# 2013 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

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The European Parliament adopted by 553 votes to 130, with 4 abstentions, a decision to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2013. The vote on the discharge decision approved the closure of the accounts (in accordance with Annex VI, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament).

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 571 votes to 108, with 6 abstentions, a resolution containing a number of recommendations that form an integral part of the discharge decision and as well as the general recommendations that appear in the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

- **Agency's financial statements**: Parliament 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.

Parliament has also made a series of observations on procurement procedures, recruitment and the prevention and management of conflict.

Parliament called on the Agency to make clear in its future internal and external communications that it receives funds made available from the **Union budget** (Union subsidy) instead of a Commission or Community subsidy.