

2013 discharge: EU general budget, European External Action Service

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On the basis of the observations made by the Court of Auditors, the Council recommends the European Parliament to **give a discharge to all the Union institutions in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013.**

The Council welcomes the fact that, as in previous years, the administrative and related expenditure of the institutions and bodies of the European Union remained free from material error and that their examined control systems were **assessed as effective.**

However, according to the Court, the estimated error rate of this policy group increased from 0% to **1%**. The Council takes note that 10% of the audited sample of transactions were affected by error.

The Council calls on the European External Action Service to reinforce the guidance provided by the Headquarters in the preparation and support of the **different procurement procedures launched in Delegations.**

The Council welcomes the measures already taken and encourages the institutions concerned to address the remaining weaknesses identified by the Court.