUR 27 million.

Please refer also to the final accounts of the EEA.