2012 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

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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 Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**.

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 Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

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

- **description of EFSA's tasks**: EFSA, which is located in Parma, was established by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Its main aim is to provide scientific opinions and scientific and technical support for the legislation and policies which have a direct or indirect impact on food and feed safety;
- **EFSA's budget for the 2012 financial year**: the Authority’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 79 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 78 million;

  - **carried-over** : 0.

  § **Payment appropriations** :

  - **committed** : EUR 90 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 80 million;

  - **carried-over** : EUR 9 million.

Please refer also to the final accounts of the EFSA.