2012 discharge: European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (Frontex)

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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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Members States (FRONTEX)**.

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 Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Members States (FRONTEX).

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

- **description of the Agency's tasks**: FRONTEX, which is located in Warsaw, was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004, amended by Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Its main task is to coordinate Member States' activities in the field of the management of external borders and to set up European Border Guard Teams (EBGT) to be deployed during joint operations;
- **the Agency’s budget for the 2012 financial year**: 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 90 million;

- **paid** : EUR 89 million;

- **carried-over** : EUR 1 million.

§ **Payment appropriations** :

- **committed** : EUR 128 million;

- **paid** : EUR 99 million;

- **carried-over** : EUR 22 million.

Please refer also to the final accounts of the FRONTEX Agency.