2014 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2014.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2016/1516 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2014.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the European Parliament gives discharge to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for 2014.

The Decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 28 April 2016 and includes a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (refer to the summary of the opinion of 28 April 2016).

Amongst Parliament's main observations in the resolution accompanying the discharge decision, it noted that the Agency contracted IT back-up services, including email services, with a cloud services provider. It is concerned however about data confidentiality (in particular privacy guarantees).

It noted that the Agency will nevertheless undertake periodic reviews with a view to reassessing the risks and adopting appropriate measures and remedial actions if deemed necessary.