2013 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2013, as part of the 2013 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of **EUROJUST.**

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2013 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 Eurojust.

The document contains the figures on which the discharge procedure is based.

Discharge procedure of the EU agencies: the EU Budget finances a wide range of policies and programmes throughout the EU. In accordance with the priorities set by the European Parliament and the Council in the multi-annual financial framework (MFF), the European Commission carries out specific programmes, activities and projects in the field with the technical support of some specialised agencies.

The consolidated annual accounts of the EU provide information on the activities of the institutions, agencies and other bodies of the EU from a budgetary and accrual accounting perspective.

The consolidated reports on the implementation of the general budget of the EU include the budget implementation of all Institutions. **Agencies do not have a separate budget inside the EU budget**; and they are partially financed by a Commission budget subsidy.

Each agency is subject to its own discharge procedure.

EUROJUST: in 2013, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- **description of Eurojust's tasks**: Eurojust, which is located in The Hague, was set up by Council Decision 2002/187/JHA with a view to stepping up the fight against serious organised crime. Its objectives are: (i) to stimulate and improve coordination between the competent authorities of Member States, of investigations and prosecutions in the Member States; (ii) facilitate the execution of requests for, and decisions on, judicial cooperation; (iii) to strengthen the effectiveness of investigations and prosecutions in Member States.
- **Eurojust's budget for the 2013 financial year**: Eurojust’s budget for 2013, as presented in the Commission document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union, gives the following figures:

§ **Commitment appropriations**:

- **committed** : EUR 34 million;
- **paid** : EUR 33 million;
- **carried over** : EUR 1 million.

§ **Payment appropriations**:

- **committed** : EUR 37 million;
- **paid** : EUR 32 million;
- **carried over** : EUR 5 million.

Also see the final accounts of EUROJUST.