## Basic information

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| **2013/2015(DEC)**<br>DEC - Discharge procedure | Procedure completed |
| Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge<br>**Subject**<br>8.40.03 European Commission<br>8.40.05 Court of Auditors<br>8.70.03.07 Previous discharges | |

## Key players

European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| CONT Budgetary Control | GEIER Jens (S&D) | 30/01/2013 |
| | Shadow rapporteur<br>PIEPER Markus (PPE)<br>MULDER Jan (ALDE)<br>STAES Bart (Verts/ALE)<br>BRADBOURN Philip (ECR)<br>SØNDERGAARD Søren Bo (GUE/NGL)<br>ANDREASEN Marta (EFD)<br>EHRENHAUSER Martin (NI) | |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| AFET Foreign Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| DEVE Development | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| INTA International Trade | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| BUDG Budgets | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
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| ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| EMPL Employment and Social Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| ITRE Industry, Research and Energy | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| TRAN Transport and Tourism | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| REGI Regional Development | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| PECH Fisheries | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| CULT Culture and Education | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| JURI Legal Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| AFCO Constitutional Affairs | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| PETI Petitions | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |

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| Budget | ŠEMETA Algirdas |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 25/07/2012 | Non-legislative basic document published | COM(2012)0436 | Summary |
| 05/02/2013 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 18/03/2013 | Vote in committee | | |
| 22/03/2013 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A7-0096/2013 | Summary |
| 16/04/2013 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 17/04/2013 | Decision by Parliament | T7-0123/2013 | Summary |
| 17/04/2013 | Results of vote in Parliament | | |
| 17/04/2013 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 2013/2015(DEC) |
| **Procedure type** | DEC - Discharge procedure |
| **Other legal basis** | Rules of Procedure EP 165 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | CONT/7/11720 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee draft report | | PE504.139 | 01/02/2013 | |
| Amendments tabled in committee | | PE504.180 | 27/02/2013 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A7-0096/2013 | 22/03/2013 | Summary |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T7-0123/2013 | 17/04/2013 | Summary |

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| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| | COM(2012)0414 | | |

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| Document attached to the procedure | | 24/07/2012 | |
| Non-legislative basic document | COM(2012)0436 | 25/07/2012 | Summary |

| Additional information | | |
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| Source | Document | Date |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

# Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

2013/2015(DEC) - 25/07/2012 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: presentation of the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the Commission 2011 discharge.

CONTENT: the Court of Auditors publish various types of documents:

- an annual report on the implementation of the EU budget for each financial year, as well as an annual report on the activities of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Fund (EDF);
- special reports on issues of particular interest;
- specific annual reports on the EU agencies.

The European Court of Auditors' special reports, published throughout the year, **present the results of selected audits on specific areas of the EU budget or specific management issues**. These reports are generally published in all official languages of the EU.

# Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

2013/2015(DEC) - 22/03/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Jens Geier (S&D, DE) on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge.

In the motion for resolution, Members recall 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.

They state that the observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of the resolution on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III – Commission.

Members concentrate on each of the special report in question and make a series of recommendations in view of improving the use of Community Funds.

To recall, the special reports concern the following:

- **Special Report No 12/2011** entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?"
- **Special Report No 13/2011** entitled "Does the control of customs procedure 42 prevent and detect VAT evasion?"
- **Special Report No 14/2011** entitled "Has EU assistance improved Croatia's capacity to manage post-accession funding?"
- **Special Report No 16/2011** entitled "EU Financial assistance for the decommissioning of nuclear plants in Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia: Achievements and Future Challenges"
- **Special Report No 1/2012** entitled "Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in sub-Saharan Africa"
- **Special Report No 2/2012** entitled "Financial instruments for SMEs co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund"
- **Special Report No 3/2012** entitled "Structural Funds: Did the Commission successfully deal with deficiencies identified in the Member States' management and control systems?"
- **Special Report No 4/2012** entitled "Using Structural and Cohesion Funds to co-finance transport infrastructures in seaports: an effective investment?"
- **Special Report No 5/2012** entitled "The Common External Relations Information System (CRIS)"

- **Special Report No 6/2012** entitled "European Union Assistance to the Turkish Cypriot Community"
- **Special Report No 7/2012** entitled "The reform of the common organisation of the market in wine: Progress to date"
- **Special Report No 9/2012** entitled "Audit of the control system governing the production, processing, distribution and imports of organic products"
- **Special Report No 12/2012** entitled "Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics?

It should be noted that each of these reports were subject to an individual Parliamentary report (a hyperlink is available on each of the procedures).

# Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

2013/2015(DEC) - 17/04/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge.

It recalls 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.

Parliament also states that the observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of the resolution on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III – Commission.

Parliament then returns to each of the special reports in question and make a series of recommendations in view of improving the use of Community Funds.

To recall, the special reports concern the following:

- **Special Report No 12/2011** entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?"
- **Special Report No 13/2011** entitled "Does the control of customs procedure 42 prevent and detect VAT evasion?"
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It should be noted that each of these reports are or will be the subject of an individual Parliamentary resolution (a hyperlink is available on each of the procedures).