2012 discharge: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012, as part of the 2012 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).

In 2012, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- description of ACER's tasks: ACER, which is located in Ljubljana, was set up by Regulation (EU) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council with a view to helping the Member States regulatory authorities in the areas of electricity and natural gas to carry out their regulatory tasks in line with the applicable Community texts, if necessary by coordinating their action. Its aim is to give an opinion on any of the issues relating to the purpose for which it has been established;
- ACER's budget for the 2012 financial year: ACERs budget for 2012, as presented in the Commission document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union, gives the following figures:

  § Commitment appropriations :

  - committed : EUR 7 million;

  - paid : EUR 7 million;

  - carried-over : 0.

  § Payment appropriations :

  - committed : EUR 8 million;

  - paid : EUR 5 million;

  - carried-over : EUR 2 million.

Please refer also to the final accounts of the Agency for cooperation of Energy Regulators.