2013 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the **European Environment Agency (EEA)** for the financial year 2013.

It called on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members called on the Parliament to approve the closure of the Agency's accounts. They made, however, a number of recommendations that needed to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

- **Agency's financial statements**: Members noted that the final budget of the Centre for the financial year 2013 was EUR 49 270 722%, representing an increase of 18.16% compared to 2012. The increase was mostly related to operating expenditure for strategic actions.
- **Commitments and carry-overs**: Members noted that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2013 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.66%, and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 88.92%. They took note of the Agency's compliance with the principle of annuality and the timely execution of its budget.

Members called on the Agency to further improve the level of its ex ante verifications to ensure the eligibility of beneficiaries and to inform the discharge authority on further progress in this regard.