

2012 discharge: European Police Office (Europol)

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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 Police Office (EUROPOL)**.

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 Police Office (EUROPOL).

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

description of EUROPOL's tasks: the European Police Office (the Office), which is located in The Hague, was established by [Council Decision 2009/371/JHA](#). The objective of the Office is to support and strengthen action by the competent authorities of the Member States and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating organised crime, terrorism and other forms of serious crime affecting two or more Member States;

EUROPOL's budget for the 2012 financial year: EUROPOL'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 85 million;
- **paid** : EUR 84 million;
- **carried-over** : EUR 1 million.

§ **Payment appropriations :**

- **committed** : EUR 100 million;
- **paid** : EUR 79 million;
- **carried-over** : EUR 17 million.

Please refer also to the [final accounts of EUROPOL](#).