

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

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

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.	

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
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	
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
European Commission				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
	COM(2012)0414			

Supplementary non-legislative basic document		24/07/2012	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2012)0436 	25/07/2012	Summary

Additional information		
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:

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- **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).