2014 discharge: ECSEL Joint Undertaking for the implementation of the Joint Technology Initiative 'Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership'

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2014, as part of the 2014 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the **ECSEL Joint Undertaking**.

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2014 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 148 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including the ECSEL Joint Undertaking.

The document contains the figures on which the discharge procedure is based.

On this basis, the Financial Controller of the European Commission ensures the certification of the consolidated accounts as declared by the institutions, agencies and bodies of the European Union.

Discharge procedure of the EU Joint Undertakings: 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 and Joint Undertakings (JUs) do not have a separate budget inside the EU budget**; and they are partially financed by a Commission budget subsidy.

This document sets out how the JUs spent and implemented their budget in 2014. Each agency is subject to its own discharge procedure.

ECSEL: in 2014, the tasks and budget of the Joint Undertaking were as follows:

- **description of the tasks of the Joint Undertaking**: the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, located in Brussels (BE), was set up by Council Regulation (EU) No 561/2014 and aims to contribute to the development of a strong and globally competitive electronics components and systems industry in the Union;
- **accounts of the JU**: as of 26.6.2014, the accounts of the ENIAC Joint Undertaking (along with the Artemis JU) were integrated in a new structure called ECSEL. At 31 December, 2014, the Commission held 95.47% ownership participation in ECSEL JU. The accounts of the Eniac JU were however regularly audited for the period up to the integration of Eniac in ECSEL.

Please also consult the final accounts of ECSEL.