

2017 discharge: European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2017 and the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2017, accompanied by the Authority's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommended the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Executive Director of the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017.

Nevertheless, the following observations were made:

- **Brexit:** the Council encouraged the Authority to take into account any possible financial impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU on its organisation, operations and accounts;
- **staff:** the Authority is encouraged to ensure proper transparency and publicity of its vacancy notices, while avoiding unjustified costs.