2013 discharge: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

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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 the **European Asylum Support Office (EASO)**.

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 the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).

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.

EASO: in 2013, the tasks and budget of the Office were as follows:

- **description of the tasks of the Office**: the Office was set up under Regulation 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Its main aim is to help to improve the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (the CEAS), to strengthen practical cooperation among Member States and to provide and/or coordinate the provision of operational support to Member States subject to particular pressure on their asylum and reception systems;

- **EASO's budget for 2013**: the accounts of the Office for the year 2013 as presented by the Commission in its document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union are as follows:

  § **Commitment appropriations** :

  - **committed** : EUR 12 million;

  - **paid** : EUR 10 million;

  - **carried-over** : 0.

§ **Payment appropriations** :

- **committed** : EUR 12 million;

- **paid** : EUR 11 million;

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

Please refer also to the Final Accounts of the European Asylum Support Office.