2003 discharge: EC general budget, European Ombudsman

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Alexander STUBB (EPP-ED, FI) granting the Ombudsman discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2003 financial year. The Ombudsman administered a budget of EUR 4 438 653, of which 91.29% was committed and 87.65 % spent. Parliament noted that the Ombudsman’s explanation that the lower level of budget execution in 2003 was caused by the transition period following the retirement of the former Ombudsman and the election of the new Ombudsman. Parliament welcomed the fact that the Ombudsman has willingly provided the authorising officer's and the internal auditor's annual reports, including a statement of assurance.