

Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2014 Commission discharge

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The European Parliament adopted by 525 votes to 57, with 60 abstentions, a resolution on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2014 Commission discharge.

Parliament recalled that the special reports of the Court of Auditors provide information on issues of concern related to the implementation of funds, which are thus useful for Parliament in exercising its role of discharge authority.

It noted that the Parliament's observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of Parliament's abovementioned decision on the [general discharge](#) in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission.

It then returned to each of the reports in question and made a number of recommendations to improve the use of Community Funds.

As regards in particular Special Report No 18/2014 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EuropeAid's evaluation and results-oriented monitoring systems", Parliament encouraged the Court to look into all EuropeAid's funding mechanisms in order to ensure that value for money is achieved and that Union funding is efficient in advancing Union goals and values. Parliament stated that Union-funded projects should be aligned with Union policy goals in neighbouring countries, taking into consideration grantees' accountability, and that EU money is fungible.

For the other special reports, plenary confirmed its position laid down in the committee responsible. To recap, these special reports deal with the following subjects:

- Special Report No 18/2014 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EuropeAid's evaluation and results-oriented monitoring systems",
- Special Report No 22/2014 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Achieving economy: keeping the costs of EU-financed rural development project grants under control",
- Special Report No 23/2014 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Errors in rural development spending: what are the causes and how are they being addressed?",
- Special Report No 24/2014 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Is EU support for preventing and restoring damage to forests caused by fire and natural disasters well managed?",
- Special Report No 1/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Inland Waterway Transport in Europe: No significant improvements in modal share and navigability conditions since 2001",
- Special Report No 2/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU-funding of Urban Waste Water Treatment plants in Danube river basin: further efforts needed in helping Member States to achieve EU waste water policy objectives",
- Special Report No 3/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU Youth Guarantee: first steps taken but implementation risks ahead",
- Special Report No 4/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Technical assistance: what contribution has it made to agriculture and rural development?",
- Special Report No 5/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Are financial instruments a successful and promising tool in the rural development area?",
- Special Report No 6/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "The integrity and implementation of the EU ETS",
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Special Report No 7/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "The EU police mission in Afghanistan: mixed results",

- Special Report No 8/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Is EU financial support adequately addressing the needs of micro-entrepreneurs?",
- Special Report No 9/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU support for the fight against torture and the abolition of the death penalty",
- Special Report No 10/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Efforts to address problems with public procurement in EU cohesion expenditure should be intensified",
- Special Report No 11/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Are the Fisheries Partnership Agreements well managed by the Commission?",
- Special Report No 12/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "The EU priority of promoting a knowledge-based rural economy has been affected by poor management of knowledge-transfer and advisory measures",
- Special Report No 13/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU Support to timber-producing countries under the FLEGT Action Plan",
- Special Report No 14/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "The ACP Investment Facility: does it provide added-value?",
- Special Report No 15/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU Energy Facility support for renewable energy in East Africa",
- Special Report No 16/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Improving the security of energy supply by developing the internal energy market: more efforts needed",
- Special Report No 17/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Commission's support of youth action teams: redirection of ESF funding achieved, but insufficient focus on results".

A summary of the [Special Reports](#) in question is given on the website of the Court of Auditors.