2012 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

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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 Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)**.

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 Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

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

- **description of FRA's tasks**: the Agency, which is located in Vienna, was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007. Its main objective is to provide the relevant authorities of the Union and its Member States with assistance and expertise when implementing Union law relating to fundamental rights. The Agency’s task is to collect, record, analyse and disseminate relevant, and to formulate and publish conclusions and opinions on specific thematic topics, for the Union institutions and the Member States when implementing Union law;
- **FRA'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 21 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 21 million;

  - **carried-over** : 0.

  § **Payment appropriations** :

  - **committed** : EUR 28 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 23 million;

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

Please refer also to the final accounts of the FRA.