

2009 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA

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The European Parliament adopted by 527 votes to 85, with 30 abstentions a decision on discharge to be granted to the Executive Director of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority in respect of the implementation of the Authority's budget for the financial year 2009.

Noting that the Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2009 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament approves the closure of the Authority's accounts. However, it makes a number of recommendations that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted (in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see [DEC/2010/2271](#)):

- **budgetary and financial management:** Parliament welcomes the fact that most of the activities and assets related to the EGNOS and Galileo programmes were transferred to the Commission in December 2009 and notes that the remaining part of the activities and assets were to be transferred in 2010. It also notes, like the Court of Auditors, that there were irregularities in the grants procedure for the Framework Programme/Galileo/Call 1 (EUR 17.5 million). It also deplors the fact that the final budget published by the Authority on 31 March 2010 did not reflect the final budget for 2009 approved by the Administrative Board and did not include its revenue and calls on the Authority to remedy the situation;
- **human resources:** Parliament criticises the deficiencies in staff selection procedures which put at risk the transparency of these procedures and which was remarked upon by the Court of Auditors in its report. It calls on the Authority to remedy the situation by improving its selection procedures and also stresses the need to remedy deficiencies which infringe the principle of equal treatment in the application of the eligibility criteria in recruitment procedures open to both internal and external candidates.