2013 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2013 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2013 of the European Environment Agency (EEA), as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2013, accompanied by the Agency's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommends the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Executive Director of the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2013.

Overall, the Council welcomes the Court's opinion that, in all material respects, the Agency's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Agency's Financial Regulation, and that the underlying transactions for that financial year are legal and regular in all material respects.

Nevertheless, one observation was made by the Council:

- **controls**: the Council encourages the Agency to continue to strengthen its ex ante verifications of grant applications and to extend supporting documentation to be submitted by beneficiaries for substantiating the eligibility and accuracy of the claimed costs to further increase the assurance provided by such verifications.